



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

JUNE / JULY 2022

Village President - Mark Gaffino

Come celebrate Independence Day with the Village of North Aurora! Our celebration will be Sunday, July 3, at Riverfront Park (behind Village Hall, 25 East State Street). Starting at 5 p.m., residents are invited to BYOB and enjoy the park, live music, and fireworks, which will **launch at approximately 9:30 p.m.** Please be aware the Fox River trail will be shut down on the east side of the river, between State Street and the Red Oak Nature Center prior to the event. For any updates be sure to check out the Village's website and Facebook. In the event of rain, fireworks will launch on Tuesday, July 5 also at 9:30 p.m.; however, there will be no additional entertainment or festivities.



North Aurora Days this year will be held on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6 at North Aurora Riverfront Park. The weekend will be full of family-fun activities and plenty of music, food and drinks! For the most updated information and event schedule please visit the North Aurora Days Facebook page and website at www.northauroradays.org. See the enclosed flyer for a list of highlights and other information! The Village's **Scavenger Hunt** this year will run alongside North Aurora Days and the first clue will be released on July 7. Keep an eye on the Village Facebook and website for updates.

I'd like to invite residents to **Meet with the Mayor** on Thursday, June 16 from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** to have a conversation about the Village. This time we'll be meeting outside at the Overlook Gazebo in North Aurora Riverfront Park (25 East State Street). I look forward to seeing you there!

Beautification Committee Property Recognition Program

The Village's Beautification Committee is excited to announce they are looking to start a property recognition program for Village residences. A property recognition program highlights homes in the community for items like landscaping and floral decorations to more themed displays like Christmas/Holiday lights or Halloween. Residents are asked to nominate properties — their own or a deserving neighbor — and the Beautification Committee will judge the submissions. The Committee is currently looking into a summer landscaping property recognition program that will aim to be judged in mid-late August. Please stay tuned to the Village's website and Facebook for further details on the program as well as deadlines and submission information.

What's New in North Aurora?

Developments: Have you seen the construction happening at the corner of Oak Street and Orchard Road? While not all tenants are yet known for the development, the Village can confirm there will be both a Taco Bell and a Starbucks! A new Italian seafood dining restaurant, Fortunato, is also being built in the area.

Policies:

Recreational Vehicles: The Village Board recently changed the recreational vehicle policy to allow residents to park recreational vehicles on their premises from the hours of 6:00 pm on Thursday through noon on Monday, which was an increase of time allowed from the previous 12:00 pm on Friday through noon on Monday.

Short-Term Rentals: Following concerns from the residents about short-term rentals (rentals for less than 30 days), the Village Board recently reviewed the Village Zoning Ordinance and determined that short-term rentals are commercial uses that are not permissible uses in residential zoning districts in the Village and as such they are prohibited.

Village of North Aurora Watering Restrictions

Residents are reminded of the Village's watering restrictions, which allows for automatic watering and lawn sprinkling from **6 a.m. to 9 a.m.** and **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** limited to the following:

All properties with **even-numbered street addresses** may water on **even-numbered days of the month**; and all properties with **odd-numbered street addresses** may water on **odd-numbered days of the month**. The Village of North Aurora's watering restrictions are in place as a continual water conservation measure within the Village.

Residents **can** use hand-held watering devices at any time. Watering restrictions are solely for automatic watering and sprinkling systems.

Not following the Village's watering restrictions may result in fines. Each day a violation occurs will be considered a separate violation.

Thank you for adhering to the watering restrictions and doing your part to help conserve water!

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705**New Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras**

The Police Department recently received approval for the purchase of body worn cameras. Body worn cameras capture the interactions between police and the people they encounter during their shift. In 2021, the Illinois State Legislature passed a measure making body worn cameras mandatory for all police departments in the state. The Department is hoping to have the cameras up and running within the next 90 days.

Pet Safety

As warmer weather arrives, please remember to not leave your pets in your vehicle. Even a short stop can result in the interior of your vehicle becoming very hot and dangerous. If you are going to run errands, the best place for your furry friend is at home. If you see a dog in potential distress please call the Police Department at 630-897-8705.

Fireworks Reminder

As we get closer to Independence Day, the amount of calls for fireworks being set off is sure to go up. Please remember that in Illinois, and specifically North Aurora, it is against Village ordinance to possess and detonate fireworks. It is also a safety issue, as each year people receive potentially serious injuries using fireworks. Please leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals and instead enjoy the Village's Independence Day Fireworks Celebration on Sunday, July 3 at North Aurora Riverfront Park. The rain date for fireworks is Tuesday, July 5.

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

Holiday Garbage Pickup - Due to the 4th of July 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.

Street Infrastructure Projects - Residents can check the Village website at www.northaurora.org for updates on any current road and water construction projects that are ongoing within the Village.

Village Mosquito Spraying has begun throughout the Village to help prevent new breeding sites. Each month the Village will have an **entire application done during the evening hours** as well as treatments of all catch basins and ponds. To report high volumes of mosquitoes or to find out the last time your neighborhood was serviced, please call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555.

Street Lighting - Report streetlight outages to the Public Works Department. Street lights on wood poles are repaired by ComEd and can be called into the Village or to ComEd at 1-800-334-7661. Repair services wait until they have a handful of calls before they come to service the area so please contact the Village Hall as soon as one goes out.

Sanitary Sewer - Call the Village **FIRST** if you should ever 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 hours/weekends should go to the Police Department at 630-897-8705 where they will have someone paged.

Sewer Assistance Grant - The Village offers an overhead sewer assistance grant for residents who have a history of any sanitary backups. Please contact Public Works at 630-897-8228 x260 for any questions or information.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall - 630-897-8228 / Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Website: www.northaurora.org

Elected Officials

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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 p.m.
(Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

June 6 and June 20 | July 18

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

June 7 | July 5

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:

July 4 - Independence Day