

# **Crossroads on the Fox**

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# Village of North Aurora

# **AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **Village President - Dale Berman**

My this year is flying by. It has certainly been a difficult one for many and here at the Village I know we have had to cancel many of our beloved annual events in the interest of keeping our community as safe as possible. That said, it is heartwarming to see our community continue to come together; whether that be supporting a local business, engaging in social distancing activities within your neighborhoods or even safely visiting our many parks and trails.



As we enjoy these beautiful late summer days (and nights), I would like to remind residents of the Village's policy on fire pits and open burning. Open burning, which includes bonfires, is strictly prohibited and burning the materials of refuse and garbage, yard waste (which includes leaves), processed materials and processed woods are not allowed. The Village welcomes residents to use enclosed burning devices instead, like a fire pit.

I continue to encourage residents to visit the Village of North Aurora website at **www.northaurora.org** or the Village's Facebook at **www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora** for Village news and updates. I also encourage residents to register for our alert system, **Nixle**, which will send you a text or e-mail update and you can register at **https://local.nixle.com/register**.

## 2020 Community Garage Sale

While North Aurora Days 2020 may have been cancelled, we're happy to announce that the Community Garage Sale is still on! This yearly event is one we feel residents can safely participate in while adhering to social distancing measures and we hope everyone has a fun, safe time (and perhaps makes some great finds!)

All North Aurora residents are invited to hold a garage sale during the dates of <u>August 27 – August 29, 2020.</u> The Community Garage Sale will be advertised on both the Village of North Aurora and North Aurora Days websites and the Village's Facebook page.

Please find the <u>Registration Form</u> on the Village Website (www.northaurora.org) under Forms. Registration forms are due by Thursday, August 20.

Reminder: no garage sale signs for ANY garage sale are allowed except on your own private property.

## **Temporary Weekly Free Bulk Item Pick-Up Program**

As you may know, Waste Management postponed the Spring Clean-Up due to COVID-19 safety concerns. However, Waste Management is now offering an alternative program so residents can still dispose of bulk items for **free**.

Starting Friday, June 19, and going through the Fall Clean-Up date (September 18 and September 19), Waste Management is offering the following options for North Aurora residents:

• **Sticker customers** – (1) bulk item **OR** (1) additional refuse container per week with no sticker required (the first refuse container must have a sticker)

• Flat rate cart customers – (1) bulk item **OR** (1) additional refuse container per week with no sticker required

Because this program was made to replace the Spring Clean-Up, it does **not** include yard waste bags. No electronics (unless they are acceptable white good items) will be accepted either.

If you have any questions about this program please feel free to reach out to the Village at 630-897-8228 or Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

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

#### Annual Police Department Picnic Cancelled

Due to the COVID pandemic, annual Police Department picnic has been cancelled. The Police Department is going to miss interacting with the community during the picnic, but plans to be back next year!

#### **Increased Traffic During School Year**

While at this point we do not entirely know how the upcoming school year will look, it is always a good reminder to practice road safety. Be sure to obey the speed limit and always watch for children in crosswalks. Drivers must stop when a school bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students on a two-lane roadway. The bus driver will flash the lights on the front and rear of the bus and the stop signal arm will be extended. Please remain stopped until the lights and stop signal are turned off.

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

#### **Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution**

Water pollution prevention and control measures are critical to improving our water quality and reducing the need for costly wastewater and drinking water treatment. Water pollution can come from storm water runoff, which occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over driveways, sidewalks and streets. Storm water runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into the storm sewer system and then into our rivers, ponds, and wetlands. When water becomes polluted, the effects can be far reaching including creating unsafe drinking water.

Residents can help prevent storm water pollution by taking action and following the pollution prevention tips below:

- Keep litter, pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly; not in storm sewers or drains.
- For more information contact Kane County at 630-208-5118.

#### Garbage Pick-Up

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, garbage pick-up will be provided on Saturday, September 12 (one day later). Please have items out by 7 a.m. as Waste Management will have extra trucks for this holiday pickup so pickup times may change.

#### **Construction Projects**

Visit the Village website (www.northaurora.org) for updates on construction projects that are ongoing within the Village.

#### **Mosquito Spraying**

Village Mosquito spraying is done once a month, during evening hours, throughout the Village, as well as treatments of all catch basins and ponds. To report high volumes of mosquitoes, call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555.

#### Free Fall Clean-Up

At this time, the annual FREE Fall Clean-Up day is scheduled for the West side of the river on Friday, September 18 and the East side of the river for Saturday, September 19. Please have items out by 7 a.m. All non-hazardous bulk trash items will be picked up for free. Stickers are required for all regular household garbage and yard waste, which will be picked up on the same day as the clean-up schedule. Due to COVID-19, please check the Village website or Facebook for updates in the event the Clean-Up is postponed or modified.

## Village of North Aurora Directory

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

#### **Elected Officials**

Mayor Dale Berman Trustee Mark Carroll Trustee Laura Curtis **Trustee Mark Gaffino Trustee Mark Guethle** Trustee Michael Lowery Trustee Tao Martinez Village Clerk Lori Murray

#### **Department Heads**

Steve Bosco, Administrator Mike Toth, Community Dev. Bill Hannah, Finance Director John Laskowski, Public Works David Fisher, Chief of Police

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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)

August 3 and August 17 September 21

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

#### August 4 September 1

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 under the Government tab.

Village Hall is Closed for the Following Holidays: September 7 - Labor Day