



View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

September/October 2015

Village President's Report - Dale Berman

Fall is a great time to spruce up your yard by raking leaves for the annual leaf pick-up, cleaning out flower beds and trimming bushes. In addition to your annual yard work, please take the time to trim any low hanging or broken tree branches that may overhang the public sidewalk. Trimming trees to 7 feet above the sidewalk will not only keep yards looking well-manicured, this will also alleviate branches from obstructing the sidewalks and provide a safe pedestrian environment in your neighborhood.



The Federal Highway Administration defines the standards required to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, including street signs. The Village's current red streets signs are no longer in compliance with these standards. To be in compliance, the Village has recently bid out the purchase of new street signs. The new street signs will be blue with white lettering and will also incorporate the new Village logo. These new street signs will be a great enhancement to our neighborhoods and to the Village.

The Village has had a number of new businesses open recently, including Bull Dog Ale House located at 459 N. Randall Rd; OMG Oh My Gyros at 352 N. Randall Road; and Vietnam Gate restaurant at 321 S. Lincolnway. Also, Spa 56, Massage Therapy opened at 180 Butterfield road. If you haven't done so, be sure to visit these new establishments in North Aurora and check them out.



The Village of North Aurora recently hosted a hands-on trench safety awareness course with the American Public Works Association Chicago Chapter and National Trench Safety. Our Public Works personnel were in attendance, in addition to crews from several other local towns. This training was very critical for those in attendance because they have the responsibility for emergency underground repairs (e.g., water main breaks) and need to be familiar with installing safe, temporary trench protective systems. According to OSHA, two workers are killed each month in trench collapses. North Aurora Public Works Department was pleased to step into this safety leadership role, along with representatives from the North Aurora Fire Department, who led a special session on their perspective of trench safety and rescue considerations. I applaud our Public Works Staff for hosting this critical training and being prepared.

Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution

In order to educate the community on the potential for storm water pollution, we ask that residents be aware of direct links between various land activities and rainfall runoff that drains into storm drains and into rivers and streams. Residents can do their part to help prevent the pollution of our rivers and streams. Please keep pet waste, grass clippings, leaves & debris out of street gutters; apply lawn chemicals sparingly; control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover; clean up all spilled automotive fluids and don't hose the spills into the street.



Please help eliminate storm water pollution. For more information on hazardous waste disposal as well as pollution prevention, please call Kane County at 630-208-5118.

Out of sight shouldn't mean out of mind.

Groundwater is not an endless supply. Help use our resource efficiently.

Did you know... it can take centuries for rain to replenish a groundwater aquifer so that we may use it again? That's why we must conserve our current groundwater supply.

You can help by... using a WaterSense-labeled showerhead or toilet.

Thank you for doing your part to help ensure that our community and neighboring communities have a clean and reliable water source now and for future generations!

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/WaterSense.



2015 Free Leaf Pick-up Program

FREE curb-side leaf pick-up will run from mid-October through late November based on the schedule below. Residents should place their leaves at the curb on the appropriate Monday for pickup during the week.

Residents living on the WEST side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 19, November 2 and November 16**

Residents living on the EAST side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **October 26, November 9 and November 23**



Leaves must be raked to the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of the pick-up week. Leaf piles must be free of any foreign materials including branches, plants, rocks and landscape waste. Leaves should be raked in a row parallel to the street, at least 1 foot and no more than 5 feet back from the curb. Piles should be less than 2 feet in height. Leaves **MUST be out at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday** of the pick-up week; however, leaves may be picked up at any time during that entire week. A daily log is kept of streets that have been serviced and trucks will not go back down streets to pick up on streets that have already been serviced.

To allow better access for the leaf collection equipment, please **keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts**. Residents are encouraged to park in driveways or garages, and not on the street in front of leaf piles. Snow, rain, freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or halt curbside leaf collection. For Residents who choose to bag their leaves, please note Waste Management will pick up leaf filled Kraft paper bags free, no stickers required, on Fridays during October and November. All other landscape waste will require a sticker. The last pick up for leaves and landscape waste (sticker required) will be the last Friday in November. Landscape pick-up will resume in April. For questions regarding the free leaf pick-up, please contact the Village Hall or call Waste Management at 800-796-9696 for other questions.

Public Works News and Information

Waste Management Holiday Pick Up: Due to the Labor Day Holiday, trash will be picked up on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Please have items out by 6 a.m. as Waste Management will have extra trucks out on Saturday causing pickup times to change.

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

Mosquito Hotline - The Village is treated for mosquitoes once a month, May through September. For any questions on the last time the Village was serviced or to report areas of concern, residents can call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555.

Mailboxes - Please be sure your mailbox is in good repair and is sturdy enough to uphold the pressure of snow coming off the plow prior to our upcoming winter season. Make any needed repairs now.

Work Order Form - Please visit the Village website at <http://northaurora.org/work-referral.aspx> to access our work order form to report any issues with a street light, pot hole, parkway tree, storm sewer or sign.

HALLOWEEN will be here soon (Saturday, October 31). The Village of North Aurora suggested Trick-or-Treat hours are **4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The following safety tips are good to remember as your kids trick-or-treat throughout our neighborhoods: children should always go in groups with adult supervision, treats should always be inspected by adults before they are eaten, be sure to caution children to always look both ways and use crosswalks when crossing streets, and motorists please be extra careful when driving through neighborhoods. Have a safe and exciting Halloween!



Police Department News and Information

Veterans Day - It's not too early to plan for the annual North Aurora Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th at the Veterans Memorial Plaza located at Willow Way & Farview Drive. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this significant event. The ceremony will feature opening remarks from Village President Dale Berman and other officials representing our area, along with a flag ceremony by the Fox Valley Marines and a three-volley salute by our own North Aurora Police Honor Guard.



Please join us as we honor and commemorate our Veterans who have served and defended our country and our freedom.

For more information please see our newsletter C.O.P. Bytes. If you are not a subscriber, please email rstecklein@northaurora.org or visit our website at <http://northaurora.org/departments/police/news.aspx> to sign up.

Block Parties - For residents who are planning a block party and would like to request permission for the temporary closure of a portion of your street, please contact the Police Department for an application. Block Party Applications must be submitted a minimum of 14 days in advance of the planned date of the party. Once approved, the Public Works Department will deliver barricades to block the street on the last working day prior to the party and will pick them up on the first working day after the party. For further details about the block party policy and process please review the Block Party Application form, available on the Village of North Aurora website on the Forms page at <http://northaurora.org/forms.aspx>.

Community Development

In an effort to support the local business community, the Village of North Aurora maintains a Local Business Directory on our website (www.northaurora.org) where businesses can list their business information free of charge.

The Village of North Aurora strives to keep property taxes low by encouraging consumer spending at local businesses. The business directory is a way to encourage residents to shop and do business locally, which in turn, helps the Village of North Aurora to continue to maintain and augment existing infrastructure.

If you are a Business owner in North Aurora, please be sure to check out our Business Directory listing on our website and consider adding your business to the local businesses who are already benefiting from this free directory. For any business that would like to be a part of the Business Directory, please contact the Village Hall at 630-897-8228. You will be asked to provide your business contact information, a logo, and brief description of your business. There is no charge for this feature and this provides an opportunity for residents and anyone visiting our website, to see all that our local businesses have to offer.

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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Messenger Public Library - 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 (630) 896-0240 (www.northaurora.lib.il.us)

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. Meeting agendas are available on the Village of North Aurora's website at: www.northaurora.org

	Sept	Oct	Nov
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm)	none	5	2
Plan/Zoning Commission (7:00 pm)	1	6	3
Library Board (7:00 pm/Messenger Library)	10	8	12

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures

Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2015
 Veteran's Day - Wednesday, November 11, 2015