



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023

Village President - Mark Gaffino

It's hard to believe 2022 is almost at an end. It's been a very busy year here in the Village of North Aurora and I'd like to take a moment to highlight projects and accomplishments we've achieved.

We've had multiple new businesses open in town with plenty of new construction of both residential and non-residential properties and are looking forward to seeing these projects developed. The Village successfully completed the [2022 road program](#) that saw [5.1 miles of road resurfaced](#) and is currently working to complete a [lead service line inventory](#) to address any homes in the Village that may have such. Myself and the Village Board wished to grow our community involvement with special events, and as part of that goal we hosted our very first [Village Movie Night](#) and [Cruise Night](#)! We are excited to continue to expand and grow special events for our community (check out our first ever winter holiday event 'Making Spirits Bright' below!). Speaking of special events, after a two year hiatus we were delighted to host [North Aurora Days](#) for the first time at North Aurora Riverfront Park. We also ran our third Village-wide [scavenger hunt](#) to encourage residents to explore our community and its beautiful parks and features. The Village received for the fifth consecutive year the [Government Finance Officers Association \(GFOA\)'s Triple Crown](#), which 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.



Thank you all for a wonderful 2022 and looking forward to 2023! [Happy New Year!](#)

Holiday Decoration Property Recognition Program

The Village's Beautification Committee is hosting a **Holiday Decoration Property Recognition Program!** The program seeks to recognize residential homes that have decorated for the winter holidays and will be judged on overall theme, creativity and overall aesthetic. We cannot wait to see the beautiful homes! Property owners can nominate their own properties or another home in the community from **December 1—December 15 at 3:00 pm** on the Village website at www.northaurora.org/community-information/property-recognition-program/

Judging will take place on the evenings of December 15—December 18, so a friendly reminder that if you are participating please make sure all holiday décor is out and lights are on and working! A **map** of all participating homes will be made available to the public on **December 16** so the community can view the entries in person! Winners will be announced publicly on the Village website and Facebook on December 20 and the map updated to reflect the winning properties. Winners will also be publicly recognized and awarded prizes at the Village's Board Meeting in January 2023.

Cross Connection Control Program Mandatory Survey Reminder

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that all water systems in the State of Illinois have an effective Cross Connection Control Program. Cross connections within the public water supply are a serious concern, as they can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the public water system through what is called "backflow." One necessary component in this program is to survey North Aurora's water system to determine where cross connections exist. Visit the Village's website to complete the survey at www.northaurora.org/departments/water/survey.aspx or by scanning the QR code on the right.



All businesses and residences must participate. This is NOT an optional survey.

Village Hosting Holiday Event 'Making Spirits Bright'

Join the Village for our first ever [Making Spirits Bright](#) holiday event on **Saturday, December 10 from 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.** at North Aurora Riverfront Park (25 East State Street).



Making Spirits Bright will begin with a [lights and sirens procession](#) of Village vehicles on State Street escorting [Mayor Gaffino](#) and [Santa](#) to the park, where Mayor Gaffino will then conduct a [tree lighting ceremony](#). Santa will be available shortly thereafter to [take photos](#) during the event. The community is invited to walk through the beautifully decorated Riverfront Park to [view the lights](#), participate in a [scavenger hunt](#) around the park and purchase [mini donuts and hot beverages](#) from a vendor on site. Visit the Village website and Facebook for more information!

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

Protect Yourself from Scams

The North Aurora Police Department periodically receives reports of online, telephone, text, and email scams targeting seniors. This year the department took reports of a senior who lost \$300,000 and another who lost over \$700,000 to scammers!

The North Aurora Police Department wants you to know that legitimate government agencies, utilities, and bill collectors **DO NOT** take payment via bitcoin (or other crypto currencies), and they don't threaten arrest if you don't pay them. Some major **RED FLAGS** to keep an eye out for that signal a scam are:

- If they ask you to pay for anything with gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfer
- They always claim there is a sense of urgency, so if they say it can't wait a day or two, then it is suspicious. Please ask a friend or family member if you are not sure.

The Police Department will be giving presentations on these types of scams (and others) and how to avoid becoming a victim. The presentations are geared toward seniors and will be held at the North Aurora Police Department. Two sessions are available: **Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** Contact Officer Robyn Stecklein at (630) 897-8705, ext. 716 or rstecklein@northaurora.org to register. Space is limited so register today!

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

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up

Due to the **Christmas** and **New Year's holidays**, garbage pick-up will be delayed by **one day** from your normal pickup day. Please have items out by 6 a.m. There will be no delay due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Christmas trees will be collected for the first four full weeks of January **FREE** of charge on your regular service day. Christmas trees cannot be in plastic bags and must be free of **ALL** decorations. Trees over 6' need to be cut in half. Starting the fifth week of January, any Christmas trees at the curb for pick-up will require one (1) refuse sticker, visibly affixed, to be collected.

Mailboxes

During snow removal operations it is not uncommon that mailboxes are damaged. In snow events where there is a high water content creating a heavier snow, damage is more likely to occur. Mailboxes are typically damaged by the snow that is being cleared from the roadway. In these circumstances the Village does not replace the resident's mailbox. However, if damaged to the point where mail will not be delivered, then the Village will provide a temporary mailbox until the damaged one is replaced by the resident. If the mailbox is struck by the plow, the Village will reimburse the resident up to \$100 for the replacement and installation of the new mailbox. **Please call within 48 hours of the damage to allow Public Works time to inspect the mailbox to see if the Village is liable.**

Snow Removal

Snow removal is based on street usage and levels of traffic. Priority streets are plowed first followed by secondary streets that collect and distribute vehicle traffic between the local street system and priority streets. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and dead ends will be plowed last, as they are the least traveled. **Fire Hydrants:** Whenever possible, residents are asked to help the North Aurora Fire Protection District by clearing snow from around the fire hydrant on or near your property.

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

(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.

December 5 and 19 | January 16

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

December 6 | January 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 closed for the following Holidays:

12/23/2022 and 12/26/2022 - Christmas
12/30/2022 and 1/02/2023 - New Year's