



Crossroads on the Fox

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Village of North Aurora

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2023

Village President - Mark Gaffino

The Village of North Aurora will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.** at the North Aurora Veterans Memorial at Willow Way and Farview Drive. Please join us as we honor our Veterans. Visit the Village website (www.northaurora.org) for the most up to date information about our Veterans Day ceremony.



Halloween is coming up and suggested **trick-or-treat** hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31. Residents are welcome to offer treats during the entirety of the recommended hours or may choose to end earlier; whatever timeframe works best for you. I encourage all of our residents to practice safety so that everyone may have a safe and fun Halloween.

As the colder weather starts to roll in **Meet with the Mayor** is moving inside! Join me at Village Hall on Thursday, November 16 at 3 p.m. to talk about the Village! And speaking of colder weather, please join us at our **Making Spirits Bright** winter holiday event! Residents can meet Santa, see the beautiful holiday decorations, pet reindeer and more on Saturday, December 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at North Aurora Riverfront Park (25 East State Street). See the Village's website for more information closer to the event!

Free Leaf Disposal Program — Options and Information

Option One—Kraft Bags: 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 have bags out by 6 a.m. on your service day. Yard waste (other than leaves) requires stickers and will also be picked up through November. After November yard waste will not be picked up until April.

Option Two—Leaf Vector: Residents may rake leaves to the curb for the Village's free curb-side leaf pick-up. The Village's free leaf vector program will run mid-October through late November based on the schedule outline below. Each year the Village changes which side of town the leaf vector will start on.

- Residents on the **EAST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the weeks of: **Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13**
- Residents on the **WEST** side of the River, pick-up will begin on Mondays the weeks of: **Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20**

Leaves **MUST be out by 6 a.m. on Monday** during the pick-up week with leaves being picked up at any time throughout the entire week. Leaf piles should be less than 2' in height, free of foreign materials (branches, plants, rocks, and landscape waste) and raked in a row parallel to the street, at least 1' and no more than 5' back from the curb. Residents are encouraged to park in driveways or garages during this operation, to allow better access for the leaf collection equipment and **keep leaves away from parked cars, garbage cans, mailboxes, ditches, streetlights, and fire hydrants.**

The Village keeps a log of streets that have been serviced and the leaf-vector truck will not go down streets a second time. If leaves are not raked to the curb by Monday, 6:00 a.m. of your pick-up week, residents will either have to wait for their next scheduled pick-up week or bag the leaves for pick-up. **Snow, rain, below freezing temperatures or mechanical difficulties may delay or halt curbside leaf collection.**

Fall AND Halloween Decoration Property Recognition Program (and psst! Holiday too!)

The Village's Beautification Committee is hosting their very first **Fall AND Halloween Decoration Property Recognition Program!** The program seeks to recognize residential homes that have decorated for either the fall season or the Halloween holiday. Homes will be judged on overall theme, creativity and overall aesthetic and prizes awarded for the top homes in each category. Property owners can nominate their own properties or another home in the community from **October 1—October 24 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 October 25—October 30, so please make sure all décor is out and lights are on and working! A map of all participating homes will be made available to the public on **October 31** so the community can view the entries in person! And stay tuned to the Village website for information about the **Holiday Decoration Property Recognition Program** launching early December!

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 21** from 1 p.m. to 4 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 Mayor Mark Gaffino and officers will have treats in the trunks of their vehicles 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, suggested **Halloween Trick-or-Treating** hours on Tuesday, October 31, are from 4 p.m. to 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 **OR** Thanksgiving.

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 2 and October 16 | November 6 and November 20

Plan Commission meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month.
October 3 | November 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.

Village Hall is Closed for the Following Holidays:

November 10— Veterans Day
November 23 & 24 — Thanksgiving Holiday