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Village of North Aurora

April 2010

Village President's Report - Dale Berman



Spring means the beginning of construction and the Village of North Aurora has the following construction projects planned. Watermain installation will begin on State Street, between Sycamore and Cypress sometime at the end of May or early June. Road construction planned for this year will consist of adding curb, gutter and storm sewers in the 100 block of Sharon; the 600 block of State Street will have sidewalk repairs and storm sewer added; and Monroe Street will have curb, gutter and storm sewers installed along with some sidewalk replacement done using Community Development Block Grant funding. All residents in affected areas will be notified prior to the beginning of any construction work. Although these projects sometimes creates an inconvenience we do appreciate the patience and understanding of residents in the area while we strive to improve the roads and sidewalks.

The North Aurora Police Station project continues on schedule with a targeted substantial completion date of late July 2010. We are pleased that the project has been under the anticipated budget thus far. As part of this project, the Route 31 sidewalk should be complete by the end of April. Window installation is set to take place in April, pending any unforeseen weather events. With the installation of the windows in April, the building will be completely enclosed and running on permanent power. Paving is scheduled to begin in early April, which will assist us in preparing to install our proposed landscaping. By the end of May the Police Station exterior will be nearly complete. Further, the construction trailer has been relocated and the Village would like to thank both Everest College and the Tollway Park of Commerce for allowing us to use their parking lot and encroach on their berm with the construction trailer.

During the month of April, the Village Board will continue their budget discussions in an effort to provide a balanced budget for the next fiscal year.

All residents should have received a 2010 Census form in the mail. Please complete the Census form and mail it back so that your residence can be included in the count. The Village will benefit from the funds provided by the count for community services. By returning your completed form, you will also be saving the tax dollars it costs to have Census workers go door-to-door for this information. See page 2 for more Census information & remember to return your form!

The North Aurora Police Department recently launched a new Community Notification Service called "Nixle" which will improve communication with people who live, work, and travel through North Aurora. Nixle is a community information service that alerts you in real time to public safety threats and community information via web, e-mail, and text message. The system is available at no cost to municipalities or subscribers. Standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers. Please see page 3 for complete details on the Village's latest Community Notification Service and sign up at www.nixle.com today.

North Aurora's first Annual parade is set for Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clocktower Plaza. I want to especially thank the North Aurora Mother's Club for hosting this parade and thanks to all the Sponsors who have contributed towards making this first Annual parade a success. We look forward to seeing everyone on May 16th!

"Celebrating Good Neighbors" - The North Aurora Mother's Club is excited to announce that they are hosting the first Annual North Aurora Community Parade on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The parade is sponsored by the Village of North Aurora and the North Aurora Baseball Association. The parade will begin at Clocktower Plaza at the corner of Oak Street and Randall Road, then proceed east on Oak St., south on Route 31, east on Route 56 and end at North Aurora Island Park on the riverfront. Following the parade, the North Aurora River District Alliance will sponsor a Duck Race and other family-friendly activities. To adopt a duck and for information on NOARDA's activities please go to www.noarda.org. All residents and local business are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested in participating can download the Application and Rules at www.northauroramothersclub.org. The deadline to submit applications is April 26th. Mail applications to Becky Barr, c/o NAMC, P. O. Box 57, North Aurora, IL 60542. Groups are encouraged to be creative in incorporating the theme of the parade, 'Celebrating Good Neighbors'. Parade line-up assignments will be e-mailed after all applications have been received. For more information contact Becky by e-mail at communityrelations@northauroramothersclub.org or call her at (630) 745-8636. Parking will be limited along the riverfront, so please utilize the Shuttles that will run from Clocktower Plaza to the end of the route and back, with stops along the way.

Public Information & Announcements

2010 Census - Complete Your Official Census Form Today



Residents should have received their official 2010 Census form by now. Please be sure to complete your 2010 Census form completely and accurately to be sure that all of the people in your residence is counted. A completed form is important as the Census results are used to decide the number of representatives each state has in the U. S. Congress. The amount of government money your neighborhood receives is also dependent on these answers. This money is used for services for children and the elderly, as well as for roads and other local needs in your community so be sure that you return you completed form promptly if you have not already done so.

Help Keep Our Parks Clean by NOT Feeding the Geese



In recent years, North Aurora Island Park has become a magnet for Canadian Geese. While these common waterfowl are appreciated as part of the park's natural surroundings, population levels have grown to the level of overcrowding and has resulted in widespread areas of goose droppings. This creates a very messy environment and detracts from the enjoyment that the park provides to visitors. To help control this problem we are asking all park visitors to please **STOP FEEDING THE GEESE AND DUCKS**. This seemingly thoughtful act actually creates an unhealthy situation for both people and the geese. Once dependent upon people for food, the geese turn more aggressive toward people, and especially young children. To restore the balance among the goose population in the parks, the Fox Valley Park District has contracted with Wild Goose Chase, Inc., to use Border Collie patrols as an effective and friendly technique. Border Collies are perceived by geese as a natural predator, but they will not harm or catch the geese. Park visitors can assist these efforts by **NOT** feeding the geese or the ducks. Canadian geese are grazers and do not need a handout to survive. By working together, we can all live and play in harmony with nature and wildlife, while enjoying cleaner and healthier parks.

Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution



In an attempt to educate the community on the potential for storm water pollution and to increase awareness of the direct links between land activities, rainfall runoff and storm drains, that drain to our local rivers and streams, the information below outlines some specific actions that residents can take to reduce potential storm water pollution: Keep pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains; purchase household detergents & cleaners that are low in phosphorous; apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly to prevent any excess from draining into storm sewers; control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas; clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, & antifreeze and don't hose these spills into the street or into the storm drains. Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and household chemicals properly. Please call Kane County at 630-208-5118 for information on hazardous waste disposal & pollution prevention.

Jewel Middle School ~ PTO 5B's Chicken or Pork Chop BBQ Fundraiser

Thursday April 29, 2010 - Dine in or Drive thru Meals - \$9 in advance \$10 at the door. Meals are available from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Be sure to check out the Bake Sale too. For tickets and information contact Karin at (630) 907-7780.

Rain Barrels - North Aurora River District Alliance (NOARDA) is selling rain barrels and tumbler compost bins; a great way to conserve/reuse in the upcoming gardening season! Visit www.noarda.org for information.

Community Development Reminders



Spring Reminders, Sprinkling hours are from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, seven (7) days a week. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, set your timers accordingly. This Ordinance is strictly enforced. Please remember that all grass and weeds must be cut when the height reaches 8", and when cleaning up, please do not blow grass clippings into the roadway. If you happen to notice that grass is starting to get high at a vacant property, please contact Code Enforcement. Boats, campers and trailers are allowed to be parked on driveways from April 15th to April 30th to prep them for the summer season. After that, recreational vehicles are only allowed to be parked on residential driveways from Friday 1200pm to Monday 12:00pm, after returning from weekend trips. Also, when taking your pets out for a walk, please remember to keep them leashed, and pick up after them. Code Enforcement staff is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have by calling (630) 897-1457, ext. 231.



Public Works Information

Waste Management's Spring Clean-up day has been scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2010. Regular garbage and yard waste require stickers as usual, and all other items, large or small, will be removed for free (no stickers required). Discarded items must be in cans (not to exceed 32 gallons) or bags not exceeding 50 lbs. Bulk items such as tables or sofas are exempt from the weight restrictions on this clean up day. Items not properly prepared for the free clean up day will require proper preparation and stickers for the next scheduled pick up day. Household hazardous waste may be dropped off for free at the Naperville Fire Station at the corner of Route 59 and Brookdale Rd. between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on weekends, call 630-208-3841 for a list of acceptable items.

Yard waste - pick-up resumed on April 2nd. Kraft paper bags and waste stickers are required for all yard waste pick-up throughout the Spring and Summer. Brush and branches must be bundled in 4 ft. lengths not exceeding 50 lbs. and require a sticker at all times. Bagged leaves are picked up free only during the free pick-up in October and November.

Grass clippings - please do not blow grass clippings into the curb gutters or on the roadway as Village ordinance prohibits the sweeping or blowing of any debris into the street. The buildup of grass on the street prevents the flow of rain and water runoff from working its way to the storm sewers. To report clogged storm basins call the village hall or after office hours call the Police Department at 630-897-8705.

Memorial Day - due to the holiday on May 31st, garbage pick-up will be one day later that week, on Saturday, June 5, 2010.

Free mulch - Residents can contact the village hall at 630-897-8228 for availability of mulch and for the pick-up location.

Arbor Day is April 30, 2010 - celebrate by planting a tree! Trees provide shade, give off oxygen, reduce noise pollution, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and provide everyday products such as chewing gum, crayons, soap, cork, dyes, paper, syrup, pencils, firewood, building materials and more. The Village of North Aurora became a Tree City in 2008 and we are proud to have received the Growth Award for 2008 & 2009 from the Arbor Day Foundation which recognizes environmental improvements through tree care in our community. So join millions of Americans and celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree!

News from the North Aurora Police Department

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- A young child or adult with Alzheimer's disease wanders away from their home and becomes lost. The alert can include a picture of the child or vulnerable adult and can identify the area in which they were last seen.
- A public safety emergency requires people to stay in or remain away from their homes (for instance, a hazardous materials leak or a dangerous suspect in the area). A Nixle alert can let residents with a registered address in the affected neighborhood know what's happening, allowing residents to take a proactive role in their own safety.
- A serious injury or fatal crash in which traffic investigators close down the intersection for several hours during the morning commute. This situation might warrant a notification to subscribers who live or work in the area, encouraging them to select a different route to work.

Other uses: Large-scale public works projects, traffic safety implications around large fire scenes, community events such as parades, fireworks, picnics, etc., details about a case of H1N1 ("swine flu") in the area, city council meeting information, utility outage advisories/boil orders.

The North Aurora Police Department will also use Nixle to send out crime prevention information, announcements, and Traffic information, such as road closures, major traffic accidents, and prolonged traffic congestion. Here's how it works:

- 1.) An incident of some kind occurs.
- 2.) Police officers respond and staff determines that the public should be notified.
- 3.) Nixle users within the Police Department compose a message via a computer or over the phone (from the field).

Subscribers receive text messages on their cell phones within minutes. Emails will follow shortly thereafter, depending on how often your email service downloads new messages. Some systems are instant, while others may download every 15 minutes.

The system is available at no cost to municipalities or subscribers. Standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers. However, subscribers can specify what information they want to receive and how they want to receive it. Obviously, the service will be most effective with a large number of subscribers. Please tell your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors and ask them to sign up at www.nixle.com. *Interested persons must sign up to receive Nixle messages from the North Aurora Police Department.* Sign up instructions are available at <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/pdf/Nixle-sign-up-instructions.pdf> Any questions you may have about the North Aurora Police Department's use of Nixle can be directed to Lieutenant Scott Buziecki at sbuziecki@vil.north-aurora.il.us.

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

North Aurora Fire District News



The Fire Department will be conducting spring hydrant flushing April 5th to April 23rd. Each year, we flush the hydrants in the spring and fall to eliminate the rust and sediment that builds up in the bottom of the mains. The water mains that supply the hydrants are also the supply lines for domestic and drinking water so we try to keep them free of any impurities. At this time, we can also check the function of the hydrant and provide preventative maintenance. We will start on the far east and west sides of the Village and move to the center of town. We will place hydrant flushing signs at the entrance to each subdivision the night before hydrant flushing will take place. Flushing can raise rust in the water supply temporarily so, if you are planning on washing white clothes, you may first want to run some tap water to be sure the water runs clear.

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

Library Updates - Celebrate National Library Week @ Your Library April 11 - 17



The Messenger Library will celebrate National Library Week the week of April 11-17. This is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in our library, schools, and campuses in North Aurora as well as nationwide. The Library Board and Staff invite everyone to visit the Library during this special week for the following programs: Food for Fines During National Library Week April 11-17. In the spirit of helping the local community and to assist people living in the North Aurora area, the library staff will be collecting non-perishable food items for a local area food pantry. Library staff will waive up to \$5.00 in current library fines the week of April 11 to 17th. Staff will not waive money owed for lost, damaged or missing library materials. One can or box of food will waive \$1.00 worth of fines. Now is the time to return to your library, pay down your fines, renew your library card, and assist those in need. The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show, Saturday April 17 at 10:00 a.m. This National Library Week Program is sponsored by the North Aurora Mothers Club and features fun "balloon antics" with Mr. Smarty Pants and his side kick Miss Dena. Registration opens on-line via the library web site events calendar or by calling the Youth Services Department beginning April 7th. Please be sure to visit the Messenger Library this week!

Long Range Planning Process Begins April 2010 - The Library Board, Library Management Team and Staff, and Community Groups will be providing input for the Long Range Strategic Plan for the Library during the months of April, May, and June. The Long Range Plan will provide focus and fiscal direction for the upcoming three fiscal years. A web site/blog will be available soon to keep the community up-to-date on the outcomes and to obtain additional feedback from the community. For further information on this process contact the Kevin Davis, Library Administrator, at 630-80-2345 or via e-mail at director@northaurora.lib.il.us.

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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Village Board Meeting Schedule

	Apr	May	Jun
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm at Village Hall)	5 19	3 17	7 21
Plan Commission (7:30 pm at Village Hall)	6	4	1
Library Board (7:00 pm at Messenger Public Library)	8	13	10

All meetings are held in the North Aurora Village Hall Board Room at 25 E. State St., North Aurora, IL 60542 (unless otherwise posted)

Village Board, Plan Commission and all Committee meeting agendas are posted on the Village's website at www.vil.north-aurora.il.us