



# Crossroads on the Fox

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## Village of North Aurora

DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020

### Village President - Dale Berman

What a year it has been! 2019 has most certainly been a busy one in North Aurora. We are finishing up our LED street lighting program to replace all street lights with more LED bulbs that are both brighter and more cost efficient. Drilling has been finished for two new wells that we plan to get up and running next year to add to our water system. The TIF Façade grant program has been revamped to allow property owners the ability to use TIF funds for the demolition of non-conforming or dilapidated structures, with the intent to stimulate redevelopment of the property.



The Village recently received word that we received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. For further financial accomplishments this year, I encourage everyone to take a look at the 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), now available on the Village's website ([www.northaurora.org/departments/finance](http://www.northaurora.org/departments/finance)), which is a report designed to show a summary of the Village's financial activities to our residents and businesses in an easy to read format. The report highlights information from the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Coffee with the Mayor continues on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to stop in for some coffee and conversation and share your interests and concerns for North Aurora. I look forward to meeting residents I haven't met before, as well as chatting with the "regulars." No reservations are required, so please feel free to join us.

Thank you all for a wonderful 2019 and looking forward to 2020! Happy New Year!

### Cross Connection Control Program Mandatory Survey Reminder

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that all water systems in the State of Illinois have an effective Cross Connection Control Program. Cross connections within the public water supply are a serious concern, as they can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the public water system through what is called "backflow." One necessary component in this program is to survey North Aurora's water system to determine where cross connections exist. Visit the Village's website to complete the survey at [www.northaurora.org/departments/water/survey.aspx](http://www.northaurora.org/departments/water/survey.aspx).

**All businesses and residences must participate. This is NOT an optional survey.**

### North Aurora Water Division: Preparing Your Home For Winter Weather

The North Aurora Water Division has responded to numerous calls of frozen water lines and damaged meters over the last several weeks due to the cold temperatures. Residents and business owners need to be cautious and take steps to avoid their water lines from freezing during these extreme temperatures.

Some homes in the Village have their water meters in the garage, crawl space or in close proximity of an outside wall while some townhome developments were built with a "meter closet" that contains all the meters for each owner/occupant of that building. In many cases during these extremely cold temperatures and wind chills, both these outer walls and closets do not stay warm enough to keep the pipes/meters from freezing. The Water Division has outlined several such steps to best protect your home:

- Residents and businesses should always keep the thermostat set the same during both the daytime and night.
- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to pipes under sinks (especially if it is on an outside wall).
- Seal air leaks coming into your home near any water pipes with caulk or insulation. Insulate pipes near any source of cold air coming into your home.
- If your pipes are susceptible to freezing you should leave water moving through the pipes by letting a faucet drip or trickle slightly. [Moving water helps prevent pipes and meters from freezing.](#)
- Do not leave your garden hose hooked up to your outside faucet. This can trap water in the valve portion of your faucet outside, freeze and burst causing a leak and potential damage to your home.
- If you plan to leave town or be away from your home or business for an extended period of time, you should [always leave the heat set above 55 degrees](#) and have a friend or neighbor check your house/business daily to make sure the heat is sufficient to prevent freezing.

For more information call the North Aurora Water Division at 630 897-2662.

## Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

### Community Emergency Response Team Training

The North Aurora Police Department is offering our sixth Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course on Tuesday evenings, February 4 through March 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the North Aurora Police Department. The course teaches citizens basic disaster response skills to help them better cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Through knowledge learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are able to help others in their neighborhood or workplace when professional first responders are not immediately available. For more information and to register please visit: <https://northaurora.org/forms.aspx>.

### Visit Santa

Bring the kids to our upcoming **Visit Santa** event on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the community room at the North Aurora Police Station, 200 South Lincolnway. There is no charge and the kids can visit with Santa while parents can take pictures using their own camera. Light refreshments will be served.

**Maddie's Mitten March** will also be on site to collect used winter clothing such as coats, hats and gloves, which will be distributed to underprivileged families throughout Kane County. The police department will also be collecting canned and dried foods to distribute to a local food pantry.

## Public Works News and Information - 630-897-8228 ext. 260

### Holiday Garbage Pick-Up

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, garbage will be picked one day later, on Saturday, December 28 and Saturday, January 4. There will be no delay due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Christmas trees will be collected until the end of January **FREE** of charge. Christmas trees cannot be in plastic bags and must be free of **all** decorations. 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.

### Mailboxes

During snow removal operations it is not uncommon during some snow events that mailboxes are damaged. In snow events where there is a high water content creating a heavier snow, damage is more likely to occur. Mailboxes are typically damaged by the snow that is being cleared from the roadway. In these circumstances the Village does not replace the resident's mailbox. However, if damaged to the point where mail will not be delivered, then the Village will provide a temporary mailbox until the damaged one is replaced by the resident. If the mailbox is struck by the plow, the Village will reimburse the resident up to \$100 for the replacement and installation of the new mailbox. **Please call within 48 hours of the damage to allow Public Works time to inspect the mailbox to see if the Village is liable.**

### Snow Removal

Snow removal is based on street usage and levels of traffic. The following **Priority Streets** are plowed first: **East Side:** Banbury, Dee, Hartfield, Mitchell, Oak Crest, Pine Creek, Sharon, Long and Wingfoot. **West Side:** Airport, Bennett, Bauer, Juniper, Meade, Oak, Orchard Gateway, Sycamore, Randall, Western, White Oak, Harmony and Timber Oaks.

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

**Fire Hydrants:** 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.

## Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall - 630-897-8228 / Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Website: [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org)

### Elected Officials

Mayor Dale Berman  
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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. (Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

December 2 and 16 | January 6 and January 20

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

December 3 | January 7

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 East State Street (unless otherwise posted). All Meeting Agendas are on the Village's website at [www.northaurora.org](http://www.northaurora.org) under the Government tab.

### Village Hall closed for the following Holidays:

**12/24/2019 and 12/25/2019 - Christmas**  
**12/31/2019 and 01/01/2020 - New Year's**