



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President - Mark Gaffino

It is an honor and pleasure to be stepping into the role of mayor to serve the North Aurora community. I have called North Aurora home my entire sixty years and could not imagine living anywhere else. I've raised my family here, built my business here and see my future here. I love this town and I have always wanted to be able to both give back and to be involved in its future. I've served as a Village Trustee for sixteen years, and was also a member of the Plan Commission, Police Commission and currently serve on the North Aurora Days Committee. Most importantly, I'm a fellow resident and one who wants to see North Aurora continue to thrive in the future. I'm excited to continue working with the Village Board of Trustees and with all of the Village's talented and dedicated staff who help to keep our Village running.



This year is still looking like it will be different from past years and I thank everyone for their understanding and patience as the Village navigates the pandemic climate and makes the best decisions to keep our residents safe. I encourage everyone to continue to show support to one another and to our local businesses. For all updates and announcements be sure to visit the Village of North Aurora website at www.northaurora.org or the Village's Facebook at www.facebook.com/VillageofNorthAurora or call Village Hall at 630-897-8228 and Village staff will be more than happy to assist you. I also encourage residents to register for our alert system, Nixle, which will send you text or e-mail updates and you can register at <https://local.nixle.com/register>.

Village Switching to Groot for Waste Hauler Services

Starting June 1, 2021, the Village of North Aurora will be switching waste hauler services to Groot from Waste Management.

Please see the insert included with this water bill for a general overview of the new program and of the service map by day. Please visit our website, www.northaurora.org, for further details including a full booklet regarding the changes to service and the transition process to Groot as well as our Facebook, www.facebook.com/villageofnorthaurora, where we will be posting specialized pullout information leading up to the transition of waste hauler services.



Code Enforcement Reminders

- The **watering conservation ordinance** is in effect every day of the year. The ordinance allows the use of a hand held device any time. It also allows for all properties with **even-numbered street addresses** to use water for restricted watering purposes on **even-numbered days** of the month only during the hours of **6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** and all properties with **odd-numbered street addresses** to use water for restricted watering purposes on **odd-numbered days** of the month only during the hours of **6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
- Lawns must be kept under 8" in height. This includes weeds.
- Trash cans and lawn waste bags should not be placed at the curb until 3 p.m. the day before trash pickup, and such containers must be removed from the curb no later than midnight of the day of collection.
- Campers, boats or other RV's can be parked on front drives Friday noon through Monday noon only. **Exception:** campers, boats, and RV's may be parked on the driveway during April 15 to April 30 and Oct. 1 to Oct. 15 for maintenance.
- Please address issues with your property that may require maintenance. This may include replacing missing address numbers (4" in height), repairing/replacing rotted wood, or scraping and painting. Please make sure that decks, sheds, fences and detached structures are in good condition.
- Do not block the street or sidewalk with anything, including basketball hoops, toys, landscape materials, or poorly parked vehicles. Vehicles are **not** allowed to park on the grass.

The Code Enforcement Division is happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have, 630-897-1457 ext. 231.

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

The North Aurora Police Department has a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to improve responses to people who suffer from mental illness, have special needs, or who are in crisis. CIT officers each received 40 hours of intensive training on recognizing individuals with mental illness, special needs, or behavioral disability and how to de-escalate crisis situations, provide referrals to counseling providers, and improve communication.

In addition, we also have a social worker working in our facility roughly eight hours/week to follow-up on recent callouts and officer referrals, make home visits as needed, and provide training to officers. She can also help the public with accessing mental health providers, crisis intervention, emotional support, funeral preparations, accessing local resources, legal advocacy, safety planning, and victim's compensation. These services are free to our residents.

If you or someone you know is suffering from mental illness, or has special needs please contact the North Aurora Police Department at 630-897-8705 and ask to speak with a CIT officer or our social worker so they may further explain the services that we can provide.

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

Waste Management Spring Clean-Up:

Spring Clean-Up Day will be a two-day pickup, with free non-hazardous clean-up items, as well as regular stickered trash being picked up on **Friday, May 7** for all residences **West** of the Fox River, and **Saturday, May 8** for all residences **East** of the Fox River. All non-hazardous bulk trash items will be picked up for free. Stickers are required for all regular garbage and yard waste, which will be picked up on the same day as the clean-up schedule. Please have all items out by 7 a.m. as route time's change for this special pick-up day.

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on Friday, April 2nd. 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 fall will need to be bagged and will require a waste sticker.

Celebrate Arbor Day on April 30, 2021 by planting a tree! Trees provide shade, give off oxygen, reduce noise pollution, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and provide everyday products like paper, syrup, and building materials.

Mailbox Condition and Yard Damage from Plows

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. Spring is the best time to check that your mailbox is securely fastened and that the post is in good condition and securely set in the ground. If your mailbox was struck by a plow and damaged please contact the Public Works Department within 48 hours to allow time to inspect the mailbox to see if the Village is liable. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow coming off the plows.

Help Prevent Storm Water Pollution and improve water quality by: [Keeping litter, pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains](#), applying lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions, [disposing of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly \(not in storm sewers or drains!\)](#), [cleaning up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze](#), controlling soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover, and [having septic systems inspected and pumped, at a minimum every three to five years, so that it operates properly](#). For more information on pollution prevention and hazardous waste disposal contact Kane County at 630-208-5118.

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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Trustee Laura Curtis
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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)

April 5 and April 19 | May 3 and May 17

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

April 6 | May 4

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.

Village Hall is Closed for the Following Holidays:

April 2 - Spring Holiday | May 31 - Memorial Day