



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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The Village Office is open Monday-Thursday from 10-2 and contacting us to make an appointment is appreciated. To meet with the mayor, clerk, treasurer, or code enforcement officer, please call (315) 364-7293 or contact us via email:

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

Message from the Mayor.

Hi All,

Hope you all have enjoyed an extended summer season. With that we have completed another summer swim program. Again, we were the only village on Cayuga Lake to offer this to area residents. We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Christy Gunderson and Ann Balloni for supervising and coordinating the program. And a huge shout out to our lifeguards who made this possible. This is a very popular program and thanks to all who make it possible.

Route 90 has now been paved and striped by NYS. The center portion (between Sherwood Rd and Wells Rd.) was given a different application. This portion will be re-done next year. This is due to the fact that much needed drainage issues will be addressed at that time. We look forward to a nice, finished product.

This is normally the time of year when Wells students return to campus. This has been a part of the lives of all who live or have lived in the village. It seems strange not to see the campus abuzz with activity. One area we are addressing is the transition to have the Village operate the water plant. This has been and continues to be a highly complex process. We are working with several state agencies to assist us as we move forward. We are very hopeful to resolve this soon.

And a big THANK YOU to the Aurorafest committee for a very successful celebration. It was good to see a vibrant parade with Bob Fitzgerald serving as our Grand Marshall. Well done, Bob! Our parade also featured our fire department, the County Sheriff, marching bands and numerous other entries. Kudos to Anastasia Benson for organizing this large parade. For our musical entertainment J.D. Balloni and his group, Petty Thieves, put on a tremendous show. And a special Thanks to Kevin Fitzgerald (golf course) for partnering with the committee to provide us with another well attended and fun Aurorafest!

Thanks, and enjoy a beautiful fall season,

Jim Orman

Water Plant License Agreement Update: As of October 1, the village is operating the water plant, via a license agreement with Wells College. We have hired Bob Yager and Dave Wenzel from Wells College to continue to run the plant, with assistance from village DPW staff. Please join us in extending them a warm welcome.

Thank you to everyone for assisting us with the New York State water pipe inventory. If you have not sent us the type of pipes in your residence, or a picture of your water meter, please do so before October 11. Also, if you know the year that the pipes were installed/replaced, that is most helpful. New York State's goal is to remove/replace all municipal lead water pipes.

Water/Sewer Email List Update: Many addresses are bouncing back to us when we send out mass emails. If you had a wells.edu address or are not receiving emails and would like to, please send a message to deputyclerk@auroranewyork.us and copy villageclerk@auroranewyork.us. We only send emails during water/sewer billing, for informational notices, or in an emergency.

Annual Reminders

KAYAK RACKS: The DPW are putting the kayak racks away for the winter. If you have not already done so, please remove your kayak from the village racks ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation!

LEAF BLOWER pickup dates: October 21 – December 15 or first snow

Leaves/brush must be in bags for pickup prior to October 21.

Please pile brush and leaves separately, keep catch basins free from leaves and grass clippings and be aware that **stones and walnuts will not go through the leaf blower!** Brush should be in four-foot lengths or smaller. If you have a large amount of brush or lawn debris, Mike White will drop off the Village's trailer for you to fill as you clean up your yard. Contact Mike at 364-5239. The DPW will do their best to pick up leaves and brush daily, but sometimes they are called away to perform their other duties. Your patience is appreciated.

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.

From the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department

To help raise money for a new ambulance, the fire department had a very successful swim across on August 17, capping the end of the summer swim program. 7 participants braved windy, choppy conditions swimming west to east and finishing at the Wells College dock. Thank you to the village lifeguards Anna Davis, Leif Gunderson & Abbie White and supervisor, Christy Gunderson for helping us keep everyone safe. Additionally, thank you to all the wonderful, local businesses for sponsoring the swimmers: Bianconi Boat Tours, Cayuga Lake National Bank, Finger Lakes Adventure Gear, Glenview Graphics, Meridian Fire Training Solutions, and Stop & Flow Enjoy Chi.

Aurora Historical Society

The village is grateful to the Aurora Historical Society for all their hard work assisting the village in the request to Wells College to keep historical records within the village. Wells history is Aurora's history.