



# View to the Village

25 East State Street, North Aurora, IL 60542

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Happy 175th North Aurora!

October 2009

## Village President's Report - Dale Berman

Welcome to Fall! The Autumn season brings a change in weather and everywhere we look we see colorful, falling leaves! In addition to Waste Management's free leaf pick-up, the Public Works Department is in its second year of using our leaf vector to pick-up leaves curbside throughout town. Be sure to review the information from Public Works on page 2 for leaf pick-up preparation for this season! Fall is also a great opportunity to tackle some household chores that were avoided this summer. Be sure to check out the tips on page 3 from our Code Enforcement Department to spruce up your home and get it ready for winter! Halloween is just around the corner and the North Aurora Police Department has some helpful safety tips for parents and children to review before trick-or-treating on October 31st. Please read through these safety precautions on page 3, and be watchful of trick-or-treaters as you drive throughout the Village on Halloween.



Along with our 2009 local road program, roadwork/repaving on Route 31 and Route 25 has been completed. The Illinois Tollway improvements are on schedule as well. If everything goes as planned the construction of the new Lincoln Highway Interpretive Gazebo will be completed on Route 31 (Lincolnway) next to the Activity Center by now. North Aurora is one of sixteen Illinois communities selected to receive a Gazebo from the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition. It will be a beautiful addition to our community. Landscaping and a new fence will be added to compliment the area. The construction of our new police station is right on schedule. The foundation is completed and the walls are going up, with the plan to be under roof by winter. We are also pleased to see construction activity with both new and refurbished commercial construction occurring. Please remember to shop locally to assist and support our local businesses!

There has been some discussion on holding a North Aurora Community Parade in 2010. The last community Parade was held in 1985 for our sesquicentennial celebration. If you are interested in helping plan a parade please call the Village Hall to volunteer. Planning for the 2010 North Aurora Days is already underway and interested volunteers can contact Trustee Mark Gaffino at [mgaffer4@comcast.net](mailto:mgaffer4@comcast.net) to help plan and carryout next years' event. On November 11th we will celebrate Veterans Day with a 2:00 p.m. ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Willoway. Local and State elected officials will be in attendance to honor our Military Veterans, so please plan to join us for this auspicious event. Another upcoming annual event is the North Aurora Fire District's Turkey Raffle. The raffle will be held on November 20th and 21st this year so mark your calendars.

The North Aurora Snowmen will soon be here. Snowmen decorating will take place at the Public Works Garage on Sat. November 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and is free to the public. Snowman cutouts, paint and decorations will be provided. Completed, decorated Snowmen will be placed in Gazebo Park next to the Village Hall and/or along Route 31. If you would like to order a snowman for your home or business, submit the order form and payment to the Village Hall by Friday, Oct. 30, 2009. Please see the enclosed flyer / order form for more information or contact the Village Hall at (630) 897-8228.

**North Aurora Community Map** - North Aurora is working with Villageprofile.com, Inc. to produce an updated community map, which will be published this winter. 5,000 printed copies will be distributed throughout North Aurora, to visitors, individuals and businesses inquiring about relocation. In addition, the Village is also taking part in the Village Profile Mobile Map Publishing Program where the map and all advertisements will be available online at the Village Profile Community Profile Network website ([www.villageprofile.com](http://www.villageprofile.com)) with a link to the map on the Village's website ([www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us)). The online community map is interactive, which means it can be wirelessly accessed at [www.vpmobile.us](http://www.vpmobile.us) via laptop and desktop computers, PDAs, web-enabled cell phones and most other mobile devices, and allows users to link directly to advertisers' websites, as well as direct-dial advertisers in real time. The Village of North Aurora looks forward to providing the link to this interactive map of our community on our website, and encourages businesses to participate in advertising their business online using this available technology. The Village is confident that local business owners will find this a very useful tool in promoting their businesses and services. Anyone interested in advertising should contact Barry Kenis at Village Profile at 1-800-600-0134 x252.

### Water Department Updates and Reminders

**Fox Metro Rate Increase** Beginning Oct. 1, 2009 the Fox Metro sewer rate will increase from \$3.01 per 1000 gallons to \$3.27 per 1000 gallons. Fox Metro uses our water meter reads to bill you for your sewer treatment. Monitor your water consumption closely as you pay for it coming in **and** going out. If you think you have a leak and need assistance, feel free to call the Water Dept. at 630-897-2662.

**Water Conservation and Restrictions** As a reminder, watering hours are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. only, every day. Please be sure to check all watering devices to make sure your sprinklers are watering just your lawns and not the driveway, sidewalks or roadways. Water running down driveways, curbs and streets resulting from overzealous sprinklers is a waste of water and also a violation of Village Ordinance # 01-03-12-03 and can result in the homeowner being fined. You can also conserve water in your home by replacing your old washer with a new water saving one that can save 20 gallons per load! If your plumbing fixtures and appliances are old and in need of replacing, consider "water conserving" washers, toilets and faucets, which, in most cases, can decrease consumption by over 10,000 gallons annually per household.



**Water Main Project** In the constant effort to improve the water distribution system, the water main on Sycamore, south of Oak St. to Princeton Dr., was recently replaced. New main was also installed on Oakwood Dr. from Riverview to the I-88 tollway crossing. A total of approximately 2600 lineal feet were replaced in the village this past summer. Thank you to all the residents who were affected by this project for their cooperation!

**Congratulations** to Jeremy Barkei for winning the 2009-10 Water Operator of the Year award! Great job Jeremy!!!

### Public Works Updates and Reminders

**Garbage pick-up** - Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all garbage will be picked up on Saturday, November 28th.

**Curbside Leaf Collection** - Public Works will be picking up leaves from the curbside on alternating weeks (with the river as the dividing line). The dates for the West side are the weeks of October 19-23, November 2-6 & November 16-20, 2009 and dates for the East side are the weeks of October 26-30, November 9-13, 2009 & November 23-25, 2009. Please adhere to the following guidelines for proper leaf collection: Rake leaves onto parkway (area behind the curb, gutter, or road edge); Rake leaves in a row parallel to the street at least 1 ft. and no more than 5 ft. back from the curb; Keep leaf piles less than 2 feet in height; Keep leaves away from mailboxes, ditches, pipes and culverts; Leaves only, no brush, branches, rocks, landscape waste. Snow, rain or temperatures below freezing may delay or permanently halt the Village's curbside leaf collection. Please do not blow or rake leaves into the streets as it causes flooding in the catch basins and is a violation of the Village Code and subject to fines. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year with the program, so please be patient as leaf pick-up is dependent on the weather and when the leaves fall. In addition to the Village's curbside pick-up, Waste Management will also be picking up **bagged** leaves for free (no stickers required) in October and November. The free pickup is for leaves contained in Kraft paper bags only (no plastic bags). All other yard waste requires 1 waste sticker per Kraft paper bag or bundle of brush (tied in bundles no longer than 4 foot in length / no heavier than 50 lbs.). Bagged leaves and yard waste will be collected through the end of November, with yard waste pick-up resuming next spring, beginning in April.



**Parkway Tree Replacements** - Dead parkway trees will be replaced during the annual fall planting in October based on the current list. If you need to have a dead parkway tree replaced, you must call Public Works at 630-897-1457 to be added to the list for next year's planting. Water bags will be provided in the spring, per residents request, and it will be the resident's responsibility to fill the water bag. Parkway trees will be trimmed this fall and in the spring. If you have a tree that needs to be trimmed please contact the Public Works Department at 630-897-1457.

## Public Information & Announcements

**Veteran's Day Celebration!** Please join us on November 11, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the North Aurora Veteran's Memorial for a celebration as we honor the brave men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces who serve and protect our Nation's freedom! The memorial is located at Farview & Willoway in North Aurora.



**Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)** is designed to help low income residents save on heating fuel costs while increasing the comfort of their homes. Eligibility is determined by family size and income. Please see the Village's website for further information at [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us)



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st. This is also a good time to change the batteries in all smoke detectors!

**Happy Halloween!** Suggested Trick or Treat Hours on Oct. 31st are from 4:00 to 8:00 pm



Another successful **North Aurora Days** was held this year, thanks to the many volunteers who offered their time and services. Trustee Mark Gaffino will be the coordinator for next year's event and is asking for volunteers to help create another successful North Aurora Days! Many volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate this event. If you would like to offer your time and expertise as a volunteer, contact Trustee Gaffino at mgaffer4@comcast.net or call the Village Hall at (630) 897-8228 ext. 801 to leave a message for Trustee Gaffino. Thank you in advance for your interest in volunteering for North Aurora Days!



**N.O.A.R.D.A. RAIN BARREL SALE**

Purchase a rain barrel from the North Aurora River District Alliance for \$75 each or 2 for \$130. Barrels come in black, terra cotta, grey, or blue. They are 55-60 gallons, 35-40" tall and include spigot, linking fitting at bottom end, overflow fitting near top, and screen enclosure for top. Rain barrels can be delivered for \$5. Contact Chris Faber at info@noarda.org or 630-327-7800 to order.

**Code Enforcement - Tips and Information**

Fall is the perfect time to take care of the following important fall maintenance tasks in order to prevent any future problems, both inside and outside of your home:

- Have your furnace system serviced to ensure its working efficiently and not emitting carbon monoxide.
- Clean permanent furnace filters and/or replace paper or disposable filters.
- Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- If you have a wood stove or fireplace, have your chimney swept thoroughly.
- Check your hot water heater for leaks and maintain proper temperature setting not to exceed 120 degrees.
- Check basement, cellars and crawl spaces for seal cracks or leaks in walls and floor.
- Clean and vacuum baseboard heaters, heating ducts & vents and make sure vents are operating properly.
- Check the attic to see if insulation needs to be added or replaced and ensure there is proper ventilation.
- Check windows and doors for air leaks. If needed, install storm windows and add weather stripping as needed.
- Drain and shut off sprinkler systems and other exterior water lines to avoid frozen pipes. Leave all taps slightly open; Insulate exterior spigots and other pipes that are subject to freezing but can't be drained or shut off.
- Purchase rock salt for melting snow and a shovel or snow blower if you don't already have one.
- Clean storm drains, gutters and other drain pipes; Inspect the roof for damaged/missing shingles.
- Remove or winterize air conditioning units; Store or cover outdoor furniture, toys and grill.
- Check attic vent openings for nests or other blockages.
- Rake and compost leaves and garden debris, or put out for yard-waste pickup.
- Check the foundation for proper drainage.
- To avoid termites & carpenter ants, don't let dirt or wood piles come into contact with the siding
- Seal driveway and walkway cracks before ground freezes regularly.



**News from the North Aurora Police Department**

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS - Before Trick or Treating** - Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping or contact with flame. Add reflective tape to costumes for greater visibility. Secure emergency identification discreetly within the costume. Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup as a safe alternative. When shopping for costumes and accessories, purchase only those that are labeled flame resistant. If props such as knives or swords are used as part of the costume, be sure they are soft and flexible to prevent injury. Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard. Agree on a specific time to return home. Confine and prepare household pets for trick-or-treaters. Remind all household drivers to be cautious and drive slowly through the community. **When Trick or Treating** - a Parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children and older children should follow these safety tips: Use a flashlight, stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going. Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on. Never enter a stranger's home or car! Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk & crosswalks, never use alleys or cut across yards or streets. Remove any mask that will limit eyesight before crossing a street. Watch for cars, as motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. **After Trick or Treating** - Never eat unwrapped food, candy or open beverages until they are thoroughly checked by a responsible adult at home. Throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. Law Enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious activity. Be sure to follow these safety tips to ensure a safe and fun-filled "spook-tacular" Halloween!



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

**North Aurora Fire District News - Turkey Raffle:** Once again it's time to mark your calendars for



our annual Turkey Raffle. For over 50 years, the Firefighters Association has been hosting the event to raise funds for the Department. Initially, the money was used for equipment that the district could not afford but now all of the funds raised go back to the community in several ways. Some of the recipients are the North Aurora Schools, Scouts, Lion's Club, Mothers Club, and College Scholarships. The dates this year are November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and the event will be held in our north garage at 22 North Monroe Street. The firefighters will be raffling off turkeys, hams, steaks, and pork chops. There will also be food, drinks and dancing throughout the night beginning at 6:00 pm and continuing until midnight each evening. The Turkey Raffle has become a great family event and is well attended so try to get out and experience what everyone is talking about!

**H1N1 Flu:** As all of you know, this year's flu season could be compounded by the H1N1 flu virus. On our website (NAFD.org), there are a number of links related to the flu, its symptoms, and precautions to avoid getting the flu. Please take the time to learn about this virus before it hits you or your family.

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

**Library Updates - Fox Valley Reads - October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>**

A celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Daniel Burnham's Chicago Plan and an exploration of Chicago's first 100 years – from its founding in 1833 to its Centennial in 1933, capped by the "Century of Progress" World's Fair. Visit the Fox Valley Reads website ([www.foxvalleyreads.org](http://www.foxvalleyreads.org)) for updates on all of the events that will include author visits, theater productions, book discussions and a tour of Chicago. Fox Valley Reads is a collaborative partnership between the Messenger Library of North Aurora, the Oswego Public Library District, and the Aurora Public Library.



**Friends of the Library** - The Friends of the Library is a volunteer support group and they will be sponsoring the Library's Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 6 (1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.). This fall the Friends will be selling the 2010 edition of The Book Lover's Page-A-Day Calendar and Messenger Library Tote Bags. These two items will be available at the Library Circulation Desk. Applications to become a member of the Friends are available at the Circulation Desk of the Library. For information on the Friends of the Library, e-mail [Friends@northaurora.lib.il.us](mailto:Friends@northaurora.lib.il.us).

**Parking Lot Expansion Project Completed** - A survey conducted in March of 2009 indicated an 80% approval of the project, which added 13 patron parking spots and 3 staff parking spots. Kendall Excavating and Septic of Yorkville completed the project at the beginning of September. The Library Board utilized money from a special reserve fund for the project and the construction portion of the project cost was \$48,632.27. Thanks for your patience during this project!

**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.

**Village Board Contact Info**

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**Fire Protection District**, 2 N. Monroe, North Aurora, IL 60542 (630) 897-9698  
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**Messenger Public Library**, 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 (630) 896-0240  
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**Village Board**

**Meeting Schedule**

**Combined meetings for Village Board and Committee of the Whole**

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<b>Village Board &amp; Committee of the Whole</b>	5	2	7
7:00 pm @ Village Hall	<b>19</b>	16	
<b>Plan Commission</b>	6	3	1
7:30 pm @ Village Hall	<b>19</b>		
<b>Library Board</b>	8	12	10
7:00 pm @ Messenger Public Library			

**Bold indicates joint Plan Commission meeting with C.O.W.**

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