

# Crossroads on the Fox

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## **Village of North Aurora**

## February / March 2019

## **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, Jessica Watkins; Police Officer of the year, Christopher Joswick; and Firefighter



of the Year, Hector Gonzalez. The Lion of the Year was awarded to Dick Blondin; Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellows were presented to Robyn Stecklein and Todd Niedzwiedz; and the Melvin Jones Award was presented to Dennis Martz. 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.

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 the Lions Club do much to provide benefits to North Aurora. Messenger Public Library has many volunteer opportunities, and volunteers are always welcome to assist with North Aurora Days and the North Aurora Beautification Committee. Please reach out to these great organizations to find out how you can volunteer! A list of local committees and organizations can be found under the Community page of the Village's website.

Residents can also impart their time, knowledge and expertise to the community by participating on a North Aurora Commission or Committee - the Plan Commission, North Aurora Days Committee, North Aurora Police Commission, Police Pension Board, and Beautification Committee are all made up of volunteers who commit to participating and contributing in various ways. The North Aurora Plan Commission reviews zoning and development applications, and makes recommendations to the Village Board. The North Aurora Days Committee coordinates and plans the annual North Aurora Days Event with the help of volunteers. The Beautification Committee develops and prioritizes a list of projects and programs every year for the beautification of the village. The Police Commission has the responsibility to test, interview, select and recommend the patrol officer candidates to the North Aurora Police Department. The Police Pension Board is responsible for the administration of the pension fund to all members of the Police Department.

Residents interested in being considered for an appointment to a commission/committee can complete a Commission Application form and submit it to my attention at the North Aurora Village Hall. For more information on the various commissions and/or to download a Commission Application form, please visit the Village of North Aurora's website at: <a href="http://northaurora.org/government/committeesandcommissions.aspx">http://northaurora.org/government/committeesandcommissions.aspx</a>.

This year's Annual State of the Village Address is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Oak Street Restaurant, 945 Oak Street, North Aurora. The Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce coordinates and sponsors this annual event. Please join me as I present North Aurora's achievements from 2018 and review the plans and goals for North Aurora's future. Registration for the event begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch being served at 12:00 p.m. For information and to register your attendance, please contact Maureen Gasek by email at <a href="magasek@aurorachamber.com">magasek@aurorachamber.com</a> or call (630) 256-3180. We hope to see you there!

Although we still have a few weeks of winter remaining, Spring is right around the corner and we can look forward to warmer weather!

### **Police Department News and Information**

#### **Our Mission**

It is the mission of the North Aurora Police Department to work in partnership with the citizens of North Aurora toward providing a safe environment and enhancing the quality of life consistent with the values of the community. We are committed to creating an atmosphere of safety and security in North Aurora while maintaining the highest standards of integrity, dignity, fairness and professionalism.



The North Aurora Police Department provides policing services to 17,000 plus residents within our 10 square mile community. The department utilizes the latest in technology and training methods to stay in the forefront of the law enforcement community. The North Aurora Police Department is proactive, working aggressively and consistently to identify and resolve problems and other issues to improve the quality of life within our community.

Lobby Hours - The North Aurora Police Department is located at 200 S. Lincolnway, North Aurora, IL 60542. The phone number for non-emergency police service and administrative business is (630) 897-8705. The North Aurora Police Department lobby is generally open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of Holidays. When the lobby is closed, there is an intercom available that connects directly to our dispatch center for any assistance needed.

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

The Public Works Department Street Division Staff will begin replacing existing high pressure sodium street lights with LEDs in Lake Run, Orchard Estates, and Windstone Subdivisions beginning in February.

Trash pick-up will not be delayed due to Presidents Day; therefore, pick up will be on Friday, February 22 as usual.

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 call Public Works at 897-1457, x260 as soon as snowplow damage is identified.

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.

Please report streetlight outages to the Public Works Department. Street lights on wood poles are repaired by Com Ed. and can be called into the Village or to Com Ed at 1-800-334-7661. Street light repair service is scheduled when there is a group of lights needing repair, or within 2 weeks of the request (weather permitting), so please contact the Village Hall as soon as a streetlight is out to add it to the repair schedule.

Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant: Please ask about the Village's Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant. Available to residents having frequent backups into their homes.

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on Friday, April 5th. Kraft paper bags and waste stickers are required for all yard waste pick-ups through the end of November. 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 summer 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**

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)

February 4, 2019 and February 18, 2019 March 4, 2019 and March 18, 2019

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

February 5, 2019 - cancelled March 5, 2019

All meetings are held at the North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora (unless otherwise posted). All Meeting Agendas are posted on the Village's website at www.northaurora.org.

February/March Village Hall Holiday Closures - None