

View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

July / August 2015

Village President's Report - Dale Berman

North Aurora is again participating with the City of Aurora for the annual 4th of July Celebration! This year's July 4 Fireworks Celebration is bigger and better than ever with fun family activities, great local food, live music, and a fantastic fireworks show. Fireworks can be viewed at McCullough Park and River Edge Park. Visit Aurora's website at www.aurora.il-org for more information.



Through a request for proposal process, a company by the name of Rule 29 was hired by the Village of North Aurora to create a new logo and tagline. As part of the design process, the Village Board was interviewed by Rule 29 in order to incorporate their thoughts and visions for the community's past, present and future. Rule 29 presented multiple logo and tagline options which were discussed by the Village Board at several public meetings.

The final logo incorporates elements of the Village, including the State Street Bridge, which symbolizes the Village moving forward, as well as the connection to community; the iconic Fox River, which is central to the Village; and rays emitting from beneath the bridge to represent community connections and nature trails; while the circle around the logo represents a community united. The colors chosen for the logos include an exciting blue tone to reflect the Fox River, which is a major source of identity and enjoyment for the residents of North Aurora. Also chosen was a warm brown which brings the natural earth elements to the logo, and is indicative of a warm and inviting sense of community. The font used in the logo will use both colors, with the blue highlighting the "North" as a stand out feature of the Village of North Aurora. The new tagline "Crossroads on the Fox" ties in with the logo, and was selected as the slogan that best represents the Village of North Aurora. The Village Board and village staff are very excited about incorporating the new logo in all aspects of the Village and creating a brand identity that our residents can recognize and be proud of.

The Village has entered into a new electric aggregation contract with Dynegy Energy. The contract includes a rate decrease of 10% from the current rate of 7.856 cents per kWh with Verde Energy to 7.073 cents per kWh effective with read dates in September, 2015. This is lower than the upcoming September, 2015 ComEd rate of 7.173 cents per kWh. The contract also calls for an additional decrease in September, 2016 to 6.838 cents per kWh. Both rates under the two-year agreement with Dynegy include 100% support for renewable energy such as solar, hydro and wind. Residents will receive notices in June regarding the option to opt-out of the program or to join or remain with the Village's aggregation program.

As a reminder, let's all do our part to conserve water! Be sure to follow the Village's ordinance with regard to watering gardens and automatic sprinklers. Water is a precious commodity that we all have a responsibility to preserve and use wisely. Thank you and have a great summer.

North Aurora Days

North Aurora Days will be held on **Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9** this year. There will be live music, food vendors, various events and many activities for the whole family, including, but not limited to, amusement rides, the Baggo Classic, the annual Fishing Derby, Run for the Riverfront, the Pet Parade, and the Car, Truck and Bike Show.



Don't forget to stay for the fabulous fireworks display that will be held on **Saturday**, **August 8**. For further information and up-to-date schedule of events, please be sure to visit the North Aurora Days website at www.northauroradays.com and the North Aurora Days Facebook page! Hope to see you there!

Community Garage Sale

A Village sponsored community-wide garage sale is planned for Thursday, August 6, Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8 in conjunction with North Aurora Days this year. Residents interested in participating in the Community Garage Sale must register to include their address on a *Garage Sale Map*. Residents can pick up a form at the Village Hall or download the garage sale registration form from the North Aurora Days website at www.northauroradays.com. There is no cost to register.

Please submit the completed, signed registration form <u>no later than Friday</u>, <u>July 24</u>, <u>2015</u> in order to be included on the Garage Sale Map. Any registration forms received <u>after</u> this date will not be included on the garage sale map. Submit completed forms to the attention of Cindy Torraco at the Village of North Aurora, 25 E. State Street, North Aurora, IL 60542. Completed registration forms may also submitted by e-mail to <u>ctorraco@vil.north-aurora.il.us</u>. Garage Sale Maps will be available at the Village Hall and also on the North Aurora Days website (<u>www.northauroradays.com</u>) by July 28. * All registrations forms that are submitted by e-mail will get a response, therefore, do not <u>assume</u> a form was received unless you receive a response from the Village.

Public Works News and Information

Waste Management Holiday Pick Ups: Trash will be picked up on Friday July 3 as usual (no change due to the July 4th holiday being a Saturday). Labor Day - trash pickup will be on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

Fall Clean-up Day is Friday, Sept. 25. Stickers are required for all regular garbage and yard waste. Please have all items out by 6:00 a.m. as route times change for this special pick-up day. All other non-hazardous bulk trash items will be picked up for free. Free electronic recycling drop-off is available the 4th Saturday of each month in Woodman's parking lot. Visit www.vil.north-aurora.il.us for a copy of Waste Management's "Collections Guidelines".

Free Mulch is available at 316 Butterfield Rd. Mulch must be loaded by residents as deliver is not available.

Village ordinance requires all residents to have parkway trees. If you recently received a new parkway tree please ensure its survival by using the watering tips provided with your new tree. Parkway trees enhance not only your property, but neighborhoods as a whole.

Village Mosquito Program: Spraying has begun in the Village to help prevent new mosquito breeding sites. Each month the Village will schedule an application during the evening hours, as well as treatments of all catch basins and ponds. To report high volumes of mosquitoes or to determine the last time the Village was serviced, please call the Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555.

Street Lighting: 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.

Sanitary Sewer: Please call the Village FIRST if you experience a sanitary sewer back up in your home. This will enable the Public Works Department to check the main sewer line for any trouble prior to residents calling a plumber. Calls after business hours and on weekends should go to the Police Department at 630-897-8705 where the on-call staff member will be notified.

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 snow from the plows. Residents need to be sure their mailbox is securely fastened to the post and that the post is in good condition, securely set in the ground.

The 2015 Road Program continues throughout the summer, with work being done on the following roads: Butterfield Road, Banbury Road, Roberts St., Hawthorne Dr. (from Princeton to Harmony), West State Street (Rt. 31 to Roberts), Randall Rd. (from Oak to I-88), Grace St., John St. (Roberts to Adams), and Smoke Tree Lane Phase II. Please be aware of these road projects this summer. Also, be aware of workers and use caution while driving through these construction zones. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

Police Department News and Information

Kane County Safety Coalition - Safety Day

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, the 12th Annual Kane County Safety Coalition Safety Day (Formerly the Kane County Safe Kids Safety Day) will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mooseheart Field House. This is a FREE health and safety event for kids of all ages, and their parents. Free child identification cards will be available as well.



A sample of last year's events included indoor and outdoor displays such as: Operation Lifesaver, police K-9, auto extrication, child safety seat inspections, bike rodeo, children's firefighter combat challenge, Touch-a-Truck and much more. The North Aurora Police will be sponsoring the child safety seat inspections and encourage new parents, as well as all families, to stop by and have their child's car seats inspected to be sure they are installed correctly and securely. For more information see the Kane County Safety Coalition Facebook page.

Nearly 600 children attended last year's fun-filled and informative event. This year, we hope to see an increase in the attendance for this year's event. Our goal is to include over 1,500 children and their parents, in order to increase the awareness for the prevention of childhood sickness and injury.

CERT Program for North Aurora Citizens

Is your family prepared for a disaster? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program can help. The CERT program consists of two parts: the CERT basic training course and volunteer CERT teams. The CERT basic training course is designed to teach citizens how to better cope with the aftermath of a disaster by training them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, citizens are then able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace when professional responders are not immediately available. The topics of the course are Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations (2 parts), Light Search and Rescue Operations, Disaster Psychology and Team Organization, and Course Review and Disaster Simulation. The CERT course is taught jointly by members of the North Aurora Police Department and the North Aurora Fire Department.

The next basic training course will be held this fall. Applications to participate in the course can be picked up at the North Aurora Police Department Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Applications are also available at http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/forms.aspx. The second part of the program is our volunteer team. The Village maintains a team of volunteers to assist paid staff during disasters, other emergencies, or planned events such as North Aurora Days and parades. Volunteers may assist with directing traffic, perimeter/access control, triage/first aid, light search and rescue, shelter set up and operation, and more. For more information, contact Deputy Chief Scott Buziecki at (630) 897-8705, ext. 752 or sbuziecki@vil.north-aurora.il.us.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone No. (630) 897-8228 website: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Meeting Schedules

All Village Board, C.O.W., Plan Commission and Committee meetings will be held at the North Aurora Village Hall, in the Village Board Room at 25 E. State St. (unless otherwise posted) North Aurora. Agendas are available on the Village of North Aurora's website at: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us

	July	Aug	Sept
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm)	6 20	3 17	none 21
Plan/Zoning Commission (7:00 pm)	7	4	1
Library Board (7:00 pm/Messenger Library)	9	13	10

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures

Independence Day - Friday, July 3, 2015 Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2015