



# View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

June 2008

## Village President's Report - *John Hansen*



Summer is upon us, and the Village of North Aurora is busy on the construction and economic development fronts. As you are all aware, Oak Street is under construction and can only be used by west bound traffic between Route 31 and Acorn Drive. The Oak Street Widening Project is going smoothly and is staying on track for an October 2008 final completion. Please remember to drive slowly when traveling on Oak Street, our Police Officers will be enforcing the construction zone speed limits diligently. Please visit the Village website at [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us) for more information on the Oak Street Project. Now that we have entered the warmer months of the year, I encourage everyone to get out and shop North Aurora. The Village has experienced, and is continuing to experience, strong economic development interest which is spurred not only by our proximity to the Tollway and Randall and Orchard Roads, but also our strong consumer base. The Village prides itself on ensuring that residents do not have to leave town to enjoy fine dining, grocery shopping, and other premier retail outlets. If you have not already, please take the time to visit the North Aurora Towne Center and the many other businesses spread throughout North Aurora. Speaking of the Towne Center, there has been quite a bit of activity in recent months. The La-Z-Boy furniture store opened recently which is right next door to the future Best Buy, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open later this summer. In addition, an Ashley Furniture store is in the construction planning phase and will be located just west of the current Target. Ashley Furniture is also looking to open in late summer. On the west side of Orchard Road, a North Aurora Motorsports facility is under construction, just south of Orchard Gateway. Within that same development, construction will soon begin on a car wash and a separate Car-X repair facility. Other economic development activity throughout the Village is pending and more updates will be provided in future newsletters. The Village is certainly moving forward with quality development. Have a great summer and remember, please shop North Aurora!

## North Aurora Days 2008 Overview and New Location Information



This year's North Aurora Days Festival will be held on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Please note that the festival site has changed for this year. North Aurora Days 2008 will be held on the northwest corner of Route 31 and Airport road, which is the future site of the Village's Police Station. This site is twice as big as last year's which will allow us to bring more activities for all ages. Friday's events include the community garage sale, crafts and vendor fair, book sales at Messenger Public Library, Summer Celebration at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and night light golf at the Valley Green Golf Course with a shotgun start of 8:30pm. The emergency vehicle parade will be at 7:00pm, and kids and adults ice cream eating contest at 7:45pm. This year's Friday night bands will be the Pawnshop from 6:00 to 7:45pm and EPIC from 8:30 to 11:30pm on the northwest corner of Route 31 and Airport road, along with fireworks beginning at 9:00pm. A variety of food vendors will also be on site. Saturday will be just as busy with the continuation of the community garage sale, Library book sale, and craft & vendor fair. In addition, the popular Touch-A-Truck, Kids Photo I.D. and Children's Car Seat Check will also be back from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Mooseheart field house parking lot. In addition, starting at 10:00am, there will be games and activities at the festival site along with the craft/vendor fair. The Emergency Vehicle Show will be from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Oberweis/ Aurora Pump properties, and Beer Tasting from noon to 4:00pm at the Valley Green Golf Course. Saturday will also include the softball and kick ball games, and free horse and hay rides at Huntoon Stables on Oak Street. The bands for Saturday night are "Yard Fulla Cars" from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Hi Infidelity from 8:30pm to 11:30pm. On Sunday, starting at 10:00am, there will be a community church service at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd ending at 1:00pm. The Pet Parade will be held this year at the North Aurora Activity Center from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. For more information please visit the North Aurora Days Webpage at [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us) and click on the North Aurora Days link located on the homepage just below the news items, call Village Hall at 630-897-8228 or call Max Herwig at 630-697-5285. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered for this event and the North Aurora Days Committee is excited to see all of you at the Festival!



## Warm Weather Ordinances - Code Enforcement

The warm weather brings different code enforcement issues to the forefront. After feeding your lawn, please remember that lawn sprinkling is only allowed between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm, however, hand watering is authorized outside of these hours. Please also remember that grass must be cut prior to it reaching eight (8) inches in height to avoid a ticket. To summarize the warm weather related Ordinances, here is a snapshot:



- Water and lawn sprinkling is allowed 6:00pm to 9:00pm, seven days a week, not applicable to hand watering.
- Lawns must be kept under 8" in height, this includes weeds.
- Trash cans and lawn waste bags should not be placed at the curb until 3:00pm the day before trash pickup, and such containers must be removed from the curb no later than midnight of the day of collection.
- Trash cans, when left at the curb, must have tight fitting covers. Refuse itself, if not in a can, must be wrapped in paper, or enclosed in plastic. Also, please remember that trash cannot be stored in a front or corner side yard.
- Campers, boats or other RV's can be parked on front drives Friday through Monday only.
- Grass clippings in the gutters or on the roadway are prohibited. The debris clogs the storm sewers. Please report clogged storm sewer basins to Public Works (630-897-8228) if you come across one.
- All vehicles parked in the Village (on the street or in the driveway) must have current plates, and must be parked on impervious surfaces only, i.e. no parking on grass.
- Please also begin assessing issues with your property that may require maintenance. This could include replacing missing address numbers (4" in height), replacing windows, or repainting. Code Enforcement will be paying extra attention to those types of property maintenance issues.

**Please call the Code Enforcement Division at (630) 897-1457, ext. 231 with any questions or concerns.**

## Waste Management Contract Renewal Details

Waste Management was granted a three-year extension to the current refuse, recycling and yard waste contract at the May 19th Village Board meeting. The new sticker rates, beginning June 1, 2008 are as follows:



\$2.62/each (June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009)

\$2.75/each (June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010)

\$2.88/each (June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011)

Rental of refuse toter: Residents may rent a 96-gallon toter for weekly refuse service at the following rate plus the one time \$20 delivery fee:

\$32.00/month (June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009)

\$32.00/month (June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010)

\$32.00/month (June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011)

Rental of recycling toter: Residents will have the option of renting a 64-gallon recycling toter for \$3.25 a month plus the one time \$20 delivery fee. The rental of recycling toters is in conjunction with North Aurora's current refuse (sticker) program.

Since June 9th, residents have been required to use a new sticker for all refuse and yard waste needs. New stickers will be yellow, as opposed to the current blue ones. However, if there are old stickers and you have not yet had the opportunity to utilize them, Waste Management will honor the old stickers through **July 11th**. **Beginning July 14th through July 25th, any unused blue stickers should be taken to the Waste Management office located at 780 Kirk Road in Batavia to exchange for new ones. Waste Management will exchange the old stickers, on a one-for-one basis. Sticker exchanges will take place between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00pm Monday through Friday.** If you have any questions, please call the WM customer service center at (800) 796-9696.

## Public Information Announcement

### “Ride in Kane” and “Seniors Ride Free”



Kane County residents are being reminded that the “Ride in Kane” program launched on February 15, 2008, provides expanded transportation services for many senior, disabled, and low-income individuals. For more information on eligibility, please call 1-888-480-8549, or visit the Kane County website (<http://www.countyofkane.org>). In addition, March 17th was the official start for the “Seniors Ride Free” program. Illinois senior citizens age 65 and older who live in Kane County can ride free on RTA transit lines including the CTA, Metra, and PACE. If you currently have a senior reduced-fare card, that card will be valid on the CTA, Metra, and PACE lines. If you do not, you must enroll to participate. For more information, please call 1-800-252-8966.

**Public Works and Water Department Reminders and Updates**



**2008 Annual Road Program** - The North Aurora 2008 Annual Road Program will include the repaving of portions of the following local roads; State Street, Long Avenue, Harmony Drive and Kingswood Drive. Spruce Street will also be repaved this summer as part of the Annual Road Program, however, Spruce Street repairs will be paid for using Motor Fuel Tax funds. The 2008 Annual Road Program, including Spruce Street, will begin mid-June and run through summer.

**2008 Annual Watermain Improvement Program** - The North Aurora 2008 Annual Watermain Improvement Program will include the replacement of aged watermain along the following streets; Smoketree Lane then to Spruce Street (300 Block), Long Avenue, River Road and Sharon Lane. The 2008 Watermain Program will run concurrently with the Road Program with restoration activity lasting through summer.

**Free Mulch** - Residents can call Village Hall at (630) 897-8228 to request free mulch (to be loaded by the resident) while supplies last.

**Village Mosquito Program** - Village spraying has begun to help prevent new breeding sites. Each month the Village will have an entire application done during the evening hours. Please call the Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555 with any questions or concerns.

**Sewer/Sump Line** - Please call the Village Public Works Department, prior to calling a plumber, at (630) 897-8228 if you experience a sewer backup in your home. If the backup occurs after regular business hours, please call the Police Department at (630) 897-8705.

**Annual Consumer Confidence Report** - Residents should be receiving the Annual Consumer Confidence Report in early July detailing the quality of the Village's drinking water. Please call the Water Department at (630) 897-2662 with any questions or concerns.

**Street Lighting** - Street lights on wood poles are repaired by ComEd. Calls for repair can either be to the Village at (630) 897-1457, or ComEd at 1-800-334-7661.

**News from the North Aurora Police Department - Chief Tom Fetzer**

**North Aurora Days Child Safety Seat Inspections**



Motor vehicle accidents continue to be the highest cause of death among our children in this country. Studies have shown that approximately 85% to 90% of all child safety seats are installed incorrectly. The North Aurora Police Department has placed a high priority on child passenger safety. At North Aurora Days, on August 2nd, we will be hosting a Child Safety Seat Inspection at the Mooseheart Field house parking lot on North Lincolnway at Mooseheart Road from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Residents learn the correct way to install the seat and valuable information on how to keep their child safe while being transported. There are several other events at this location including free children photo I.D.'s sponsored by Safe Kids - Kane County and child fingerprinting sponsored by Paul Collins Allstate Agency. The Touch a Truck event sponsored by Dart Container Corporation will also be part of the activities at the Mooseheart site on August 2nd and will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm. These events are great for children, and will be fun and educational.

**25th Annual Night Out Against Crime**

Tuesday, August 5th has been set aside for the 25th annual "National Night Out" celebration. This year more than 32 million people, in more than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases world wide are expected to join forces. From 6:30pm to 9:30pm residents and businesses throughout North Aurora, and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. The North Aurora Crime Prevention van with McGruff the Crime Dog, and other officers on patrol that night, will stop and visit with as many neighborhood groups as possible. If your neighborhood will be out and would like officers to stop by, please contact Officer Robyn Stecklein at (630) 897-8705 or email her at [rstecklein@vil.north-aurora.il.us](mailto:rstecklein@vil.north-aurora.il.us).

**Solicitation in the Village of North Aurora**

There have been a number of complaints regarding solicitors invading neighborhoods offering home repair services, landscape services, all the way to selling furniture out of the back of a semi trailer. These businesses may not be licensed in the Village of North Aurora, in fact they may not be licensed to offer these services at all. Please be aware of these solicitors and be sure to stay on the lookout for illegal activity in your neighborhood. If you come across a solicitor of this type, or a seemingly illegal business activity such as selling furniture out of the back of a semi trailer, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at (630) 897-8705.

North Aurora Fire Protection District - (630) 897-9698, Chief Steve Miller

**Fire District News and Notes**



The Fire District is happy to announce that the new NAFD website is up and running. Please view it for yourself at [www.nafd.org](http://www.nafd.org). It is a great place to get information about the department, upcoming events, and community-related information. There are a number of construction zones in our community this summer. Please remember to be careful. School is out and traffic patterns are disrupted so extra caution should be observed to avoid a tragic accident. On a side note, please mark your calendars for the first weekend in August for North Aurora Days. We will again host the Midwest Emergency Vehicle Show. This year the parade will be bigger and better to honor our 100<sup>th</sup> year as a fire department/district. For more information on the events being held during North Aurora days, please visit the Village website at [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us), and click on the North Aurora Days link.

Messenger Public Library - (630) 896-0240, G. Kevin Davis

**Library Updates**



**Library closed July 4th and closed on Sundays throughout the summer** - The Library will be closed Friday, July 4th for Independence Day. The Library will also be closed on Sundays throughout the summer. The Library summer hours are Monday through Thursday: 9:00am to 9:00pm; Friday and Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm.

**Summer 2008 Newsletter** - The summer edition of the **Library Messenger** was mailed to all North Aurora residents the week of May 26th. Copies are available at the Village Hall or at the Library. The Newsletter can also be viewed, and printed, from the Library website at [www.messengerpl.org](http://www.messengerpl.org), by clicking on the "Newsletter" link.

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** - The Friends of the Messenger Public Library will be holding a Used Book Sale during the North Aurora Days celebration on Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The Friends accept the following items that are in salable condition; gently used books for children and adults, videos, DVDs, books on tape/cassette/cd, and music CDs. Donations may be dropped off during regular Library business hours. Please visit the Library website at [www.messengerpl.org](http://www.messengerpl.org) and click on the "Friends" link for more information.

**Perennial Garden Donated by the North Aurora Garden Club** - This past spring, members of the North Aurora Garden Club spent several hours installing a new perennial garden in the front of the Library. The Garden Club is commended for this priceless donation. Special thanks to Garden Club members Kathy Theising and Rose Harding for coordinating the planning and installation efforts. The Following local companies provided in-kind donations of material and/or labor to this project, they include; Avram Builders of Naperville, North Aurora Landscaping, and Thornapple Landscapes, Inc. of Geneva, IL.



**Village of North Aurora Telephone Directory**

**Village Hall Main Line (630) 897-8228** ([www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us))  
**Regular Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm**

<b>Department Head</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Sue McLaughlin	Administration	(630) 897-8228, ext. 226
Scott Buening	Comm. Dev.	(630) 897-1457, ext. 228
Bill Hannah	Finance	(630) 897-8228, ext. 225
Mike Glock	Public Works	(630) 897-8228, ext. 230
Paul Young	Water	(630) 897-2662, ext. 229
Tom Fetzer	Police Department	(630) 897-8705

**Fire Protection District, 2 N. Monroe, North Aurora, IL 60542 - (630) 897-9698** ([www.nafd.org](http://www.nafd.org))  
**Messenger Public Library, 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 - (630) 896-0240** ([www.messengerpl.org](http://www.messengerpl.org))

**Village Trustee Contact Info**

President John Hansen	(630) 897-8228, ext. 232
Trustee Dale Berman	(630) 569-0042
Trustee Mark Gaffino	(630) 897-8228, ext. 801
Trustee Mike Herlihy	(630) 892-2292
Trustee Max Herwig	(630) 897-6610
Trustee Linda Mitchell	(630) 897-8952
Trustee Bob Strusz	(630) 897-8228, ext. 802

**Village Meeting Schedule**

	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>
<b>Committee of the Whole</b> 7pm @ Village Hall	16	7 21	4 18
<b>Village Board</b> 7pm @ Village Hall	23	14 28	11 25
<b>Plan Commission</b> 7:30pm @ Village Hall		1	5
<b>Library Board</b> 7pm @ Messenger Public Library		10	14

**\*Bold means joint meeting with C.O.W.**

