



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President - Dale Berman

This has certainly been a different year than any we have ever had before, and I know for many it has been a difficult one. My heart and thoughts go out to those who have been affected in this pandemic and I hope everyone — from our residents, to our businesses to our emergency responders — are staying safe and staying strong.



Through it all the Village has remained committed to doing all we can to best serve our community and to keep it safe while still providing all Village services and moving forward on projects to better our community. We completed our LED street lighting program, replacing all street lights with LED bulbs that are both brighter and more cost efficient. Our silo restoration and illumination project is in the finishing stages and will be a literal beacon to light up our town. Two new wells have been fully installed and are now contributing to the Village's water system. Our Police Department launched a pilot program to provide a social worker as a resource to our community. And we hosted our very first Village-wide scavenger hunt that saw residents solving clues and traveling around town.

As we wrap up this year and begin the next, please continue to look out for one another, to engage in recommended health practices, and be considerate and kind. Thank you everyone for your patience, kindness and understanding during this difficult year and let us all look forward to 2021. Happy New Year and God bless!

Snowfall Reminders

During snowfall events, residents are reminded that there is **No Parking** after **2 Inches** of snowfall on Village streets. The Village of North Aurora strives to clear our roads of snow and ice as quickly and safely as possible and vehicles parked on the streets can impede the process. Parking tickets can be issued and vehicles towed at the owner's expense, so please do your part to both avoid a penalty and help to keep our roads clear.

It is also illegal for snow to be dumped, shoveled, or blown into the road, as this delays the snow removal process and can cause dangerous situations.

North Aurora Water Division: Preparing Your Home For Winter Weather

Frozen water lines and damaged meters that can happen due to cold temperatures. Residents and business owners can prepare 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

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

With the holidays coming up and shopping increasing, here are a few tips to best protect your purchases.

Retail Shopping:

- Put packages and bags you purchase out of sight in your car.
- Make sure to always lock your vehicle when exiting.

Online Shopping:

- Bring packages inside as soon as possible, or have a neighbor pick them up so they are not sitting unattended.
- Sign up for delivery alerts with the delivery company.
- Request signature confirmation on deliveries.

Toys for Tots

The North Aurora Police Department is once more participating in Toys for Tots and collecting new, unwrapped toys. The collection box is available in the NAPD lobby until early December. The lobby is currently open from Monday through Friday from 7am until 8pm and closed on weekends and holidays.

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 26 and Saturday, January 2. 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, Pinecreek, 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

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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 7 and 21 | January 4 and January 18

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

December 1 | January 5

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 closed for the following Holidays:

12/24/2020 and 12/25/2020 - Christmas
12/31/2020 and 01/01/2021 - New Year's