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Village of North Aurora

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Village President's Report - Dale Berman



Residents should be receiving this newsletter just as North Aurora Days are concluding and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many, many exceptional volunteers who worked endlessly to ensure that North Aurora Days continues to be a successful event for all our residents and visitors. The success of North Aurora Days is not only due to the volunteers, but to all the residents who attended and participated in the many fun and exciting events!

In an effort to trim our budget, the Village of North Aurora has reduced our bi-monthly newsletter from four pages to two. In addition to the newsletter, I would like to remind residents that the Village's website is a great resource for Village information and answers (www.vil.north-aurora.il.us). Previously the Village newsletter also included information from other North Aurora entities, such as the Messenger Public Library, the North Aurora Fire District, NOARDA, the North Aurora Lion's Club and the North Aurora Mother's Club. I would suggest that residents contact these entities directly for their specific information and would also remind residents that these entities have their own websites which provide essential information and current events. The websites are as follows: Messenger Library - www.northaurora.lib.il.us; North Aurora Fire District - www.nafd.org; North Aurora River District Alliance - www.noarda.org; North Aurora Lions Club - www.northauroralions.org and the North Aurora Mothers Club - www.northauroramothersclub.org. And as always, residents can contact the Village Hall at 630-897-8228 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

The North Aurora Lincoln Highway Coalition Interpretive Gazebo, which was installed last year just north of the North Aurora Activity Center on Lincolnway (Rt. 31), is a unique and interactive way for visitors to learn the significance and history of the Lincoln Highway as it was in the early days. If you have not stopped by to see the Gazebo and learn more about the historic Lincoln Highway, I encourage you do to so! In addition to the Gazebo, the North Aurora Lincoln Highway Coalition has added a new feature to the heritage of the Lincoln Highway in North Aurora. A mural of Exposition Park has been added to North Aurora's Activity Center and depicts the history of North Aurora in the early twentieth century. Exposition Park was a significant part of North Aurora's heritage from the early 1920's. The mural and the interpretive gazebo along this section of the Lincoln Highway is an outstanding reminder of the history and progress that our community has achieved over the years, and I am proud that North Aurora is a significant part of the historical Lincoln Highway.

The Village of North Aurora has contracted with Geneva Construction for the reconstruction of Monroe Street on the near west side of the Village. The much needed project began in late July and will last until approximately mid-September. We are very fortunate to have this project funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Also included in this year's road program is the re-paving of Sharon Lane (Hill to Rt. 25), West State Street (600 block), and the widening of Airport Road. The Airport Road widening is to ensure that our police officers are able to exit the new police facility at 200 S. Lincolnway safely. Speaking of the North Aurora Police Facility, crews are back on site working with the conclusion of the July strike and staff is working to meet deadlines in spite of some minor delays as a result of the work stoppage. At this point, it is anticipated that the new station will be ready for business in mid-fall. Thank you very much for your efforts in water conservation over the past couple of months, and I hope that your summer thus far has been enjoyable!

Water Department Updates - The Water Department will be upgrading some of the meter reading equipment located on the outside of houses in various locations throughout the Village over the next six (6) months. Be advised that the work will be performed by the Village of North Aurora water technicians, so please do not be alarmed if you notice the technicians at your home. Please know that this maintenance will not affect your water service.

Water Rate Increase - Due to increasing costs necessary to properly maintain the Village's water system and declining revenues, a water rate increase of approximately 4.1% was approved effective with water usage beginning August 1, 2010 and billed bi-monthly starting October, 2010. This will increase the water rate to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons used after the first 3,000 gallons. The base rate for the first 3,000 gallons used was also increased from \$10.90 to \$16.00.

North Aurora Police Department



The North Aurora Police Department has been redesigning our website to include updated content and new features in order to share more information with the public. The Police Department web page offers an abundance of relevant information for residents.

Most of the content describes the services that we provide and informs our residents how to request certain services or information. We will begin posting COP-Bytes, press releases, news, and crime stats on the website so that citizens can be informed. There is also a new crime mapping feature and information on how to file a police report. Crime Prevention programs, sex offenders, laws and ordinances, juvenile information and other programs and services will also be listed.

Please be sure to check out our new updated website for more information and to request additional information or services: <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/police/index.htm>.

Public Works Information



Garbage Pickup - Due to the Labor Day holiday, garbage pick-up will be delayed until **Saturday, September 11th** (one day later).

FREE - Fall Clean Up Day - The annual Fall Clean Up day has been scheduled for **Friday, September 17, 2010**.

Work Order Form - Please visit the Village website to access our new work order form to report any public works issues, such as street light outages, traffic signal, pot holes, parkway trees, signs, or storm sewer issues.

Sewer/Sump Line - Please call the Village FIRST if you should ever experience a sewer back up in your home. After normal business hours or on weekends, please call the police department where they will have the on-call Public Works employee paged.

Code Enforcement - Code Compliance: When a code complaint is received about a code compliance issue, the property in question is inspected in a timely manner, either from the public right-of-way, or, with permission, from the property of the complainant. Once a complaint is verified by an inspection, the property owner is notified either in person or by written notification. A compliance date is issued and a copy of the pertinent section of the Village Code may be provided. The compliance date may be subject to change based on variables and with the approval of the Code Enforcement officer. The ideal outcome is complete compliance within the requested time. After all attempts to attain compliance are exhausted, an ordinance violation ticket will be issued, or a summons to appear before a Hearing Officer will be issued. The goal of code enforcement is to achieve compliance, not punishment. Code Enforcement is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have - (630) 897-1457 ext.231.

Village of North Aurora Directory

Village Hall Main Phone No. (630) 897-8228 website: www.vil.north-aurora.il.us
Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Fire Protection District, 2 N. Monroe, North Aurora, IL 60542 (630) 897-9698 (www.nafd.org)
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Village Board Meeting Schedule

	Aug .	Sept.	Oct.
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm at Village Hall)	2 16	20	4 18
Plan Commission (7:30 pm at Village Hall)	3	7	5
Library Board (7:00 pm at Messenger Public Library)	12	9	14

All Village Board, Committee of the Whole and Plan Commission meetings are held in the North Aurora Village Hall Board Room at 25 E. State St., North Aurora, IL 60542 (unless otherwise posted). Meeting Agendas are posted on the Village's website at www.vil.north-aurora.il.us. **The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010.**