

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Village Elections

March 15, 2022, is the date of the next village election; mayor and three trustee positions, two 4-year and one 2-year seat.

Information is located on the "Voting" page of the Village Website, including absentee ballot applications. For village elections only, please remember to mail your application to the village office, not the Board of Elections as it says on the form. Applications may also be left in the yellow drop box outside the village office. Applications sent electronically are not valid.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Community Preservation Panel – First Wednesday
Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Wednesday (as needed)
Village Board of Trustees – Third Wednesday
Planning Board – Fourth Wednesday

Please check the Village website/bulletin boards for agendas and meeting times/location

Deadline for inclusion on the Village Board of Trustees agenda is 7 days in advance, in writing. The deadline to file a **completed** application for CPP, Planning Board or ZBA review is at least 10 days prior to the meeting. We recommend contacting the Village Code Enforcement Officer as soon as you start to plan your project. Applications will only be reviewed when all requested documents are submitted, and the application is deemed complete by the Code Enforcement Officer.

NEWS FROM THE AURORA-LEDYARD FIRE DISTRICT

Congratulations to Bill Mullarney who was re-elected for a fourth term as fire commissioner!

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Meter Readings

Reminder: We need actual reads for accurate billing. Thank-you to everyone who is emailing their meter reading/screen shot to the Village Office. If you have not returned your meter card or sent us a reading in several months, please do so ASAP. If you need help, call the DPW at (315) 364-5239 and schedule an appointment for Adam to read the meter.

Leaf Pick-Up

The leaf truck is now stored for the winter and the DPW crew asks that you please bag your leaves for pick-up. However, the leaf truck will be back this spring for one week only and the dates will be posted on the website and in the bulletin boards.

Winter Maintenance

When the snow flies, once the first sweep is complete, please move your vehicles to a cleared space so the DPW can easily plow the entire road.

The DPW does its best in assisting with keeping the sidewalks clear. However, their priority is the street plowing and it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep sidewalks shoveled adjacent to their property. Working together we can help maintain safe passage through the village.

Aurora Historical Society, News from Patrick Tavern

With about 200 visitors, the "Christmas in Aurora" Craft Fair in Patrick Tavern exceeded all participants' expectations. The emphasis on traditional crafts and skills was a great fit for the building, owned by the Village and overseen by the Aurora Historical Society. Participants and customers alike spontaneously and enthusiastically complimented the building's rustic interior, its amenities, and the flexibility of the space. The final market of 2021, on Dec. 21, was an equally glorious occasion, with the return of the majority of "Christmas in Aurora" participants, plus a festive touch from Wild Nectar Mead. Meals by Cookie Wheeler were a special treat in November and December, offering a little extra help for busy home cooks.

The Mobile Market format, based on careful research, is now beginning to grow organically. More vendors from the summertime Saturday market are joining their friends who are already involved on Tuesday, and participants are reaching out to small businesses that are a good match. As it did this past year, the Tuesday market will now switch to once a month for the winter; the next market will be February 8th, 4-5 p.m., at Patrick Tavern.

Message from the Mayor

Dear Fellow Villagers,

As we head for the New Year, I know you all will be joining me in wishing for a year with a little more predictability and a lot more joy. For nearly two years we've seemed to be always waiting, both in our private lives, and our public and work lives – waiting for test results, waiting for new guidelines, waiting to make plans, waiting for something good to happen. It's made the simple village events that much more meaningful – the Fire Department Christmas Eve parade, the Christmas Tree lighting, the village residents' push to make a successful Christmas in Aurora happen, Wells students caroling house-to-house, and many of us being able to actually be indoors with family and friends. I hope your holidays have been full of good cheer.

The same kind of waiting has been going on for the Village government, the biggest issues being expectations for the state grant for a water plant, and for our request for a portion of the county's American Rescue Plan funds for that project. We should know soon. Thanks to great support from residents and stakeholders, the revised Comprehensive Plan for the Village was unanimously adopted by the Village Board this month. It is an informative snapshot of the village, its resources and needs, and should serve village leaders well in the coming years.

In the meantime, stay well and warm through the winter, get your car off the street in the snow, and look forward to seeing each other in the spring,
Bonnie