



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2021

Village President - Mark Gaffino

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.

The Village of North Aurora will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11 a.m.** at the North Aurora Veteran's Memorial at Willow Way and Farview Drive. Please join us as we honor our Veterans who served to protect our country and our freedom. Please visit the Village website (www.northaurora.org) for the most up to date information regarding our Veterans Day ceremony.



Halloween is coming up too and suggested **trick-or-treat** hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. I encourage all of our residents to practice safety so that everyone may have a safe and fun Halloween. Children should trick-or-treat with adult supervision and everyone should use crosswalks and look both ways while traveling. Motorists should be extra careful driving through neighborhoods. Later on, candy and treats should be inspected by adults before they are eaten. 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 Groot will pick up leaf-filled Kraft paper bags **FREE** on your service day during October and November. **Please note:** Yard waste requires stickers and will be picked up 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. The Village's free leaf pick-up program will run from mid-October through late November based on the schedule below:

- Residents on the **EAST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15**
- Residents on the **WEST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the week of: **Oct. 25, Nov. 8 and Nov. 22**

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.

Leaves **MUST be out by 6a.m. on Monday** of the pick-up week with leaves being picked up at any time during the entire week. 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.

Village of North Aurora Awarded GFOA Triple Crown for Financial Reporting

The Village of North Aurora is pleased to announce that for the fourth consecutive year the Village has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s Triple Crown. The Triple Crown recognizes governments who have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Copies of all three reports — the Annual Budget, Comprehensive Annual Report, and the Popular Annual Financial Report — are available at any time, along with many other reports, documents and information, on the Village's website at www.northaurora.org/departments/finance-department/financial-reports-budgets.

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705**Trunk or Treat!**

The North Aurora Police Department will be hosting a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event on **Saturday, October 16** from 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. at the North Aurora Police Department (200 South Lincolnway) in the back parking lot. The police department will be decorated for Halloween and officers will have treats in the trunks of their squad cars to hand out. Costumes encouraged! Visit the North Aurora Police Department Facebook (www.facebook.com/NorthAuroraPolice) for additional information closer to the date!

As a reminder, **Halloween Trick-or-Treating** hours on Sunday, October 31, are from 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Public Works News and Information - 630-897-8228 ext. 260**Garbage Pick-Up**

Trash pick-up will **not** be delayed due to Columbus Day.

Mailboxes

During the winter, unstable mailboxes and deteriorating wood posts are more likely to be damaged from heavy snow coming off the snow plows. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for the maintenance and proper installation of their mailbox and post. Residents should ensure the post and mailbox is sturdy and can withstand the pressure of snow coming off the snow plow. 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 as soon as possible so the Village can assess the damage and provide a temporary mailbox. Residents will be reimbursed up to \$100 for the replacement and installation of the new mailbox. Please note, the Village will only provide reimbursement to a mailbox or post that has been hit directly by a snow-plow blade or some portion of the 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, then the mailbox and/or post will be their responsibility.

Can You Believe Fall Is Here? Let's Take a Look at Some Fall Maintenance Tasks

Fall is the perfect time to take care of the little things that can make a big difference for you and your home. Code Enforcement has put together a quick checklist as a guide to assist you with some common later season issues.



- Store or cover outdoor furniture and grills.
- Caulk joints and minor cracks on exterior walls and siding.
- Look for deteriorating finishes. Minor problems can be patched to preserve the wood.
- Drain and shut off sprinkler systems and other exterior water lines to avoid frozen and broken pipes.
- Insulate exterior spigots and other pipes that are subject to freezing but cannot be drained or shut off.
- Make sure that hoses are removed from all spigots.
- Clean storm drains, gutters and other drain pipes.
- Inspect or have someone inspect the roof for loose, damaged or missing pieces.
- Check attic vent openings for nests or other blockages.

As always, Code Enforcement is willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have, (630) 897-1457 ext. 265.

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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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 4 and October 18 | November 1 and November 15

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

October 5 | November 2

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:

November 11 — Veterans Day
November 25 & 26 — Thanksgiving Holiday