

Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

December/January 2017

Village President's Report - Dale Berman

The Village of North Aurora's Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is now available. The Village finished the year "in the black", maintaining the Village's strong financial position. This allows the Village to continue to provide excellent Village services and complete needed capital projects. A copy of the report is available at the Village Hall or residents may go to the Village's website, on the Finance Department page to view a copy. Questions? Please contact Bill Hannah, Finance Director at 630-906-7374.



Please take a moment to complete the enclosed "Cross Connection Control Survey" which is a requirement of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). As part of the ongoing effort to provide safe water for all Village residents this survey is a requirement every two (2) years. Residents can fill out the enclosed form or complete the survey online at the Village's website www.northaurora.org. Any questions, please contact the Water Dept.

If you have not yet done so, please subscribe to our mailing list on the Village's website home page. Sign up to receive weekly e-mails that will provide links to current meeting information for the Village, as well as notices on upcoming events and information that residents will find helpful and informative. Please sign up today at www.northaurora.org.

Next year's water main replacement program is being planned for Cherrytree Ct. from Oak St. to Kingswood Dr. We are in the beginning stages of planning the engineering for the project. Construction is anticipated to begin in March or April. Watch for more information on this project in our next newsletter and on our website.

The Messenger Public Library of North Aurora will be conducting a survey regarding library services. To complete the survey, follow the link on the front page of the Library website at www.messsengerpl.org and enter for a chance to win a \$25 Speedway Gift Card. For further information, contact the Messenger Library at 630-896-0240.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to park on Village streets after a snowfall of 2 inches or more. This allows Village snowplows to complete their routes as quickly and safely as possible and to ensure that the entire street gets cleared of snow. It is also illegal for snow to be dumped, shoveled, or blown into the road, as this delays snow removal and can cause dangerous situations. Please remove portable basketball poles from the curbside to avoid damage by Village snowplows and be sure your mailboxes are installed properly.

Residents who intend to be away from home for any extended period of time this winter, are asked to be sure to protect their home by keeping the temperature at the minimum of 60 to 65 degrees, to prevent any frozen pipes. Have your home checked regularly by a family member, friend or neighbor. If an issue develops from frozen pipes or a water leak, attending to it quickly could mean far less damage.

The Village of North Aurora partners with the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety, in an effort to educate residents about impaired driving, either by alcohol or drugs. Everyone has a responsibility to drive sober and a right to drive on roadways free of impaired drivers. So please be a responsible and safe driver during the holidays.

Please remember to shop North Aurora during the holidays. Shopping locally benefits our community and gives back to our local businesses. Did you know that sales tax revenues make up to 40% of all Village revenues that fund police, public works, community development and Village Hall services? North Aurora is fortunate to have a variety of retail stores, restaurants and other service businesses that residents should be proud to patronize. Be sure to check out the Business Directory on our website at www.northaurora.org. Happy Holidays!

Senior Services Associates Inc. is a non-profit agency serving Seniors in Kane County. This agency serves over



28,000 seniors, their families and caregivers annually. They are available to offer answers to your questions, and to ensure that you and/or your loved ones live the best quality of life possible. A trained, caring staff is available to provide a wealth of information and services for Seniors. Some of the services they provide include health education, caregiver assistance, recreation, emergency services, elder abuse intervention, home repairs, and more. The office for Kane County is located at 900 N. Lake Street, Aurora IL 60506. The 24-hour emergency phone is 800-942-1724, office phone is 630-897-4035. Call or visit their website at **www.seniorservicesassoc.org** for more information.

Police Department News and Information

The North Aurora Police Department would like to announce new officer assignments in our PACT program, which gives citizens a voice and a role in keeping our neighborhoods safe from crime and disorder. PACT stands for Police And Citizens Together, in which we assign officers to specific neighborhoods and hold tri-annual meetings to hear neighborhood concerns, so that officers can work to address them. Previously, the program was mostly focused on residential areas, so we've also assigned one supervisor and several officers to work with some of our retail and business areas.



The new officer assignments will be effective on January 1st, 2017 and will help us to be more efficient and to better serve the community. The new assignments for your area are available on our website (http://northaurora.org/departments/police/neighborhood-patrol.aspx).

We encourage you to reach out to your PACT officer with any questions or concerns you have in your area. Look for an announcement about our spring 2017 meetings in the next newsletter. For additional information, please contact Lt. Scott Buziecki at (630) 897-8705, ext. 752 or sbuziecki@northaurora.org.

Public Works News and Information

<u>Holiday Garbage Pick-up</u>: Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, garbage pick-up will be held on Saturday, December 31st and Saturday, January 7th (1 day later). There will be no delay due to the Martin Luther King holiday. <u>Christmas trees</u>: Christmas trees will be collected until the end of January FREE of charge. Trees must be free of all decorations and cannot be in plastic bags. Trees over 6' need to be cut in half. After the last trash collection in January, any Christmas trees at the curb for pick-up will require one (1) refuse sticker, visibly affixed, to be collected.

<u>Mailboxes</u>: With winter around the corner it's time to ensure your mailbox is secure and can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the snow plows. If your mailbox is damaged during a snow event the Village will only repair it if the plow makes contact with the mailbox. If the pressure of the snow coming off the snowplow causes the damage, it will be the responsibility of the Homeowner. If your mailbox is damage by a Village plow it will be temporary repaired and replaced with a standard 4x4 post and box in the spring.

<u>Fire Hydrants</u>: Whenever possible, residents are asked to help the North Aurora Fire Department by clearing snow from around the fire hydrant on or near your property.

Snow Removal: Snow removal is based on street usage and levels of traffic.

The following Priority Streets are plowed first: <u>East Side</u> – Banbury, Dee, Hartsfield, Mitchell, Oak Crest, Pine Creek Dr., Sharon, Long and Wingfoot. <u>West Side</u> – Airport, Bennett Dr., Bauer, Juniper, Meade, Oak, Orchard Gateway, Sycamore, Randall, Western, White Oak, Harmony and Timber Oaks Dr.

<u>Secondary Streets</u> are any streets that collect and distribute vehicle traffic between the local street system and the priority streets. These are plowed <u>after</u> the priority streets are cleared. Cul-de-sacs, alleys, dead ends and sidewalks will be plowed last, as they are the least traveled.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone - (630) 897-8228
Police Department Non-emergency Phone - (630) 897-8705
Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Website: www.northaurora.org

Village Board

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North Aurora Meeting Schedules

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each Month:

December 5, 2016 and December 19, 2016 January 2, 2017 and January 16, 2017

Plan Commission meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month: December 6, 2016 and January 3, 2017

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora (unless otherwise posted). Meeting schedules and meeting agendas are posted on the Village's website at www.northaurora.org.

North Aurora Village Hall - Holiday Closures

Christmas Holiday - Village Hall will be closed **Friday**, **December 23 and Monday**, **December 26**, **2016**. New Year's Holiday - Village Hall will be closed **Friday**, **December 30 and Monday**, **January 2**, **2017**.