

Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

October/November 2017

Village President - Dale Berman

North Aurora's Annual Veteran's Day Event will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the North Aurora Veteran's Memorial located at Willow Way and Farview Drive. Please join us as we honor our Veteran's. The North Aurora Honor Guard, Fox Valley Marines, and students from Marmion Academy will once again participate in this memorial event. Please join us as we honor our Veterans who served to protect our country and our freedom!



The Village's new resident education program, "Government 101", is set to begin on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department's Community Room. I am very excited for this informative opportunity for residents to understand how the Village of North Aurora operates. The program is free and is open to residents 16 and older who have pre-registered for this 6 week class. Space may still be available prior to the first class on October 12, therefore, interested residents should call or check the Village's website for up-to-date class registration information.

Metronet Cable is Coming to North Aurora

There will soon be another provider for cable television, internet, and phone service in North Aurora. Metronet is a telecommunications company that is currently working in several Fox Valley Communities and will soon expand in additional communities throughout the Fox Valley region.

Prior to the start of the project residents will receive letters from Metronet notifying them that construction will be occurring in the neighborhood. In order for construction to begin in the utility easement on your property, J.U.L.I.E. markings (flags and paint) will need to be used to mark existing utilities to avoid any conflicts and damage to existing infrastructure. In most cases underground conduit will be installed using a boring process to minimize disturbances to yards. In cases where an area requires a hole to be dug, it is the company's policy to restore the area within 48 hours. We understand that the installation of new infrastructure will be an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this construction.

Please check out Metronet's website at www.metronetinc.com or call 1-877-386-3876 for additional information. Check the Village's website or Facebook page for current updates on the Metronet construction. For any additional concerns, residents can contact the Village Hall at 630-897-8228.

2017 Free Leaf Pick-up Program

There are two options for the disposal of leaves. Residents may bag their leaves in Kraft paper bags and place at the curb. Waste Management will pick up leaf filled bags FREE on Fridays during October and November. Please note, yard waste (stickers required) will also be picked up on Fridays through November. (Landscape pick-up will resume in April).

Residents may also choose to rake leaves to the curb for the Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up. The Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up program will run from October through November based on the schedules outlined below:

West side: Residents living on the **WEST** side of the Fox River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 16, October 30 and November 13.**

East Side: Residents living on the **EAST** side of the Fox River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 23, November 6 and November 20**

Leaves must be raked to the parkway along the curb in a row parallel to the street, at least one foot, and no more than 5 feet, back from the curb, and no more than 2 ft. in height. Leaves must be free of all foreign materials such as plants, branches, rocks and landscape waste. Please do not place leaves on the road surface as they can create a hazard for motorists. **Leaves MUST be out by 6:00 a.m. on Monday** of the pick-up week, with leaves being picked up at any time during that entire week. The Village keeps a log of streets that have been serviced, therefore, the leaf-vactor truck will not go down streets a second time, once they have already serviced a street that week. If leaves are not raked to the curb by Monday at 6:00 a.m. of your pick-up week, residents will either have to wait for their next scheduled pick-up week, or bag the leaves for pick-up. To allow better access for the leaf collection equipment, please park cars in driveways or garages during this operation. Please be sure to **keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts**. Please also note that snow, rain, below freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or possibly halt curbside leaf collection. Thank you for your cooperation in helping the leaf program run smoothly.

Police Department News and Information

The North Aurora Police Department has established a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to improve responses to people who are mentally challenged, have special needs, or who are in crisis. CIT officers each received 40 hours of intensive training on recognizing individuals with mental illness, special needs, or behavioral disability and how to de-escalate crisis situations, provide referrals to counseling providers, and improve communication.



If you or someone you know is suffering from mental illness, or has special needs please contact the North Aurora Police Department at (630) 897-8705 and ask to speak with a CIT officer so they may further explain the services that the team can provide. For more information, go to the Village's website at http://northaurora.org/news.



Our <u>Visit Santa</u> Event is coming soon so mark your calendar now! Plan to bring the kids to our upcoming Visit Santa event on Saturday, December 9th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Aurora Police station, 200 S. Lincolnway (in the community room). There is no charge and the kids can visit with Santa while you take your own pictures using your own camera. Light refreshments will also be served (while supplies

Halloween Suggested Trick-or-Treat hours are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31.

The following safety tips are good to remember as your kids trick-or-treat throughout our neighborhoods: Children should always go in groups with adult supervision; Treats should always be inspected by adults before they are eaten; be sure to caution children to always look both ways and use crosswalks when they are crossing streets; and motorists please be extra careful when driving through neighborhoods. Please note, there is no scheduled rain date for trick-or-treating. Have a safe and fun Halloween!



Public Works News and Information

Holiday Garbage Pickup - Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, your Friday garbage pick-up will be delayed until **Saturday, November 25.** Please have items out by 7 a.m. as Waste Management will run extra trucks causing pickup times to change. Please note, Veteran's Day on November 11 will not affect your regular garbage pick-up day.

<u>Mailboxes</u> - Repair and maintain your mailbox now. During the winter, unstable mailboxes and deteriorating wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance and proper installation of their mailbox and post. Residents should ensure the post and mailbox is sturdy and can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the snow plow. Village contractors and crews do their best to avoid hitting mailboxes, however, due to poor visibility, a mailbox or post may accidentally be damaged by the snow plow. If a mailbox is damaged by a snow plow, residents should call the Village as soon as it happens, so the Village can assess the damage and provide and install a standard metal mailbox and/or a treated post if the damage warrants.

Please be advised, the Village will only make physical repairs to a mailbox or post that has been hit directly by a snow-plow blade or some portion of the plow truck and will not be liable for mailboxes damaged by the force of the snow that comes off the plow. If there is no documented evidence that a plow damaged the mailbox and/or post, then it will be the resident's responsibility to repair. Your cooperation and consideration in maintaining your curbside mailboxes is appreciated by the Village, by your neighbors and the United States Post office. As a reminder, the United States Postal Service requires all curbside mailboxes be installed at a height of 41-45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or the point of mail entry. Mailboxes should be set back 6-8 inches from the front face of the curb or road edge to the mailbox door.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall - 630-897-8228 / Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Website: <u>www.northaurora.org</u>

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.

October 2 and October 16 November 6 and November 20

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

October 17, 2017 (Oct. 3 Meeting rescheduled)

November 7, 2017

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

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures

Friday, Nov. 10 - Veteran's Day Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving