



# View to the Village

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Village of North Aurora

February 2011

## Village President's Report - Dale Berman

The new year brings new businesses to North Aurora and I am hopeful that this is a sign of positive things to come. The Sherwin Williams paint store is now open on Orchard Gateway Blvd., the new Chase Bank is open for business on Hansen Blvd., by Woodman's grocery store, and I also would like to welcome Sushi City Restaurant at 1139 Oak Street. The Village is extremely pleased to welcome all of these businesses to North Aurora and I urge our residents to support these businesses, as they are a valuable asset to our community. I am optimistic that additional developments will move forward in the Village in the near future.



Mr. Brian Reid was recently appointed to the North Aurora Police Commission to replace outgoing Commissioner Harry Patterson. I would like to thank Harry for his many years of dedicated service to the Village as Police Commissioner and welcome Brian as he takes on this new role with the Police Commission.

I would like to remind residents of the upcoming election on April 5, 2011. This election will see candidates on the ballot to fill three 4-year terms for Village Trustee, as well as four 3-year terms for Library Trustee. It is up to residents to elect the trustees to represent them so I urge everyone to get out and vote on April 5th!

The April election will also include a referendum on the ballot which, if approved, would allow the Village of North Aurora to solicit bids for the purchase of power in order to potentially reduce electricity costs for residential homes and small businesses. Currently, ComEd sets its energy rates based on the price of power it receives from its suppliers and passes that on to residents. If the referendum is approved, the Village would have the authority to solicit bids and obtain energy from alternate energy suppliers. The Village may have the option of selecting less expensive energy from an alternate energy source than the energy that ComEd currently receives. If the Village obtains a bid from an alternate energy source that is cheaper than the energy ComEd currently receives, the Village can select that source. No matter where the power supply comes from, ComEd would still provide for the delivery of the power and respond to service calls if need be. Residents would have the option of "opting-out" of the program, for whatever reason, and remain with ComEd's rates. If the Village can not obtain energy pricing that is less expensive than ComEd, then the Village would simply remain with ComEd for energy supply. The Village has been going through this procurement process for our street lights and water wells and treatment plants. Please see the enclosed insert for additional information and frequently asked questions (FAQ) on this upcoming referendum.

The first North Aurora Community Parade committee meeting was held in January and it is not too early to save the date for the second annual North Aurora Community Parade - "Rolling to the River" which will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. New to the parade this year is a King & Queen Contest. Please visit [www.northauroramothersclub.org](http://www.northauroramothersclub.org) for information and an application. Mark your calendar for May 15th!



## Code Enforcement Reminders

Please remember that parking is not allowed on Village streets after a 2" inch snowfall. Village plows need to be able to get the streets cleared in a timely fashion and vehicle obstructions delay the process. Tickets will be issued to those vehicles parked on the street after 2" of snow if the plows are not out; and if plowing is taking place, vehicles that are parked in the street may be towed. Further, shoveling, pushing or blowing snow into the Village streets is also prohibited. Please call Code Enforcement at (630) 897-1457, ext. 231 if you have any questions. The Village of North Aurora municipal code of ordinances is also accessible on the Village website at <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/municipal-ordinances.htm>.

## North Aurora Police Department - Assistance to Residents



**Child Car Seat Installations** - Studies show that over 80% of child car seats are not installed properly. Is yours? The North Aurora Police Department offers car seat installations free, by appointment. We have 7 certified car seat technicians on our staff that can inspect your car seat and make sure that it is as safe as possible for your child. If needed, they can install it correctly and show you how to do it right. You can schedule an appointment by calling the North Aurora Police Dept. at (630) 897-8705 during regular business hours.

### PACT – Police And Community Together

The North Aurora Police Department offers a community policing program that encourages residents to help maintain the quality of life within their own neighborhoods. The Police And Citizens Together (PACT) program builds on our organizational philosophy of working in partnership with our citizens. Contact your PACT officer if you have a problem in your neighborhood. To find out who your PACT Officer is or to see if your area has been assigned an officer go to: <http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/police/importantnumbers.htm>.

## Public Works Information

**Garbage Pick up on Presidents Day** - Trash pick-up will not be delayed due to Presidents Day; therefore, trash pick up will be on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> as usual.

**Snowplow Damage** - Any damage to your lawn caused by the Village’s snowplows will be repaired as the weather warms and the ground thaws. Please contact the Public Works Department at 897-1457 ext. 260 as soon as you identify snowplow damage.

**Memorial Bricks** - Bricks are available to purchase for the North Aurora Veteran’s Memorial located at Farview Drive and Willow Way. Please visit the Village Hall or see the Village website for an application. Prices: One brick is \$75 or two bricks for \$125.

## Help Reduce Storm Water Pollution

The following information is being provided in order to educate the community on the potential for storm water pollution. The Village wants to increase awareness of the direct links between land activities & rainfall runoff with storm drains that drain to our local rivers and streams. Residents can take the following actions to help reduce storm water pollution: Keep pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains; control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas; clean up spilled oil, grease, & antifreeze and don’t hose these spills into the street or into the storm drains. Properly dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and household chemicals. Call Kane County at 630-208-5118 for more information on hazardous waste disposal & pollution prevention. Thank you for taking action to prevent storm water pollution!

## Village of North Aurora Directory

**Village Hall Main Phone No. (630) 897-8228 website: [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://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](http://www.nafd.org))  
**Messenger Public Library**, 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 (630) 896-0240 ([www.northaurora.lib.il.us](http://www.northaurora.lib.il.us))

## Village Board Meeting Schedule

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<b>Village Board &amp; Committee of the Whole</b> (7:00 pm at Village Hall)	7	7	4
<b>Plan Commission</b> (7:30 pm at Village Hall)	1	1	5
<b>Library Board</b> (7:00 pm at Messenger Public Library)	10	10	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](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us).

North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures:  
 Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 and Friday, Apr. 22, 2011

# Village of North Aurora

## Summary and FAQ of Upcoming Referendum Question

The Village of North Aurora will be placing a referendum question on the upcoming April 5<sup>th</sup> election ballot. If approved, the referendum would allow the Village to solicit bids for the purchase of power on the open energy market in order to potentially reduce electricity costs for residential homes and small businesses.

Currently, ComEd sets its energy rates based on the price of power it receives from suppliers and passes that on to residents. If the referendum is approved, the Village would solicit bids from alternate energy suppliers that may be less expensive energy than what ComEd currently receives. If successful, the Village would have ComEd pass those savings on to residents and small businesses. No matter where the power supply comes from, ComEd would still provide for the delivery of the power and respond to service calls if need be.

**Q: Why is ComEd indifferent if the Village chooses another energy provider?**

ComEd currently does not produce your power, nor do they earn any income on the power they sell. The power is provided by a group of power companies that generate the power and deliver it to ComEd. ComEd then bills you for the power on their behalf and returns all of the revenue to the power generators.

**Q: How can the Village purchase power at a potentially lower cost?**

Recent changes to the deregulation laws allow the Village to shop for power and purchase in bulk for residents and small businesses, potentially a lower price.

**Q: Who will take care of my power if there is an outage?**

ComEd, by law, will still be paid to distribute the power to the homes and businesses and handle any emergency repairs or other needed services.

**Q: What if I don't want to participate in the program?**

Residents will have multiple opportunities to "Opt Out" of the program if they wish, which will be your right by law. By "opting-out," your account will remain with ComEd and charged the prevailing ComEd energy rate.

**Q: What happens if the Village cannot purchase or negotiate lower rates than ComEd?**

The Village can choose to remain with ComEd, in which case, ComEd would continue to provide both the power and the local distribution. Either way, ComEd will be the distributor and deliverer of power. Annually, the Village will attempt to procure a less expensive provider. The Village would either remain with ComEd or move back to ComEd in a future year if ComEd ultimately is the least expensive option.

**Q: Why is this opportunity available now?**

This is another step in the deregulation process of the energy market. Until this Act was amended, only larger customers such as industrial, commercial and governmental entities could participate. The Village has been purchasing power from sources other than ComEd in a similar manner for its own use for several years, which has resulted in savings over what ComEd can provide.

**Q: Why is the referendum question worded the way it is?**

The exact wording of the referendum question is determined by the Illinois Power Agency Act that authorizes the referendum. The Village cannot in any way change the wording of the referendum question.

***Referendum Question to appear on April 5 ballot:***

Shall the Village of North Aurora have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?	I _____
	I YES
	I _____
	I NO
	I _____

Additional information will be posted on our web site. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the Village at (630) 897-8228.