



VILLAGE OF AURORA NEWSLETTER

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The Village Clerk's Office is open Monday-Thursday, 10-2 or by appointment. The Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer is available on Mondays & Thursdays from 1-4. 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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DPW staff, please call (315) 364-5239 or email aurorah20@auroranewyork.us

Message from the Mayor:

Greetings All,

This has again proven to be a very eventful year. We began the year with hopes of accomplishing several positive endeavors we have undertaken. However, the slow process of the Wells campus sale has held up some of our plans. One, however, is hopefully about to take place soon. We are optimistic that the real estate closing for the village to own the water facility complex is imminent. This should set into motion several options for the Village to pursue. Until the closing date happens, however, we are in a planning mode.

One positive happening is the Village has received notification that we will be receiving a \$5 million grant from the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA). This is the result of a very detailed and arduous effort by the Village and our engineer, Ken Teter. We also worked closely with the New York State and Cayuga County Health departments. This will allow the Village to move our water intake from a shallow depth to a much deeper level in the lake along with improvements to the facility. Both health departments supported our efforts to secure this funding. However please take note that this grant does not offset our operating and maintenance costs, it is specifically for infrastructure upgrades. More details will follow as we move through this process.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department. Through their tireless efforts they continue to keep our Village safe and provide excellent emergency medical care to those in need. All this has continued despite a drop in membership (largely due to the loss of Wells students the previous year). Thank you AVFD!

In closing I would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing staff for continuing to provide a high level of services to the community we serve. This extends to our boards that assist our residents and businesses to complete their projects.

With several things going on we look forward to 2026 with much hope and promise. We have many accomplishments and positive things to build upon and move forward together. Be assured we will continue our 100% commitment to keep the Village moving forward.

We wish you peace and good health in the New Year,

Jim Orman

NEWS FROM THE AURORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We responded to 143 calls as of December 30.

JD Balloni was elected chief, and Sarah Homick and Theon Parseghian were voted in as assistant chiefs. We welcome anyone interested in joining the fire department! Stop by and see us the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm for membership information.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our ambulance fundraiser. We have raised close to \$90,000 and are still receiving contributions. The fire department in partnership with the Aurora Ledyard Fire District have allocated additional funds and are expecting to order our new ambulance in the first quarter of 2026. Stay tuned!

Have a healthy and safe 2026!

DPW REMINDERS

This time of year, with many residents headed south, a decrease in tourists, and especially Wells closed, there is significantly less water running through the distribution system. This results in difficulty pumping at the water treatment plant, as well as the wastewater treatment plant. Now that the Village has moved to a flat fee for billing, please refrain from conserving water this winter. We want to keep everything running smoothly so there are no operating issues. Thank you!

The leaf machine is stored away and replaced with the plows and sander. 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.

Any kayaks that were left at the bottom of Dublin Lane are stored at the village wastewater treatment plant. Call Mike at (315) 364-5239 to claim.

We have received numerous complaints so please remember to keep the sidewalks in front of your properties clear of snow/ice and free of debris, such as leaves, pine needles, sticks, branches, and berries. Also, always clean up after your pets! The walkers/runners appreciate it.

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.

