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Village of North Aurora

April 2008

Village President's Report - John Hansen



Happy spring, and with the spring season comes construction. Please be cautious from now through the summer months when driving around the Village. With the rebuilding of the Route 31 bridge over I-88 to the Oak Street Widening Project to the 2008 Annual Road Program, the Village will be congested. The Oak Street Widening Project is a major Village undertaking in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. On April 14th, Oak Street was reduced to westbound traffic only. The preferred detour for non-local traffic traveling east and/or west through the Village is Airport Road. Upon final completion of the project, which is scheduled for October 2008, Oak Street will be three lanes from Randall Road to just east of Adams Street.



Aside from construction, spring is also an exciting time for commercial development. Currently, Village officials are negotiating with a major hotel and possibly an In-Play gaming center within the Randall Crossings development near the Turf Room and Camille's Sidewalk Café. In order for us to sustain this development interest, residents are being asked to please shop locally whenever possible. The economic development that we enjoy allows the Village to engage in special projects such as Riverfront enhancements, and other endeavors that would not be possible without sales tax revenues. I should also

mention that La-Z-Boy has opened its doors and Ashley Furniture and Best Buy are well on their way to occupying a portion of the North Aurora Towne Center. The Village is certainly going through changes brought on by a higher resident population and increased commercial activity, this is an exciting time to be living in North Aurora. Have a great spring season!



2008 Major Capital Projects

The Village of North Aurora is undertaking a number of major capital projects worth noting for 2008. The Oak Street Widening Project is underway. During construction, traffic will be west bound only, while all east bound traffic will detour from Randall to Ice Cream to Alder to Airport to Rt. 31. There will be accessibility to all churches and resident driveways. An informational webpage has been created for Oak Street Widening information and will be continually updated. The webpage can be found at the following address, <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/oakstreet/index.htm>. The 2008 Annual Road Program will also begin this summer.

The proposed improvements consist of full street reconstruction of Long Avenue between River Road (IL RT.25) and Hill Avenue, Harmony Drive between Cherry Tree Court and Willow Way, and the reconstruction of existing roadway improvements on West State Street between Chantilly Lane and Willow Way.

Planning for the North Aurora Police Station has been underway since November of 2007 and proposals for architectural and construction manager services have been received by the Police Facility Committee. The tentative construction start date for the new Police Station, to be located on the northwest corner of Airport Road and Route 31, is April of 2009. If you have any questions regarding these projects, or any others, please call Village Hall at (630) 897-8228.



New Route for the 2008 Baseball Parade



The North Aurora Mothers Club and the North Aurora Baseball Association will be sponsoring the 6th annual North Aurora Baseball Parade on Saturday, May 31st. Beginning at 10:00am, the parade will take place west of Randall Road due to the construction on Oak Street. The parade route will be White Oak Drive north, with the children walking on the sidewalk heading east to get to the start of the parade route at White Oak Drive. From White Oak Drive, the parade will continue to Hawksley Lane, concluding at Fearn Elementary School (1600 Hawksley Lane). The check-in time for the parade will begin at 8:00am. The parade will consist of many teams that participate in the North Aurora Baseball Association as well as police and emergency vehicles, Village officials, horses from Huntoon Stables, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Aurora Superstars Football Team, as well as others from the community. If you are interested in entering your club into the parade, or for more information, please call Cristy at (630) 907-6008 or visit the Mothers Club website at www.northauroramothersclub.org.

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. Boats and campers are allowed on front driveways from April 15th to April 30th to prep them for the summer season, in addition all recreational vehicles are allowed to park on front driveways, Friday to Monday, after returning from weekend trips. If you have any questions regarding these or any other code enforcement issues, please call the Code Enforcement Division at (630) 897-1457, ext. 231.

Spring Reminders from the Public Works Department



Yard Waste Pick Up

The first pick-up for yard waste began on Friday, April 4th. Kraft paper bags and stickers are required for the spring and summer yard waste season until October 1st when leaf pickup is done free of charge.

FREE Mulch

Please call Village Hall at (630) 897-8228 for the location and availability of free mulch.

Spring Clean Up Day

The annual Spring Clean up Day has been scheduled for **Friday May 23**. Regular garbage and yard waste require stickers as usual, but all other items large or small will be removed for **FREE** (no stickers required). Please see Waste Managements guidelines:

- Discarded items for Spring Clean Up collection must be contained in either cans or bags (up to 32-gallons capacity) not exceeding 50 pounds, or tied in bundles 4' x 2' not exceeding 50 pounds in weight.
- Bulk items such as sofas or tables are exempt from the above container and weight requirement for collection on clean up day.
- Items not properly prepared will not be collected on spring clean up day and will require proper preparation and stickers for collection on the next scheduled collection day.
- All household hazardous waste may be dropped off free of charge at:
Naperville Fire Station
Corner of Rt. 59 & Brookdale Rd. (1/2 mile south of I-88)
Weekend drop off 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(630) 208-3841



Memorial Day Weekend Garbage Pick Up

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday Waste Management will be picking up the Village's garbage on Saturday, May 31st (1 day later).

Grass Clippings

Please do not blow grass clippings in the curb gutters or on the roadway. Village ordinance prohibits blowing or sweeping any debris into the street area. The buildup of grass in these areas prevents the flow of runoff water from working its way to the storm sewer lines and retention ponds. To report plugged storm basins after office hours, please call the Police Department at 897-8705.

Parkway Tree Replacements/Trimming

Parkway trees are trimmed in June followed by the replacement of dead parkway trees in October. Please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 897-8228, ext. 260 if your parkway tree(s) need to be trimmed or replaced.



Village Mosquito Spraying

Spraying for the control of mosquitoes begins early in the year to help prevent new breeding sites. An entire Village spraying application will be done approximately once a month during the evening hours. Brochures and pamphlets are available at the Village Hall, with instructions and information on preventing breeding sources as well as info on the West Nile Virus. For more specific information regarding mosquito spraying in the Village, please call the Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555.

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. 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.



Jewel Middle School PTO Bar-B-Que

On May 1st from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Jewel Middle School (1501 Waterford) the Jewel PTO will host a Bar-B-Que fundraiser. A variety of food will be served including pork chops, chicken and hot dogs. To purchase tickets in advance please stop by the Jewel front desk or call (630) 301-5010.

**Fiscal Year 2008-2009
Draft Budget Proposal**

The Fiscal year 2008-2009 Draft Budget includes proposed expenditures of \$23,706,042. Of this amount, \$9,986,538 is for capital projects including beginning construction of the new police station on the northwest corner of Airport Road and Route 31, road improvements not only for the Oak Street reconstruction but other local roads within the Village, and initial design and engineering for Riverfront improvements. The other \$13,719,594 pays mainly for personnel and other operating costs for police, public works, water, and other Village Hall services. A copy of the draft budget is available at Village Hall and the Messenger Public Library (113 Oak Street) for public viewing. The official Public Hearing on the Draft Budget has been scheduled for **May 5th**.

Spring Projects and Permits

During the spring season, and through the summer months, people begin projects around their homes that may or may not require permit. The Village does require that many of these projects obtain a building permit prior to construction. To simplify, below is a list of season related projects and whether they do, or do not require permit.

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| Deck | Permit required |
| Shed | Permit required |
| Swimming Pool | Permit required |
| New Roof: | Permit required |
| Concrete or Brick Patio | Permit not required |
| Sprinkler System | Permit required |
| Fence | Permit required |
| Watering a New Lawn | Permit required |



Packets that include a permit application and a list of information required to be submitted are available at Village Hall in the Community Development Department. In addition, application materials are available on the Village website at <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/building-zoning/project-info.htm>. Lawn watering permits are now available in the Community Development Department for new lawns and major repairs, permits are limited, so please contact the Department for more information. If you have any questions regarding building, zoning or planning related matters, please call our office at (630) 897-1457, ext. 222, and remember to call JULIE before you dig.

News from the North Aurora Police Department - Chief Tom Fetzer

North Aurora Police Department Interactive Website

The North Aurora Police Department webpage has undergone some changes in an effort to make the site more user friendly and conducive to resident interaction. For instance, the Traffic page (<http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/police/traffic.htm>) has been streamlined for easier navigation and includes an interactive Traffic Enforcement Request Form that users can fill out. Once filled out, this form is emailed to the Police Department's traffic officers for review. Traffic enforcement has become a major issue within our community and the Department relies on community members to report problem areas to help augment the traffic officer's ability to reduce speeding related incidents. In addition, the Overweight Truck Permit is available for download with applicable Ordinances. Please provide comment on our site as we continue to improve our resident communication.



I-88 Construction and Traffic Enforcement

The North Aurora Police Department will be ramping up traffic enforcement in the construction zone on Lincolnway from I-88 to Airport Road. The speed limit on that stretch is 35 mph, a speeding ticket could cost you up to \$375, so please watch your speed for everyone's safety. Traffic on IL Route 31 is now reduced to one lane in each direction on the southbound side of the road as work has begun to reconstruct the bridge carrying traffic over I-88. When work to rebuild the northbound lane of the bridge is completed later this summer, traffic will be shifted onto the new lanes on the northbound side of the bridge and work will begin to rebuild the southbound lanes. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Airport Road to the I-88 interchange through the end of 2008. The ramp carrying IL Route 31 traffic onto westbound I-88 was closed to traffic on April 1st and will continue through late summer. A detour has been posted directing traffic to Indian Trail Road to the Orchard Road interchange. The ramp carrying eastbound I-88 traffic exiting to Route 31 will close later this spring through late summer with the same detour being posted. Get the latest information on Tollway construction by visiting the Village website at www.vil.north-aurora.il.us and clicking on the Tollway icon, or call 1-800-TOLL-FYI for daily lane closure info.



Police Response and Road Construction

Residents have expressed concern regarding police response during construction. The Department's response times will not be affected. Patrols will be stepped up in the surrounding areas of the Village to address speeding, stop sign violations, etc. It is the Department's goal to keep Oak Street and the rest of the Village's streets safe for residents and the construction crews alike.

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



Fire District Response and Road Construction

As most of you know from reading this newsletter, there are several road construction projects taking place in our community. The major project on Oak Street will present a few minor inconveniences for fire response but will not hamper or delay our response time. One of the major reasons for constructing Station #2 was not only western growth, but also the Oak Street construction project. While we do not anticipate any problems and have response plans for every stage of construction, there are ways that you can help us. It will be imperative to yield to fire and police vehicles to help us maneuver the lane closures and one way traffic. It will also be important for you to yield safely due to the number of construction workers on site and uneven road surfaces. Please visit the Fire District website at www.nafd.org, or call us at (630) 897-9698 with any questions or concerns.

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

Library Updates



Library Closed - The Library will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

Oak Street Construction and Library Entrance - Please remember that Oak Street will be under construction through summer and will be westbound only. The Library entrance may also be under construction for a period of time. Please be patient and exercise caution.

Summer Reading Program - The Summer Reading Program takes on a sports theme this summer. All Library patrons are encouraged to participate. Reading logs for all age groups will be available beginning Friday, May 30th. There will be generous reading incentive coupons and prizes this year provided by area businesses. Several programs are geared for the entire family and will be available throughout the summer. The Library encourages everyone to "Get into the Game @Your Library" this summer. Additional information will be available in the Library newsletter and on the Library website at www.messengerpl.org.

New Library Online Catalog - On April 17th the online Library catalog was launched. To access the Library catalog of holdings and selection of online information travel to the Library website at www.messengerpl.org and click on the "online catalog" link. Let us know what you think!

Parking at the Library - The Library has been extremely busy at times in the evenings and on weekends. Parking spaces have at times been at a premium when there is a non-Library event taking place in one of the meeting rooms. If you are physically able to walk, the Library requests that when you are attending a meeting that you use the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd parking lot as overflow parking. A special thank you to Pastor Kathy North and the congregation of Good Shepherd for being good community stewards and a great neighbor to the Library!



Village of North Aurora Telephone Directory

Village Hall Main Line (630) 897-8228 (www.vil.north-aurora.il.us)

Department Head	Department	Telephone Number
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)

Messenger Public Library, 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 - (630) 896-0240 (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

	Apr	May	Jun
Committee of the Whole 7pm @ Village Hall	21	5 19	2 16
Village Board 7pm @ Village Hall	28	12	9 23
Plan Commission 7:30pm @ Village Hall	21	6	3
Library Board 7pm @ Messenger Public Library		8	12

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

