



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President - Dale Berman

The North Aurora Lions Club held their **North Aurora Community Awards** dinner in January. Each year, the Lions Club presents awards to recipients in consideration of the contributions that they provide to our community. Congratulations to all the recipients of the following awards: **North Auroran of the Year**, Jeffery Wong; **Police Officer of the Year**, Brad Brown; and **Firefighter of the Year**, Lt. Joseph Wilmes. The **Lion of the Year** was awarded to Robyn Stecklein; and **Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellows** were presented to G. Kevin Davis and Jason Owen. It is an honor for these recipients to be recognized for all that they do! Congratulations to all and thank you for your commitment to North Aurora.



On that note, volunteers are a vital part of our community and contribute to the success of the organizations and events within North Aurora. There are many opportunities for residents to serve their community and to help maintain its vibrancy and success. Our local service organizations, such as the **North Aurora Mother's Club**, the **North Aurora River District Alliance (NOARDA)** and **North Aurora Lions Club**, do a great deal to provide benefits to North Aurora. The Village also has volunteer committees for North Aurora Days and North Aurora Beautification — please do reach out to the Village if you are interested in joining!

2020 U.S. Census Beginning

The 2020 U.S. Census is beginning soon! This year residents will have the option to respond via phone, mail or online starting in approximately mid-March before official census takers visit homes starting in May. Please consult the following timeline for dates and information related to the census.

March 12 - 20: Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.

April 1: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census and be able to respond in one of the three ways listed above.

April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people.

May - July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

In North Aurora, the **Messenger Public Library** is gearing up to assist the community with any questions about the 2020 U.S. Census! Visit their website at <https://www.messengerpl.org> or more information and contact details.

Snow Removal — Snowplows, Mailboxes and Streets!

Snowplow Damage

Any damage to your lawn caused by the Village's snowplows will be repaired as the weather warms and the ground thaws. Please contact the Public Works Department at 630-897-1457 ext. 260 as soon as snowplow damage is found.

Mailboxes

Is your mailbox installed properly? During the winter, unstable mailboxes and decaying wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents should be aware that the Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by the snow from the plows. Spring is the best time for residents to be sure their mailbox is securely fastened to the post and that the post is in good condition, securely set in the ground. Should your mailbox be struck by a plow and damaged, please contact the Public Works Department within 48 hours.

Snow Removal on Streets

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.

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

Citizens Police Academy

Do you watch any of the popular cop shows on TV or wondered what it's like to be a police officer, detective, or crime scene technician? Now is your chance to find out what is real and what is made up for television!

The Police Department is offering a [Citizens Police Academy](#), an educational and informative program that gives participants the opportunity to learn about the issues facing law enforcement efforts in our community.

The course will be an overview of the fundamentals of police work and will be taught by North Aurora Police officers representing various areas of expertise within our organization. Course topics will cover various aspects of police work and existing police knowledge, including: Criminal Law, Evidence Collection, Traffic Law, Driving Under the Influence, Patrol Procedures, Use of Force, and Juvenile Law. In addition, participants can try simulated traffic stops and firearms training exercises, which are always student favorites.

The program is designed to forge a stronger partnership between the public and the police department and ultimately assist in the reduction of crime through deeper community participation in community policing.

Classes will be held on [Wednesday](#) evenings at the police station from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. There will be 10 classes and the last class will be held on May 6. The class is free of charge and open to those who live, work, or own property in North Aurora.

Applications can be downloaded at <https://northaurora.org/forms.aspx> or picked up at the North Aurora Police Department, 200 South Lincolnway, in the lobby Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Questions about the Citizens Police Academy can be directed to Officer Robyn Stecklein at (630) 897-8705, ext. 716 or rstecklein@northaurora.org.

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

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up

Trash pick-up will **not** be delayed due to Presidents Day. Therefore, pick up will be on Friday, February 21, as usual.

Streetlight Outages

Please report streetlight outages to the Public Works Department. Street lights on wood poles are repaired by ComEd and can be called into the Village or to ComEd at 1-800-334-7661. Street light repair service is scheduled when there is a group of lights needing repair, or within two weeks of the request (weather permitted). Contact Village Hall as soon as a streetlight is out to add it to the repair schedule.

Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant

Please call Public Works to ask about the Village's Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant available to residents having frequent backups into their homes.

Yard Waste Pick-Up

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on **Friday, April 3**. Kraft paper bags and waste stickers are required for all yard waste pick-ups. Brush and branches must be bundled in 4 ft. lengths not exceeding 50 lbs. and require a sticker at all times. Bagged leaves are picked up free **only** during October and November. Any leaves left from last fall will need to be bagged and will require a waste sticker.

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

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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)

February 3 and 17 | March 2 and March 16

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

February 4 | March 3

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.