

Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President's Report - Dale Berman

I am proud to announce the Village has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 15th consecutive year. Further, the Village has also been awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2015-16 Annual Budget for the 10th consecutive year. The Village's draft budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 will be available to view on-line in April and residents are encouraged to provide feedback.



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Recently, the S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA+' long-term rating to the Village's 2017 bond issuance, and affirmed the 'AA+' rating on the Village's outstanding debt, with a stable outlook. The S&P cited many factors for the rating, including a strong economy, strong management, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity and strong debt and contingent liability position. The Village conducted a general obligation alternate revenue source bond issuance of \$5,800,000 to finance improvements to the Village's waterworks system with the bonds being paid for by water system revenues. I am are very proud of the board and staff for supporting and implementing financial policies and practices that enable North Aurora to be one of the most financially sound and strong in the area, and this rating is a testament to that.

The Village's 2017 Road Program will be commencing soon. The project consists of street reconstruction of Acorn Drive, Alder Road, Cherry Tree Court, Feltes Lane, Deerpath Road, Magnolia Drive and Seavey Road; resurfacing of Mitchell Road; and drainage on Wingfoot Drive. Anticipated start of construction is mid to late April, weather permitting. Airport road will also have reconstruction work done. This work is anticipated to begin the week of April 10 and should be completed by September, barring any weather or construction delays. The Village makes every effort to keep the impact of road construction to a minimum during these projects and your cooperation is appreciated as we work to maintain the roads. Please be aware of workers and slow down while driving in any construction areas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-897-8228.

Government 101 - Local Government Education Program

Coming this September, the Village of North Aurora will be providing an educational opportunity for residents to learn more about how their local government operates. The program is anticipated to be a 6 week program, meeting Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall, for approximately 1½ to 2 hours each week. The weekly classes will feature aspects of how village government is structured and will also include topics on each of the Village's departments (Administration, Community Development, Finance, Police, and Public Works).

Please watch for more information on "Government 101" in the next June/July Newsletter, and on our website. It is anticipated that registration for this program will take place in mid-August.

Water Department Requests Voluntary Water Curtailment

The Village will be undertaking the Auto Mall Water Tower maintenance/painting project this spring. The project is scheduled to begin in late March/early April and take 6 to 8 weeks to complete, barring any weather or project delays.

During the project, the water tower will be out of service, possibly until late May/early June. With this water tower out of service, this means the Village's water storage capacity will be greatly reduced. Due to this decrease in water storage, the Village is requesting all residents to voluntarily curtail lawn watering and unnecessary water usage (power washing decks, car washing, etc.) until the project has been completed. Once the tower is back in service and water storage is at full capacity residents may resume normal water usage.

This project is necessary in the Village's ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance our water towers, which allows the Village to provide quality water for our residents. As part of our continued efforts to brand the Village, watch for the Village's logo to be incorporated into the painting of the tower.

The Village appreciates your cooperation as we complete this project. For any questions or concerns, please contact the North Aurora Water Department at 630-897-8228, ext. 229.

Code Enforcement Reminders

Watering and Lawn Sprinkling - Automatic watering and lawn sprinkling is allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on even or odd numbered days, depending on your address. Please adhere to this schedule.

High Grass and weeds - Lawns, including weeds, must be kept under 8" inches in height to avoid violations.

Trash Cans - Trash cans, recycle bins, or yard waste cannot be placed at the curb until 3:00 pm the day before your scheduled pickup. Containers must be removed from the curb no later than midnight on the day of collection.

RV Parking - Campers, boats or other RV's can be parked on front driveways from Friday thru Monday. One recreational vehicle may be permanently stored on a property, but must be parked and stored behind the front building elevation on a hard surface of a residential lot. Temporary storage tents for recreational vehicles are not considered a structure.

Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution

Water pollution prevention and control measures are critical to improving water quality and reducing the need for costly wastewater and drinking water treatment. Pollution prevention measures are necessary, as water pollution can come from many different sources. In order to educate the community on how residents can prevent the potential for storm water pollution, we ask that residents be aware of the direct links between land activities, and rainfall and snow melt runoff, which can drain into storm drains and end up in our rivers and streams.

Some ways to help prevent water pollution is to clean up pet waste and keep it out of the street gutters; apply lawn fertilizer and pesticides sparingly; sweep up grass clippings and rake leaves to keep yard waste debris from blowing into street gutters; control any soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover; clean up all spilled automotive fluids such as oil and anti-freeze from driveways and don't hose the spills into the street. Please do your part to help eliminate storm water pollution. For more information on pollution prevention or for information on how to dispose of hazardous waste, please contact Kane County at 630-208-5118.

Public Works News and Information

Waste Management Spring Clean Up Days:

Spring Clean-up Day will be a two-day pickup, with free non-hazardous clean-up items, as well as <u>regular trash</u> being picked up on **Friday**, **May 12 for all residences West** of the Fox River, and **Saturday**, **May 13 for all residences East** of the Fox River. All non-hazardous bulk trash items will be picked up for free. Stickers are required for all regular household garbage and yard waste, which <u>will be picked up on the same day as the clean-up schedule</u>. Please have all items out by 7 a.m. as route time's change for this special pick-up day.

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on Friday, April 7th. Kraft paper bags and waste stickers are required for all yard waste pick-ups through the end of November. Brush and branches must be bundled in 4 ft. lengths not exceeding 50 lbs. and require a sticker at all times. Any leaves left from last summer will need to be bagged and will require a waste sticker. Bagged leaves are picked up free only during October and November.

Memorial Day - Due to the Memorial Day holiday, garbage pickup will be provided on Saturday, June 3rd.

Free Mulch is available at 316 Butterfield Rd. No delivery is available, residents will need to load their own mulch.

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 28, 2017 by planting a tree! Trees provide shade, give off oxygen, reduce noise pollution, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and provide everyday products like paper, syrup, firewood, and building materials.



Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone Number (630) 897-8228 Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Board

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North Aurora Meeting Schedules

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

April 3, 2017 and April 17, 2017 May 1, 2017 and May 15, 2017

Plan Commission meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month.

April 4, 2017 (cancelled) and May 2, 2017

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

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures

Friday, April 14 - Spring Holiday Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day