

# *Village of North Aurora Illinois*



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*The Village with a View to the Future.*



On behalf of the residents, Village Board and Village staff, we are pleased to welcome you to the Village of North Aurora, “The Village with a View to the Future.” We pride ourselves on our growing community situated on the banks of the Fox River. We offer quiet residential neighborhoods and a growing number of businesses to enjoy unique shopping experiences.

The Village is responsible for the provision of police, public works, water and community development services to residents. The North Aurora Fire Protection District and other non-Village taxing bodies provide further services.

The Village offers many parks, a nature center and bike trails along the Fox River corridor. We have a vibrant downtown shopping district and a variety of retail establishments along the Orchard and Randall Road corridors. In addition, we are proud to have the largest Auto Mall retail setting in the Fox Valley.

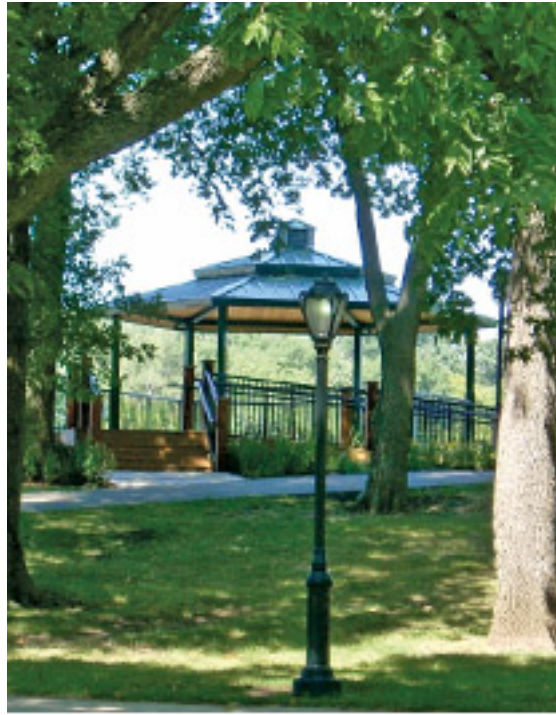
North Aurora is located along Interstate 88, which offers an attractive and fast way to visit downtown Chicago, and we are pleased to be part of the Lincoln Highway Corridor, which stretches across the U.S.

Our Village leaders and residents are always looking to the future, making the Village of North Aurora the best place to live, work and play.

Thank you for choosing to reside in the Village of North Aurora; we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Dale Berman  
Village President  
Village of North Aurora



## Introduction

Originally known as Schneider's Crossing, North Aurora began with the arrival of two adventurous brothers who decided that their search for a habitable location was over when they reached what is now North Aurora's portion of the Fox River. John Peter and Nicholas Schneider left their home near Frankfurt- on-the-Rhine to set off on a great exploration. They secured passage on a ship to America and reached Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1824, where the brothers found work as carpenters and millwrights.

In 1832, John Peter and his family traveled westward via rivers and Lake Michigan to the state of Michigan. They took up their journey again in 1833 and got as far west as what is now called Naperville, Illinois. Nicholas joined his brother shortly thereafter, and they subsequently constructed a sawmill at the mouth of the Blackberry Creek near what is now Yorkville. Nicholas remained at the sawmill while John Peter continued on into the Fox River Valley, eventually settling with his family on the east side of the Fox River on a hill near the site of the present North Aurora Village Hall. In 1837, a dam was constructed to provide water to the mill John Peter had built a short time before.

The commercial activity surrounding the mill continued to attract more people to the area. By the turn of the 19th century, approximately 300 people lived in what was then called Schneider's Crossing. The United States Post Office located in Schneider's Crossing was officially designated as the Post Office of North Aurora, thus ringing in the community's formal designation as North Aurora. In 1905, North Aurora was incorporated as a Village within the jurisdiction of Kane County.

In the early 20th century, the City of Aurora became a hub of industry and railroading. Some of the railroad workers chose to live north of the city in North Aurora, which triggered the Village's moderate but steady growth until the 1960s. The 1960s ushered in an era when the character of the whole Fox River Valley changed. The

Valley transformed from a relatively local, freestanding economy where residents lived and worked into a more suburban experience in which residents commuted to job centers located east of the Valley. At first, residents had access to jobs through the commuter train system. Later, they drove to job sites that had moved out of the metropolitan core to areas surrounding the expressways. The movement of jobs continues to this day, and it continues to generate residential growth in North Aurora.

The Village has doubled its population over the past 20 years. This is primarily due to the aggressive annexing of land by the Village for residential, commercial and industrial uses. The Village's current official population of 15,893 is based upon a special census conducted in 2007. With the upcoming 2010 U.S. Census, the Village anticipates an increase in the population number. Keeping current land availability in mind, the Village population is expected to exceed 20,000 residents by 2020. People are flocking to new subdivisions, attracted by the contemporary styles and comparatively affordable housing options while still being in commuter distance to the Greater Chicago area.



## **Parks & Recreation**

North Aurora extends a number of active and passive recreational opportunities. The banks of the Fox River offer scenic views, bike paths, parklands and fishing. The bike paths connect to regional paths, allowing an enthusiast to cycle to DuPage or Lake counties.

The Fox Valley Park District, in addition to maintaining an extensive park system, offers a great variety of programs. From children to seniors and from mildly skilled to intense competitors, people will find their appropriate level of activity. The Village joins neighboring Aurora in presenting a fireworks display on the fourth of July. The Village also hosts the annual North Aurora Days celebration in August with fun events throughout the Village for all ages.

Active recreational opportunities include two golf courses, pool and billiards, bowling, horseback riding, off-track betting and a multiplex movie theater. Numerous restaurants serve a variety of American and ethnic foods.

The Fox Valley Park District also operates the nearby Red Oak Nature Center. The Nature Center offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities, children's classes and lectures. Bird watchers and nature observers enjoy the Center's natural inhabitants.



## Education

West Aurora School District 129, Batavia School District 101 and Kaneland School District 302 furnish the education for Village students. Children can attend one of three K-5 schools and two junior high schools, one located in North Aurora and one in Aurora. West Aurora High School, located in Aurora, has attained recognition for its academic programs, community involvement and athletic programs. Several different denominations operate private schools which teach classes from K-12 and are located within convenient driving distances. Four day care centers are located in the Village. In addition to elementary and secondary education, Everest College is located on North Aurora's portion of Route 31. Everest College provides a number of technical programs for working adults.

Also available are numerous other institutions of higher learning such as the prestigious Aurora University. More information on educational opportunities around the Village can be found on the Village website ([www.vil.north-aurora.il.us](http://www.vil.north-aurora.il.us)).



## Healthcare

Patients will find Mercy Center, Rush-Copley, Delnor-Community and Edward hospitals within easy driving distances. Together they provide most of the services residents require, including office buildings filled with physician practices. A number of medical facilities offering specialized medical care are available in the nearby western suburbs. North Aurora itself boasts of a number of doctors, chiropractors and eye specialists. Not to overlook household pets, two veterinarian clinics dispense care in the Village.



North Aurora is very proud of the businesses and industries that make North Aurora their home. Our community offers a variety of professional offices, a major Woodman's supermarket, bicycle sales and repair, furniture stores, bakeries and interior furnishing stores. North Aurora is home to distinguished industries and commercial enterprises such as the North Aurora Towne Centre, which includes Target, JC Penney, Best Buy and Michael's among its retailers. Aurora Pump, Dart Container, Aurora Pack, Oberweis Dairy, Daco, Ruddy Brothers Construction, Reliant Data Processing, Belson Outdoors, Industrial Noise Control, Euclid Beverage, Air-Rite, Lesco and the famous North Aurora Auto Mall are other businesses in the area.

To further the expansion of business and industry in North Aurora, the Tax Increment Financing District was established on the Lincoln Highway – Rt. 31 corridor. In addition, several business parks offer opportunities for development.



## **Location & Transportation**

Located approximately 40 miles west of Chicago in the scenic Fox River Valley, North Aurora is easily accessible by major roads, including I-88, Route 31, Route 25, Route 56 (Butterfield Road), Orchard Road (tollway accessibility), Randall Road and other streets. Public transportation includes the Metra System and Pace buses.



In recent years, homebuilders have found a vibrant market in North Aurora. Purchasers report the area's attractiveness, community spirit and convenience as their motivation to select North Aurora. The Village has been averaging 200-300 new homes per year. The Village plans with great care and tight controls to accept more residential growth, with a final build-out population projected to be approximately 22,500 residents.



In North Aurora, convenient shopping is available, with a good selection of local retail stores on Orchard, Oak, Randall and along the Lincoln Highway/Rt. 31 corridor. With relatively short drives, shoppers can reach most-brand name retailers. North Aurora also hosts the 10-dealer North Aurora Auto Mall located near the I-88/ Orchard Road interchange.



## **Government**

The Village government consists of an elected Village President and six elected Trustees; together they form the Village Board. The Village Board passes an annual budget and sets the operational policies of the Village. A professional staff carries out the directives of the Village Board. Elected officials and staff pride themselves on accessibility; if a resident wishes to talk, someone will gladly listen.

The North Aurora Fire Protection District provides fire suppression and prevention, and ambulance and public education services. The Messenger Public Library serves residents with a new up-to-date library filled with many resources. The Fox Valley Park District offers recreational services, while School Districts 101, 129 and 302 provide public schooling. The Village has five deep wells to provide water to the community. Fox Metro Water Reclamation District provides sanitary sewer.



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