



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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The village office is generally open Monday-Thursday from 10-4, but it is always best to call ahead and make an appointment. To meet with the mayor, clerk, treasurer, or code enforcement officer, please call (315) 364-7293 or contact us via email:

Mayor (Jim Orman) – mayor@auroranewyork.us

Clerk (Ann Balloni) – villageclerk@auroranewyork.us

Deputy Clerk (Deborah Brooks) – deputyclerk@auroranewyork.us

Code Enforcement Officer (Bob Rhea, Monday & Thursday 1—4) – rarzoning@gmail.com

To contact Aaron Van Arnum or Mike White at the DPW, please call (315) 364-5239

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a busy first quarter. As many of you experienced, we had numerous public hearings on zoning and short-term rental laws. These were well attended and lively. The public input was valuable and provided the Board with good information. These suggestions were reflected in the adoption of the zoning law. Ultimately it provided the Village with documented open space along our beautiful lakeshore. Thank you to the zoning committee who worked many long hours and months to put this draft together with the assistance of Cayuga County Planning.

We also passed our village budget and stayed below the state tax cap. Many thanks to Debbie Brooks for all her work in compiling this document for our review. It is a very reasonable budget that maintains one of the lowest tax rates in the county while continuing to provide a high level of services to our residents.

In addition, we received notice that the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) that was submitted by the Villages of Aurora, Union Springs and Cayuga collaboratively was awarded to us. This is a \$10,000,000 award and is the first for multiple villages working on a DRI in New York. This will allow the village to work on various projects as determined by NYS. They will also determine the amount each village will receive. Please keep in mind there are matching funds required. We will learn more in the coming months and will keep you informed. Many thanks to Ann Balloni for coordinating with Cayuga County Planning, the Board, and the other villages throughout this year long process.

On behalf of all of us at the Village, and the residents, we would like to extend a sincere appreciation to Frank Zimdahl for fulfilling a two-year term on the Village Board. His insight, thoughts for the future and true caring for the Village played an important part during his term. I am happy to report that Frank will now become the Chair of the Planning Board. His Board replacement is J. D. Balloni who was recently elected. Also, congratulations to Janet Murphy who was re-elected.

Happy Spring to all,

Jim Orman

SUMMER PROGRAM

Are you a lifeguard? Would you like to be one? Please contact the village office if you are interested in working at the Wells College dock this summer. We are looking for lifeguards and a program director. There are also options for additional jobs assisting DPW personnel/office staff if the dock is closed due to inclement weather or algae blooms. Applications are available at the village office or on the village website: <https://auroranewyork.us/resources/summer-youth-program/>

Look for upcoming certification classes at the Auburn Y and Wells College

DPW REMINDERS

The Sherwood Road water tank will be down for repairs for a few days beginning June 4. Residents may notice a drop in water pressure until the tank is refilled.

Leaves must be bagged, and brush in four foot bundles for pick-up.

Street sweeping is scheduled for May 20.

The NY State Burn Ban is in effect through mid-May and there is never any burning allowed within the village limits.

Water/Sewer Bills: Any payments not received by April 30 will be added to your village tax bill.

Applications for Building/Zoning Permits

Please stop in the village office to meet with Bob Rhea, the code/zoning enforcement officer, if you are planning any type of building project or change of use. This includes roofs, sheds, fences, repairs, renovations, additions, demolitions, etc. He is available on Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 and will help guide you through the process.

The Village adopted a new zoning law on March 20, 2024. Minor projects that conform to the zoning regulations may only require a permit from the code enforcement officer. Projects that require Site Plan Review/Special Use Permit will need Planning Board review and a public hearing. These are NY State rules, not specific to the village. Properties that are within the Wells College/Village of Aurora Historic District, or are designated landmarks, must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Community Preservation Panel prior to commencement of a project. Applicants whose projects do not conform to the zoning law may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance.

The Village Zoning Law is posted on the Home page, Local Laws page, and Boards page of the village website. The Table of Uses (Section 4.05, page 36) details what is allowed and required in each zoning district. Find applicable forms on the Permit and Application Forms page of the website.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held in the firehouse meeting room, 456 Main Street

Community Preservation Panel (CPP): First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board: Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Village Board of Trustees: Third Wednesday of the month at **6:00 p.m.**

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., as needed

Board of Trustees

Jim Orman (Mayor)
JD Balloni
Matt Bianconi
John Miller
Janet Murphy

Community Preservation Panel

Jim Burkett (Chairperson)
Jeff Blum
Chris MacCormick
Claire Morehouse
Julia Rossmann
John Wendler (alternate)

Planning Board

Pat Bianconi (Chairperson)
Laura Heslop
Michele Murphy
Pam Sheradin
John Wade

Zoning Board of Appeals

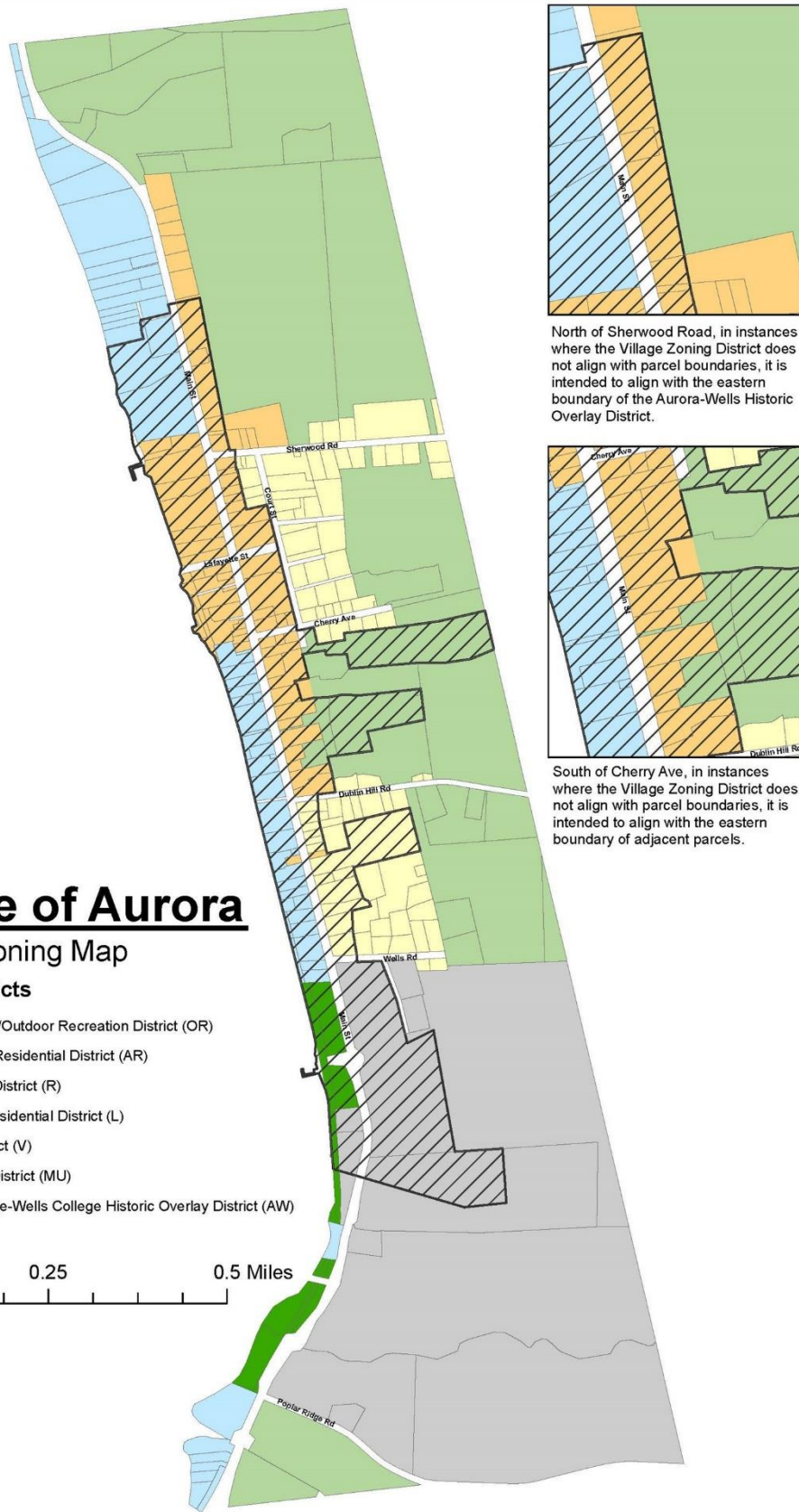
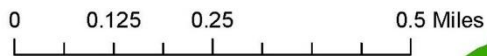
Karen Hindenlang (Chairperson)
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Alexis Boyce
Laura Holland
Jeri Vargo

Village of Aurora

Zoning Map

Zoning Districts

- Open Space/Outdoor Recreation District (OR)
- Agricultural/Residential District (AR)
- Residential District (R)
- Lakefront Residential District (L)
- Village District (V)
- Mixed-Use District (MU)
- Aurora Village-Wells College Historic Overlay District (AW)
- Parcels



North of Sherwood Road, in instances where the Village Zoning District does not align with parcel boundaries, it is intended to align with the eastern boundary of the Aurora-Wells Historic Overlay District.



South of Cherry Ave, in instances where the Village Zoning District does not align with parcel boundaries, it is intended to align with the eastern boundary of adjacent parcels.