



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President - Mark Gaffino

With the beautiful spring weather coming to town, I'd like to focus on some ways residents can help keep our community bright, vibrant and healthy.

To start us off, **Earth Day** this year takes place on April 22, 2022 with the theme of "**Invest In Our Planet.**" I encourage residents to look at ways they may be able to reduce their carbon footprint in their daily lives. Here at the Village we recently updated our code on solar panels to allow residents more flexibility to look into this green energy source. The Village Board also unanimously voted to go with a 100% green energy supply contract for our Village water facilities and wells.



Arbor Day takes place on April 29, 2022 and you can celebrate 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, firewood, and building materials.

Water pollution prevention and control measures are critical to improving our water quality and reducing the need for costly wastewater and drinking water treatment. Water pollution can come from storm water runoff, which occurs when precipitation flows over things like driveways and streets rather than soaking into the ground. The runoff can pick up debris and pollutants and flow into the storm sewer system and then into our rivers, ponds, and wetlands. When water becomes polluted, the effects can be far reaching including creating unsafe drinking water. You can help prevent storm water pollution 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.**

Submit Photos for Your Community Snapshot!



Tanner Trails Park

As we all know, North Aurora is a beautiful town. From our many parks and the scenic Fox River, to our local wildlife, to our residential streets and parkway trees, to our amazing residents, we've got a lot to showcase. To share a "snapshot" of our community, we invite residents to participate in the Facebook and website feature 'Your Community Snapshot.' Simply take a photo from around town, provide a brief description and submit it to facebook@northaurora.org and you may see your photo featured on the Village's Facebook and website!



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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, such as sprinklers, 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.
- 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 offers **fingerprinting services** to the general public via the use of an electronic scanner that will produce a fingerprint card for your records — no more ink! If you were interested in this service — which an individual can use for items like background checks for employment, concealed carry permits, for immigration forms, or for taxes — you'll want to call the North Aurora Police Department at 630-897-8705 to set up an appointment.

The cost for fingerprinting is:

- Village Resident (ID required): \$10 per card
- Non-Resident: \$30 per card
- Additional Copies: \$5 per card

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

Holiday Garbage Pickup - Due to the **Memorial Day Holiday**, Groot will be closed on Monday. Garbage pick-up will be delayed by one day from your normal pickup day. Please have items out by 6 a.m. as Groot will have extra trucks running this day changing normal pickup times.

Yard Waste Pick-up resumes in **April**. Residents can put out yard waste in Kraft paper bags not exceeding 50 lbs. Brush and branches/less than 3" in diameter should be bundled up to 4' in length in less than 2' bundles, and twined not exceeding 50 lbs. per bundle.

NEW THIS YEAR! - For the first two weeks of April (weeks of April 4 and April 11), residents can put out an **unlimited** amount of properly packaged yard waste for **FREE** on their regularly scheduled pick-up day! No stickers will be needed for these first two weeks of free yard waste pick-up.

Stickers will be required after the first two weeks of free pick-up through the end of November when the yard waste collection program ends for the season. Bagged leaves are also picked up for free during October and November.

Groot offers a subscription program for yard waste, which allows for the rental of a 95-gallon toter exclusively for yard waste during the yard waste collection season. This toter would be billed annually and anyone interested will want to call Groot for details and pricing at 630-892-9294.

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.

Free Mulch is available at 314 Butterfield Road. Residents will need to load their own mulch, as no delivery is available.

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 Mark Gaffino
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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 4 and April 18 | May 2 and May 16

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

April 5 | May 3

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 15 - Spring Holiday | May 30 - Memorial Day