



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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Village Office Hours

Clerk's Office: Monday-Thursday, 10-2 or by appointment

Code/Zoning Enforcement Office: Mondays & Thursdays, 1-4

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

Tax Collection

Village taxes are now overdue. If you did not receive a bill, please contact the village office as soon as possible to limit any additional late fees.

Fireworks Permits

Fireworks displays are regulated within the village and require a permit. Please refer to Section 408 of the Village Zoning Law (found on the Home page and Local Laws page of the Village Website) or contact the code enforcement officer for information on permit applications.

Message from the Mayor

Hi All,

Welcome to summer! Finally, it has arrived and with it comes fun times. Things such as AuroraFest, boating, music at the golf course and visits with family and friends are taking place. And what a beautiful village to enjoy all of this without traveling.

Though we were not able to have a swim program this year, we are optimistic that next year we may have a program due to the generous donation of lake property to the Village by Grace Bates. Grace's dedication and support of the village is exemplary and along with the partnership of the Finger Lakes Land Trust, the donated lake front will be public and preserved forever. Additionally, the Village was awarded DRI funding for a recreation area on part of the property. Thank you, Grace!

The Aurora Historical Society also received DRI funding for the ongoing restoration of Patrick Tavern. We would like to thank the society and especially Village Historian Linda Schwab for their dedication to village preservation.

On the Wells College front there are no real updates. We continue to talk with local, state, and federal officials regarding the eventual disposition of the campus. One area that we are focusing on is the

official transfer of the water plant to the village. This is not a simple task because it regards a municipal water system, and several permits and standards must be met.

One thing we have accomplished is the installation of new filters that will ensure clean water for years to come. This was part of a substantial grant that had been secured by Wells for this intent and the village was able to complete the process. I do believe that a final sale of the plant to the Village may come soon.

This quarter's water/sewer billing reflects the new, higher rates, due to the substantial cost of operating and maintaining the Wells water plant. Everyone will see a significant increase beginning with the enclosed bills. These are the ones that have been discussed several times in public meetings. These rates are the result of several hours of analysis on the most equitable way to apply these rates. Unfortunately, we may have to endure these rates until we experience an increase in water users in the Village. I firmly believe this will happen. We have several conversations going on concerning all of this. This is all a very complicated situation, but rest assure that we are working fervently to provide the best outcome for all in the Village.

We are pleased to welcome Mike Groth as our new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mike brings a fresh perspective along with reasonable and logical demeanor to the ZBA. Our Village is very fortunate to have Mike step into this role.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Pat Bianconi for her service on the Village Planning Board. As Chair of the board, she has successfully led the Village through several crucial planning issues. Pat is now deservedly stepping down and will be replaced by John Wade. While she will be missed, she has assured us that her experience is still available to the Village. Thank you, Pat!!

Enjoy the summer,
Jim Orman

AURORAFEST 2025 – Mystical Lake Creatures
Saturday, July 12
Activities all day
Fun Run, parade, games, music, food, beer & wine,
and a helicopter!