



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

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Village President - Mark Gaffino

We're a little over a month into the new year and I wanted to share some exciting things coming to the Village. First off, I would like to thank everyone who came out to the Village's winter holiday event, Making Spirits Bright, that even a little rain couldn't dampen! We had a fantastic time lighting up North Aurora Riverfront Park and seeing so many members of our community enjoy the evening and the lights. And the fun doesn't stop there! You may have noticed that the Village expanded special events last year and we're looking to keep that momentum going to continue building our strong sense of community! From special events at North Aurora Riverfront Park, the Police Station and neighborhoods, we look forward to seeing you this upcoming year!



I myself am looking forward to getting out and about town — once it gets a little warmer, that is! — to talk to residents and businesses and all of the wonderful people that make up North Aurora. This year, I plan to host meetings throughout the community to speak with our residents. Don't hesitate to contact me at Village Hall (630-897-8228) if you or members of your neighborhood would like me to visit. If you see me out and about at an event or in your neighborhood, be sure to pop over and say hello. See you around town!

Please stay tuned to future newsletters and also to our Village website (www.northaurora.org) or our Village Facebook (www.facebook.com/villageofnorthaurora) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/villageofnorthaurora) for further information about these events. We can't wait to share them with you!

Yard Waste Collection Program

Yard Waste Collection begins 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.

For the first two weeks of April, residents can put out an **unlimited** amount of properly packaged yard waste for **FREE!** No stickers will be needed for these first two weeks of free pick-up on your scheduled service day.

Stickers will be required after the first two weeks of free pick-up. Prepaid stickers for yard waste paper bags or bundles of brush may be purchased at any location in the Village that sells Groot stickers, please find a full list here: www.northaurora.org/garbage-recycling-yard-waste/

Groot also 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.

Snowfall Events

During snowfall events, please remember that there is **no parking** after **2 inches+** of snowfall on Village streets. The Village strives to clear our roads of snow and ice as quickly and safely as possible and vehicles parked on the streets can impede the process. Parking tickets can be issued and vehicles towed at the owner's expense, so please do your part to both avoid a penalty and help to keep our roads clear. If you notice vehicles parked on the street for a long period (over 24hrs), please contact the North Aurora Police Department. It is also illegal for snow to be dumped, shoveled, or blown into the road, as this delays the snow removal process and can cause dangerous situations and plowing delays.

We also encourage residents to help out our friends over at the North Aurora Fire Protection District and clear out snow around fire hydrants. This will allow the hydrants to be located and accessible in the event of an emergency.

If you take any snow scene pictures around North Aurora — from landscapes to snowmen to how deep a drift might be in your yard! — feel free to email your photos to facebook@northaurora.org and you may see it featured on the Village website and social media pages as part of the 'Our Community Snapshot' feature!

Police Department News and Information - 630-897-8705

Join the Volunteer-Run Emergency Management Team!

We're looking for a few individuals to join our team of emergency response volunteers! For those who may be interested, we're hosting an **Open House on Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm**. No previous training or experience is needed; just some time, dedication, and the desire to learn and be a part of a team. Some of the functions performed by our volunteers include: traffic control, severe weather monitoring, maintaining our vehicles and equipment, search & rescue, and public preparedness education. For more information, go to: northaurora.org/departments/police-department/emergency-management-agency/

Sign up now for our free 8 week Community Emergency Response class, held on Tuesday evenings beginning on March 7, 2023, which teaches you what to do before, during, and after a disaster such as a tornado. You'll learn about disaster preparedness, fire extinguisher use, disaster psychology, disaster medical operations, and more. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p2w8eeh> (on Eventbrite). Register now as this class will fill up fast!

A Warm Welcome to New and Familiar Faces

Speaking of teams, we'd like to share some recent additions and changes we've had to ours! In September, we hired Records Technician Dora Escobedo and Officer Fernando Ramirez, who graduated from the police academy in December, and is now in our field training program. In December, Officer Ryder Kern, a veteran with 16 years of experience and Officer Cody Klingberg, with 7 years of experience, along with "Pawfficer" Indy, a two-year-old black Labrador command dog and our first four-legged officer, joined our department. Also in December, Officer Mark Swoboda was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and is assigned to the night shift. And in January, Detective Paul Dilley retired after 24 years of service and we hired Officer Adam Smolik-Valles, who is currently in the police academy and scheduled to graduate in April. Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing you around town!

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

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up

Trash pick-up will **not** be delayed due to Presidents Day. Trash service will be on your regular service day.

Snowplow Damage

Any damage to your lawn caused by the Village's snowplows will be repaired as the weather warms and the ground thaws. Please contact the Public Works Department at 630-897-1457 ext. 260 as soon as snowplow damage is found.

Mailboxes

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. Residents should be aware that the Village is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by the snow from the plows. Spring is the best time for residents to be sure their mailbox is securely fastened to the post and that the post is in good condition and securely set in the ground. Should your mailbox be struck by a plow and damaged, please contact the Public Works Department within 48 hours.

Snow Removal on Streets

Snow removal is based on street usage and levels of traffic. Arterial and collector streets are plowed first followed by residential streets. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and dead ends will be plowed last.

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

Village Board and C.O.W. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each Month at 7:00 pm (Please check the Village Website for the most current meeting dates)

February 6 and February 20 | March 6 and March 20

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.

February 7 | March 7

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.