



# View to the Village

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**Village of North Aurora**

**December 2011**

## **Village President's Report - Dale Berman**

The North Aurora Village Hall renovation project is progressing, with the south end of the building and the upstairs board room nearing completion. Currently, for all village business, please enter at the Community Development/north entrance of the building. Please note that while the renovation project is finishing up, for the months of December and January, all public meetings of the Village Board, Plan Commission and Trustee Committees will be held at the North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway. Meeting agendas are posted at Village Hall, on the Village's website at [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us) and at the Police Department.



The annual Veteran's Day Ceremony was held on November 11th and was very well attended. It is always gratifying to be able to honor our Veterans for their commitment and dedication by hosting this event on Veteran's Day. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to the Fox Valley Marines and Marmion Academy for their participation in our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. I would also like to offer a big thank you to Congressman Hultgren, Senator Linda Holmes, and Senator Chris Lauzen for their attendance and participation as well. It was an honor to have our elected officials contribute to the success of this event.

The North Aurora Activity Center rental rates have been reduced! The North Aurora Activity Center located at 1 N. Lincolnway may be an ideal location for your next birthday party or other event. Please call the North Aurora Village Hall at (630) 897-8228 x260 for more information on renting a room at the Activity Center.

The North Aurora Beautification Committee sponsored the annual tree lighting in Island Park on December 4th, at the southeast side of State St., which is an annual event that families look forward to each year. In addition, the North Aurora River District Alliance (NOARDA) has implemented a new event this holiday season called "Evergreen Holidays". This event, also held on December 4th, has lit up our riverfront with festive lights for the holiday season (north side of State Street on the east side of the river behind the Village Hall). I encourage all residents to bring your family and friends for a stroll in our parks to see the festive lights and decorated snowmen this holiday season.

The Village's Fiscal Year 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is now available. A copy is on file at the Village Hall or residents may go to the Village's website and click on the Finance Department page to view a copy. Questions about the report can be directed to Bill Hannah, Finance Director at 630-897-8228 ext. 225.

December has been proclaimed "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" and I encourage residents to be responsible and drive sober this holiday season. The Village of North Aurora is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety in an effort to educate residents that Impaired Driving, either by alcohol or drugs, is America's deadliest crime. In the United States, approximately 12,000 people die each year in crashes involving an alcohol or drug-impaired driver. Everyone has a responsibility to drive sober and a right to drive on roadways free of impaired drivers. Please be responsible and let your family and friends know that impaired driving is not acceptable.

As always, I would like to remind residents to shop locally this holiday season to keep our tax dollars within the community. Have a safe and peaceful holiday season.

**Code Enforcement Reminders** - Residents may not dump, shovel or blow snow into the roadway. This slows the snow removal process and can cause dangerous situations. Please remove any portable basketball poles from the curbside to prevent damage to the village's snow plowing equipment. The Village is requesting residents to please notify Code Enforcement (630) 897-1457 x231 regarding vacant structures they may be aware of in their neighborhoods. This will help us to minimize damage that can be caused by broken water pipes in vacant structures. Finally, residents are reminded that vehicles may not be parked on the street after a 2 inch snow fall until streets have been plowed. Violators will be ticketed or towed.

**Police Department - Citizen's Police Academy**

Come join the 8<sup>th</sup> annual North Aurora Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. The academy will held on Thursdays, starting on February 23, 2012, and will run for a total of 10 weeks. It will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the North Aurora Police Department in the Community Room. Courses cover all aspects of police work. You will learn what police officers really do as opposed to what you see on television. Topics scheduled to be covered:



- Orientation, Hiring procedures, Illinois Vehicle Code
- Patrol Procedures, Criminal Law
- Gang Intervention, Juvenile Law
- Investigations/Crime Scene Processing
- D U I, Practical exercises
- Use of Force/Ride Along
- Graduation

Also planned for this academy, participants will have an opportunity to experience hands-on traffic stop training and simulated firearms training. If you're a North Aurora resident over 18 years of age and would like to learn the truth about police work, participate in the academy. The academies are always free, fun and interactive. This is a great way to forge stronger partnerships between the citizens and the police.

**Public Works News and Information**

Garbage Pickup - Waste Management - Trash pick-up will be on Saturday, December 31st and Saturday, January 7th for those weeks due to the holidays. Please have trash out by 6:00 a.m. as Waste Management will have extra trucks out, which can change pick-up times. Trash pick-up will not be affected by Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Christmas Trees - Christmas trees will be collected free of charge until the end of January, no sticker is required, on regular trash collection days. Christmas trees must be free of all decorations and cannot be in plastic bags. After the free collection period has expired, trees will require one (1) refuse sticker visibly affixed in order to be collected.

Snow Removal - The priority process of plowing streets is based on street usage and levels of traffic. Primary streets will be plowed first, then secondary streets, and finally cul-de-sacs, alleys and dead ends will be plowed last. Residents should be aware of Village Ordinances and related fines of up to \$750 for violations pertaining to snow removal and parking during and after 2 inches of snowfall. Residents should also be aware that snow cannot be pushed, piled, or dumped into streets.

Mailboxes - In preparing for the winter snow season, please be sure that your mailbox is secure enough to uphold the pressure of snow coming off the plow. Mailboxes damaged by the snow coming off the plow will be the homeowner's responsibility. If a mailbox is hit by a snowplow, the Village will repair or replace the mailbox with a standard metal box and a treated 4x4 post. As a reminder, mailboxes should be installed no closer than 9 to 12 inches from the edge of the street or curb.



**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)  
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 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 Schedules**

All Village Board, C.O.W., Plan Commission and Committee meetings for December and January will be held at the **North Aurora Police Dept. Community Room, 200 S. Lincolnway**, North Aurora. Please see the Village's website at: [www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us) for agenda postings.

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Village Board & Committee of the Whole (7:00 pm)	5	-	6
Plan/Zoning Commission (7:00 pm)	6	3	7
Library Board (7:00 pm at Messenger Library)	8	12	9

**North Aurora Village Hall Holiday Closures**  
 Christmas - Fri. Dec. 23, 2011 & Mon. Dec. 26, 2011  
 New Years - Fri. Dec. 30, 2011 & Mon. Jan. 2, 2012