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Village of North Aurora

June 2007

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

Summer is here and the Village of North Aurora is busy. With the commencement of the Special Census, continued commercial development, and the construction of the North Aurora Veterans Memorial, we are improving our appeal as a great community to live and work. As you are reading this, the North Aurora Special Census has begun, so please be courteous to enumerators when they come to your door. The additional population figures will enable the Village to capture a greater portion of State shared revenue.



We are also working on ways to further our commitment to our senior citizens. The Village Board was recently approached by the Senior Services Association. The Senior Services Association works on quality of life issues for senior citizens throughout Northeastern Illinois, and has expressed an interest in serving the senior population of North Aurora. From various clubs to other senior activities, the Association will be sure to keep you active. Please visit the Association website (<http://www.seniorservicesassoc.org/>), or call (630) 897-4035 for more information.

I should also mention that the Village has received, and is pursuing, various grants from state agencies to improve community infrastructure and other Village assets, such as the Fox Riverfront. As of today the Village has secured over \$300,000 in grant funding from five different sources! We will continue to progressively move forward and increase our public participation activities. Please stay safe and enjoy your Summer in North Aurora!

### Veterans Memorial Construction begins with Well-Attended Groundbreaking



On May 20th, Village residents, Board members and major project contributors to the Veterans Memorial gathered at the Willow Way project site to break ground for the North Aurora Veterans Memorial. Village President John Hansen delivered the ground breaking address in front of a crowd of about 50 people, including the color guard unit from the Batavia VFW Post 1197. The Veterans Memorial was designed by BDS Design of Wheaton, with Rempe-Sharpe Engineers serving as the consultant engineering firm on the project. The Village is also receiving in-kind



services from Lincolnway Concrete and MIC Construction. The Veterans Memorial budget is still short approximately \$10,000 to \$14,000. We hope to close this budget gap through the sale of memorial bricks. If you are interested in purchasing a

North Aurora Veterans Memorial brick, please stop by Village Hall (25 E. State St.) to pick up an order form, or visit the Veterans Memorial webpage at:

<http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/community/veterans-memorial.htm>



### Village of North Aurora 2007 Partial Special Census Update

The Village of North Aurora 2007 Partial Special Census has begun. Applicant testing took place from May 30th through June 1st, with over

55 individuals taking the U.S. Census Bureau's written examination. The official commencement of the Census was Wednesday, June 13th and the enumerators are expected to be canvassing the community for 6 to 7 weeks. Please be courteous to the enumerators who come to your door. The success of this important project relies heavily on resident participation. The Census counting areas are spread throughout the Village with the largest being on the far west side. Being a partial special census, not every Village household will be counted. Only those areas which have experienced substantial growth since the 2004 Special Census have been included. About 3,300 housing units out of the approximate Village total of 5,600 units have been estimated to be within the Census counting area. **It is important to make sure that the enumerators that come to your door are wearing the official U.S. Census Bureau Badge.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Village Administration at (630) 897-8228, ext. 233.

**Fox Metro Increases Sewer Rate**  
It has been brought to our attention that the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District will be increasing their sanitary sewer rate to \$3.01/1,000 gallons consumed, the previous rate was \$2.20/1,000 gallons. The effective date of this increase was June 1st. This means that the Fox Metro bill you receive in late June will reflect the increase for the water consumed during the months of April and May. The Village is also required by the State to shut off water to those residents who do not pay their sanitary sewer bill.

**Village Water Conservation**



Please remember that Village sprinkling times are now **6pm-9pm every day of the week**. This time restriction does not apply to watering by hand, root feeder systems, drip type water devices, or low

volume flower misting systems with outputs less than 4 gallons per hour. Violators will be fined \$50 for watering outside of hours. If you have any questions relating to the Village's public water system, please contact the Village Water Division at (630) 897-2662, ext. 229. Thank you!

**Please Read Your Water Bill Carefully**

When you receive your water bill, please check it immediately for any consumption rates that seem unrealistic. If you notice an abnormally high water bill you most likely have a water leak and it has continued since the meter was read and the billing was prepared. For example, a continuous toilet leak (you will hear the toilet running) can waste approximately 25,000 gallons per month. That would equate to a \$150.00 increase in your water and sewer bill. If you suspect you may have a leak please call the Water Division as we can help you over the phone to detect the source of most common leaks. Also, please call the Water Division with all water billing issues at (630) 897-2662, ext. 223. Thank you for your continued cooperation as we move into the higher consumption months.

**If you did not receive a Water Quality Report over the past two weeks, please call (630) 897-2662, ext. 229.**

**Important Information About Your Drinking Water System has levels of Combined Radium above Drinking Water Standards**

This notice is for informational purposes. It is not a notice of immediate hazard to water customers. Should a hazard exist, immediate notification will be made. The North Aurora Public Water supply advises its customers that the maximum allowable concentration for radium and gross alpha has been exceeded in samples collected during the past year. The maximum allowable concentration for radium and gross alpha, per the Illinois Pollution Control Board, is 5 pico curies per liter and 15 pico curies per liter of water respectively. The most recent violation took place between January 1, 2007 and March 31, 2007. During that period, the level found for combined radium was 7 pico curies per liter.

Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer. At the levels detected, the short term risk is minimal and no special precautions need to be taken by the customer at this time. Over the past year, the first of two treatment plants has been completed. By the late Fall of this year the Village will have constructed a second water treatment plant. These plants are intended to reduce the radium and gross alpha levels within the drinking water. Plant #1 is in operation and removing radium from two of the Village's four wells. The Plant has been removing the radium successfully, and the two wells being serviced by the plant have experienced radium readings under the MCL for combined radium and gross alpha. In short, the radium issue is being mitigated successfully. The Village is required to give public notice of all violations occurring in each quarter until achieving four consecutive quarters of combined radium and gross alpha under the MCL. Please share this information with all other people who drink water from the Village's public water supply, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e. people in apartment complexes, nursing homes, etc.). For additional information, please call the North Aurora Public Works Department - Water Division, attention Paul Young @ 630-897-2662 x229.

**Community Announcements**

**Preventative Health Screening in July**

The Village of North Aurora will be hosting a preventative health screening on Friday, July 13th at the North Aurora Village Hall (25 E. State St.). Life Line Screening screens the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for stroke. Up to 75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. Screenings of the arteries of the legs are offered to check for peripheral artery disease, which is linked to heart disease. A third test is performed for aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen. Life Line also offers a bone density screening to test for early detection of osteoporosis. New blood tests are also available. Those include glucose, and Complete Lipid Panel, which are all conducted from a finger stick blood test with results available 10 minutes later. Please call the number at the end of this article for pricing information. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 1-800-324-1851 FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



### Backflow Prevention Update



The Village of North Aurora has contracted with Backflow Solutions Incorporated (BSI) to upgrade the Village's current EPA mandated backflow prevention and management program. This is necessary to ensure that the highest quality water is being provided to our consumers. BSI will be inspecting all non-residential properties throughout the Village and only those residential properties that have indications of a potential hazard. The residential survey will focus on lawn irrigation, and fire sprinkler systems in order to ensure that any apparatus with the potential to introduce chemical or biological contaminants into the public water supply are contained. More information will follow as this program continues. Please call Village Administration at (630) 897-8228, ext. 233 with any questions or concerns.

### Village Ordinance Update



There have been some amendments to Village Ordinances that are particularly important for the Summer months.

1. Water/lawn sprinkling is allowed 6pm—9pm, seven days a week.
2. Lawns must be kept under 8 inches in height, this includes weeds.
3. Trash cans and lawn waste bags should not be placed at the curb until **3:00pm** the day before trash pick-up, and such containers must be removed from the curb no later than midnight of the day of collection (amended by the Village Board in May 2007).
4. Trash cans, when stored, must have tight fitting covers, or wrapped in paper, or enclosed in plastic (amended by the Village Board in May 2007).
5. Campers, boats, or other RV's can be parked on front drives Friday through Monday only.
6. Grass clippings in the gutters or on the roadway are prohibited. This debris clogs the storm sewers. Please report clogged storm sewer basins if you come across one.

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

**Residents can call Village Hall, (630) 897-8228, to request free mulch (to be picked up by the resident). Mulch is available while supplies last.**

### Commercial Development Activity

Through the last fiscal year (June 1, 2006—May 31, 2007) the Building Department issued 1,156 building permits. Some of those permits included J.C. Penney, set to open late Summer, the Goddard School, McDonalds, the West side Fire Station, Aldi's, and a 173,000 square foot addition to Dart Container, an 85,000 square foot addition to Euclid Beverage, Camille's Restaurant, the Turf Room Restaurant, OTB, and the remodeling of Asbury Gardens to accommodate more retirement living options. Two more retail centers have been permitted in the North Aurora Towne Center, as well as a 10,000 square foot retail center in front of Woodman's. Also working their way through the permit process are the Orchard Commerce Development, a nursing home at Asbury Gardens, and an Extra Space Storage facility on South Lincolnway. The Building Department has also adopted all of the most current building codes which helps us maintain our Building Department Rating of 4 from the Insurance Services Office. This high rating helps to lower your home insurance premiums. If you have any building related questions, please call (630) 897-1457, ext. 222.

### Public Works Reminders

- Parkway trees are trimmed once a year in June while the replacement of dead parkway trees will occur in October. If a water bag is placed on a new tree, it is the homeowners responsibility to keep the bag full.
- Please call the Village first if you experience a sewer back-up.
- Village spraying for mosquito's has begun. Each month an entire spray application will be done during the evening hours.



Please call Public Works at (630) 897-8228, ext. 260 with questions or concerns.

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

### Village Parking Ordinance Compliance

We have been receiving complaints regarding people parking across or on sidewalks. Please be advised that the sidewalk is not part of your driveway. The sidewalks must stay clear of your vehicle. Parking on sidewalks is a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code and a violation of our Village Ordinance. Tickets for this offense will start at \$50. This Ordinance will be strictly enforced.



### Popular Spring Crime

Spring is an active time for con artists stopping by your home with super deals on services such as driveway or foundation seal coating and roof repairs. Please let us know if this happens to you. These con artists primarily target senior citizens so remind your loved ones and neighbors to be on the look out. Also, please remember to keep your front door locked when working in your backyard.



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

**Station #2 Open House a Huge Success**  
 Thanks to everyone who attended the Station #2 Open House. Over 500 people stopped by to meet the crews and tour our new facility. The Station continues to get busier every day and residents are always welcome to stop in and meet our firefighters. The new station is located on the West side of the Village off of Tanner Road.

**Emergency Vehicle Parade**  
 Please don't forget to attend the Emergency Vehicle Parade on August 3rd, and also the Emergency Vehicle Show on August 4th during North Aurora Days. Starting at Tinsel Town Theater on Rt 31, the parade, featuring over 50 vehicles, will continue on Rt. 31, North to John Street, West to Willow Way, North to Oak Street, and arrive at the Clock Tower Plaza at Oak Street and Randall Road. This year's Emergency Vehicle display will be even bigger and better than previous years. Over 150 vehicles will be on display from 10:00am to 3:00 pm at Oberweis Dairy and Aurora Pump Company East of Randall Road on August 4th. The events are geared toward all ages, and we look forward to seeing you there!



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



**Message from the Administrator**  
 The Library has a number of exciting Summer activities starting June 18th for all ages as part of this summer's Library theme, "**Mission Read: To the Library and Beyond!**". For example, the Adult and Young Adult Program (all ages). For every adult and young adult book you check out and read, you will receive one raffle ticket. Weekly drawings will be held for an assortment of prizes. Tell us what books you thought were "Out of this World", or answer our weekly quizzes for even more prizes. Stop by the Messenger Public Library information desk for more details and to start your reading list. You must have a valid Messenger Library card to participate. You may submit your reading log for level 1 coupons beginning June 18th.

In addition to the Adult and Young Adult Program, the Children Summer Reading Program is kicking off on June 18th with a mini-carnival at 1pm followed by our favorite flying fool, Ken Schultz (2pm). Other appearances include Cat Catalani on June 28th, the Mad Scientist on July 20th, and Sandi Sylver on August 4th. Our book buddy program begins the same week (June 18th), with preschool story time commencing the following week. There will also be a puppet camp and Spanish camp during July, more details to follow.

All of the activities described above can be found on the Library website, [www.messengerpl.org](http://www.messengerpl.org). I encourage everyone to check our website, or visit the Library to pick up a Summer Program brochure today! Enjoy your Summer!



**Village of North Aurora Telephone Directory**

<b>Village Hall Main Line (630) 897-8228</b>		
<b>Department Head</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Sue McLaughlin	Administration	(630) 897-8228, ext. 226
DeWayne Williams	Building/Zoning	(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
<b>Fire Protection District, 2 N. Monroe, North Aurora, IL 60542 - (630) 897-9698 (<a href="http://www.nafd.org">www.nafd.org</a>)</b>		
<b>Messenger Public Library, 113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542 - (630) 896-0240 (<a href="http://www.northaurora.lib.il.us">www.northaurora.lib.il.us</a>)</b>		
<b>Village Trustee Contact Info</b>		
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	18	2 <b>16</b>	6 20
<b>Village Board</b> 7pm @ Village Hall	25	9 23	13 27
<b>Plan Commission</b> 7:30pm @ Village Hall		3 <b>16</b>	7
<b>Library Board</b> 7pm @ Messenger Public Library		12	9
<b>*Bold means joint meeting</b>			

