



# Crossroads on the Fox

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## Village of North Aurora

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2020

### Village President - Dale Berman

Veterans Day is a day to set aside to honor our veterans and thank them for their service in protecting our country and our freedom. This day was originally called Armistice Day due to the fact it fell on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War 1. In 1954 it was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

Honoring our veterans on this day is incredibly important, and so too is the health and safety of our Village residents. As such, this year the Village of North Aurora will be hosting our annual **Veterans Day Ceremony** virtually. We hope you will join us on **Wednesday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m.** on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora)) or our website ([www.NorthAurora.org](http://www.NorthAurora.org)) to honor our veterans who served to protect our country and our freedom.



**Halloween** is coming up and suggested **trick-or-treat** hours in the Village are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. I encourage all of our residents to practice safety so that everyone may have a safe and fun Halloween. This includes not only the typical safety measures of children trick-or-treating with adult supervision, using crosswalks, and motorists being aware of increased foot traffic, but also with the COVID-19 pandemic practicing social distancing measures. Please be sure to wear masks and maintain six feet of space between yourself and others. I also encourage you to keep an eye on the Village website and Facebook for any possible updates regarding trick-or-treating in the event the State imposes any guidelines or mandates. Have a scarily good Halloween!

### Free Leaf Disposal

There are two options for disposal of leaves. Residents may bag their leaves in Kraft paper bags and Waste Management will pick up leaf-filled Kraft paper bags **FREE** on Fridays during October and November. **Please note:** Yard waste (stickers required) will also be picked up on Fridays through November. After November landscape waste will not be picked up until April.

Residents may also choose to rake leaves to the curb for the Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up. Leaves **must be raked to the parkway along the curb by 6 a.m. Monday** of the pick-up week. Leaf piles should be less than 2 feet in height, must be free of foreign materials (branches, plants, rocks and landscape waste) and raked in a row parallel to the street, at least 1 foot and no more than 5 feet back from the curb. The village's free leaf pick-up program will run from mid-October through late November based on the schedules outline below:

- Residents on the **WEST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16**
- Residents on the **EAST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 26, Nov. 9 and Nov. 23**

The Village keeps a log of streets that have been serviced and the leaf-vactor truck will not go down streets a second time, once they have been serviced that week. If leaves are not raked to the curb by Monday, 6 a.m. of the pick-up week, residents will have to wait for their next scheduled pick-up week or bag the leaves for pick-up.

Residents are encouraged to park in driveways or garages during this operation, to allow better access for the leaf collection equipment. **Please keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts.** Please note that snow, rain, below freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or halt the curbside leaf collection program.

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

The North Aurora Police Department is excited to announce a pilot program to provide a social worker as a resource to our community, which is an expansion of a longstanding partnership between our Department and the Association for Individual Development.

A.I.D. Victim Services already provides an on-call social worker for situations that cannot be resolved by police intervention alone, such as sexual assaults, suicides/homicides/deaths, domestic violence, and volatile parent/child conflicts. In this pilot program, A.I.D. will provide a contract social worker for eight hours per week to follow up on recent callouts and officer referrals, make home visits as needed, and provide training to officers. We are happy to introduce our social worker, Mekayla Anderson.

Anderson can assist the public with areas such as accessing mental health services, crisis intervention, emotional support, funeral preparations, accessing local resources, legal advocacy, safety planning, and accessing victim's compensation. Conversations and interactions with Anderson are confidential, unless someone expresses they are going to harm themselves or someone else. Additionally, as social workers are mandated reporters, if any child/elder physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect are disclosed Anderson is required to report those things. Any other information brought to Anderson stays between her and the client.

North Aurora residents who would like to make an appointment with Anderson can call the A.I.D. Crisis Line at (630) 966-9393, email [mjanderson@aidcares.org](mailto:mjanderson@aidcares.org), call the police station, or walk in on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. when she is present.

## Government 101

Coming this December, the Village of North Aurora will once more be providing an educational opportunity for residents to learn more about how their local government operates in the Government 101 program. The program is anticipated to be a 6 week program, meeting online Wednesday evenings each week on a Village Zoom conference for approximately 1 to 1½ hours. The weekly class will feature aspects of how village government is structured and will include topics on each department — Administration, Community Development, Finance, Police, and Public Works — with a summary of all topics presented during the final class.

Please watch for registration information coming mid-late November on the Village's website ([www.NorthAurora.org](http://www.NorthAurora.org)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora)).

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

### Garbage Pick-Up

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Friday garbage pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, November 28. Please have items out by 7 a.m. as Waste Management may run extra trucks, causing pickup times to change.

### Mailboxes

During the winter, unstable and deteriorating mailboxes are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off snow plows. Residents are responsible for the maintenance of their mailbox and post. 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 damage is done by a snow plow residents should call the Village so the damage can be assessed and a temporary mailbox provided. The Village will reimburse the resident up to \$100 for the new replacement/installation. The Village will only provide reimbursement if a mailbox/post has been hit directly by a snowplow blade or 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 evidence that the mailbox and/or post will be the homeowner's responsibility. Your consideration in maintaining your curbside mailboxes is appreciated by the Village, by your neighbors, and the United States Post Office.

## Scavenger Hunt

The Village of North Aurora would like to invite you to its first ever Village-wide scavenger hunt! This fun event will have you traveling all about North Aurora as you solve clues and riddles to find locations throughout town. And not only do you get the thrill of solving riddles and exploring North Aurora, you could also win a prize!

But before we get to that, a quick rundown on our event. The first clue will be posted to the Village website and Facebook on **Friday, October 16** and all subsequent clues will be found at each scavenger hunt location, all of which will be on public property. Each clue will have a riddle you will need to solve to find the next location. We kindly ask that you **leave the clues there** so that everyone who wants to play has the opportunity to do so.

After you have made it to all of the locations you will need to **email** all of the names of those locations to [nstevens@northaurora.org](mailto:nstevens@northaurora.org) (and feel free to send any neat photos you may have taken on your scavenger hunt too!). Assuming you have them all correct, you win! There will be guaranteed prizes to the **first three** teams to complete the scavenger hunt and any other team that successfully completes it by the final date of **November 9** will be entered into a drawing for a fourth place prize. And the prizes? A giftcard to any North Aurora business in the amounts of: \$100 (first place), \$50 (second place), \$25 (third place) or \$25 (fourth place drawing). Please note, this scavenger hunt is for Village residents and as such each team must have at least one resident on it.

We hope everyone has a great time and enjoys the scavenger hunt! Make sure to stay tuned to the Village website and Facebook for the first clue and updates!

## 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

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## North Aurora Meeting Schedules

(Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

**October 5 & October 19 | November 2 & November 16**

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

**October 6 | November 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](http://www.northaurora.org) under the Government tab.

**Village Hall is Closed for the Following Holidays:**

**November 11—Veterans Day**  
**November 26 & 27—Thanksgiving Holiday**