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Airport growth takes off

The Aurora Municipal Airport has had the highest percentage of growth in traffic volumes of all Illinois airports so far this year.

Aurora's airport experienced a 28 percent increase in growth in 2009 when compared to the same time period in 2008.

Of the 13 airports in Illinois that have control towers, only two others – in Decatur and Cahokia – reported positive growth. Decatur Airport's growth was 3 percent while Cahokia's saw a 7 percent increase. O'Hare, Midway,



DuPage and Palwaukee airports all saw a decrease in traffic counts in the first six months of the year.

"The city has been focusing on a program for many years to develop the infrastructure of the airport," Mayor Tom Weisner said. "That work is paying off because it has created an attractive environment for both corporate and recreational users."

The City of Aurora owns and operates the airport, which has a Sugar Grove mailing address.

HondaJet Midwest, a sales and service representative for Honda Aircraft Company, Inc., announced last year that the Aurora airport will be home to HondaJet's Midwest Sales and Service facility. Construction is set to begin next year.

According to monthly Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) traffic counts of airports with control towers, the airport traffic trend nationwide

has been heading downward for the past few years. But the Aurora Airport is bucking that trend.

Fixed base operator (FBO) J.A. Air Center, which relocated to the Aurora Airport in late 2008, provides charter flights, flight instruction, aircraft repair, aircraft radio repair, storage and rental services. Aurora Public Works Director Ken Schroth said an FBO is akin to an anchor tenant of a shopping mall, much like a Macy's or a Sears. The other FBO on site is Lumanair Aviation Services, which has provided flight training, fueling services, hangar and office space rental,

aircraft brokerage and sales and aircraft parts and maintenance services for more than 45 years.

Other businesses that specialize in services like aerobatic and exotic aircraft, flight simulation, ambulance flights and specialized airplane repair are known as the "boutiques" of the operation.

The FAA is forecasting that nationwide, the drop in air traffic this year will be 8 to 20 percent across the board. "That makes our 28 percent increase even more impressive," Schroth said.

The Aurora Municipal Airport is a general aviation reliever airport. Its task is to take small corporate and recreational aircraft away from larger airports like O'Hare and Midway.



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Below: Sisters Jessica (Garth) and Rachel (Wayne) Sosnoski of Aurora were the winners of the Wayne's World Wayne and Garth look-alike contest that was part of the Downtown Alive Rock on the Fox Festival July 31 and Aug. 1.





From the Mayor's Desk

City responds to economic crisis

With September already upon us, summer seems to have disappeared almost as quickly as it began. Despite both weather and an economy that have been gloomier than usual, Aurora has had a good summer in many ways.

Crime continued to fall below last year's record low levels and our Memorial Day Parade and Fourth of July Fireworks saw the largest crowds, ever. Our Downtown Alive summer music series featuring world-class bands – from Los Lobos, to American English, to Billy Squire – drew tens of thousands from Aurora and beyond.

As autumn beckons, we celebrate the opening of Metea Valley High School on Eola Road, Aurora's ninth high school. Speaking of Eola Road, the Eola Road Tollway Interchange is well into construction (and no doubt inconveniencing folks, temporarily). It should be completed this year. Waubonsee Community College's Downtown Aurora campus is rapidly taking shape and our new, state-of-the-art Aurora Police Facility will open before Christmas.

Unfortunately all this good news is tempered by our nation's economic downturn, which is negatively impacting city revenues. Although we implemented a hiring freeze last year and reduced both 2009 revenue estimates and budgeted expenditures accordingly, actual revenue shortfalls have exceeded estimates.

This has created the need for multiple cost containment measures over the next 24 months, starting now.

Already, we have offered a Voluntary Reduction in Force incentive that will reduce our work force by as

many as 37 employees and our personnel cost by nearly \$3.5 million.

Additionally, we have frozen pay levels and instituted 15 unpaid furlough days through December of 2010 for management employees. We are negotiating with unionized employees for comparable concessions, and we are restructuring our organization to eliminate positions (and possibly departments) that may not be absolutely essential during these difficult times.

I know many of you have been forced to tighten your belts and I want you to know that I am committed to doing what is necessary to provide our City Council a balanced budget for 2010 without raising property taxes.

Sincerely,

Tom Weisner
Mayor, City of Aurora

Eola Interchange on

The Illinois Tollway system's new Eola Road Interchange on Aurora's far northeast side will include four ramps providing access for Eola Road traffic to and from I-88 via Bilter Road on the north side of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Diehl Road on the south side. Construction began in mid-April and is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

The \$50 million project is a collaboration among the Tollway, DuPage County and the City of Aurora.

Local road construction includes pavement resurfacing and widening on Diehl Road and on Bilter Road to accommodate construction of the new ramps. The intersection of Diehl Road and Eola Road also will be widened as part of the project. New traffic signals will be installed on Diehl Road and on Bilter Road for traffic entering and exiting the Tollway.

The new Eola Road Interchange will provide all-electronic toll collection, the first on the Illinois Tollway system, and will include tolled ramps to and from the east. I-PASS toll rates will be set at 30 cents for passenger vehicles, and truck rates will range from \$1.15 to \$3 during daytime hours, with overnight discounts offered. Cash-paying customers will have access to existing interchanges at Farnsworth Avenue two miles to the west or IL Route 59 two miles to the east.

Mayor Weisner appointed to posts

Gov. Pat Quinn appointed Mayor Tom Weisner to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in August. Quinn said it was his privilege to appoint Weisner to the post along with Bill Morris, former mayor of Waukegan, and public policy and regional planning expert Paula Wolff, who will serve as chairman.

Earlier in the summer, Quinn appointed Weisner to the Pension System Modernization Task Force. The 19-member group has been charged with researching and discussing the reconstruction of the

state's pension system. The task force is to report its findings by Nov. 1.

Weisner accepts no compensation for serving in either state capacity.

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Tenth Ward Alderman Lynda Elmore believes the project will offer incentive for new businesses and developments to locate in Aurora. Ninth Ward Alderman Leroy Keith agrees, and adds that the exchange will lessen congestion at the Route 59 access point.

Illinois Prairie Path Detour in Place

The section of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs parallel to the Tollway between Ferry Road and Bilter Road is closed for construction of the Eola Road Interchange Project. A detour route is in place to allow full access to the Illinois Prairie Path throughout construction.

Upon completion of the interchange project, the Illinois Prairie Path will be routed north along the westbound exit ramp leading to Bilter Road, cross the ramp at Bilter Road and continue southwest on Bilter Road to join back up with the existing Illinois Prairie Path route. 🍁

Carlson is new fire chief

Mayor Tom Weisner has selected Deputy Chief Hal Carlson to be the city's new fire chief. Carlson has served as interim chief since former Chief Tim Oelker retired in April. Oelker served the citizens of Aurora for 30 years.

"Hal has served the city well," Weisner said. "He leads by example, and his example over the years has been exemplary. He lives the core values all firefighters should possess: teamwork and the drive to help others."

Former Chief Oelker endorsed the mayor's choice, saying, "I'm really happy for Hal. I always thought that he was one of the best qualified out there. He has confidence in and respect for the rank and file and he's always had the department foremost in all he does. I don't know of anyone else who would do better. He's meticulous and reflective and he'll do a real good job. Hal would have succeeded in anything he did."

As fire chief, Carlson, 57, will oversee a department that employs close to 215 employees including firefighters and support staff. Carlson was sworn in to his new position during the Aug. 25 city council meeting.

Carlson joined the department on Dec. 27, 1982. He was promoted to lieutenant on May 20, 1990; to



Photo courtesy of Scott Sanders, The Daily Herald

captain on Feb. 16, 1999; to battalion chief on July 10, 2000; to assistant chief on April 19, 2003; and to deputy chief on Nov. 12, 2005. He was named interim chief on April 4.

Carlson said he considers firefighting "a fantastic job."

"I think the longer you are with it, the more you get to see the benefit to being a firefighter," he said. "What has happened since 9-11 might have glorified us a little too much, but people really appreciate the job we do. The opportunities that we are presented with help us make a difference in people's lives."

Carlson and his wife Bridget, whom he calls his best friend, have been married for three years. Both are avid runners. They live in Aurora. 🍁



Fifth Ward Alderman John "Whitey" Peters signs a banner alongside Aureliano DeLaTorre of Fox Valley Marines. The family of Corporal Benjamin Soloff lives in Peters' ward.

Soldiers return to grateful community

Ryley Soloff won't remember Aug. 14, 2009, but his dad sure will.

It was the day West Aurora High School graduate Cpl. Benjamin Soloff held his son for the first time.

Benjamin returned home from Afghanistan to a hero's welcome at East Aurora High School along with 16 other Charlie Troop 2-106th Cavalry soldiers.

About 80 members of Charlie Troop were deployed to Afghanistan from the armory based at the high school last year. They were to return home in three waves. A welcome home ceremony for all the soldiers is planned for December.

The soldiers were members of three police mentor teams that trained the Afghan National Army and Police. They also conducted patrols and security missions.

The soldiers' bus was escorted by Warriors Watch, Rolling Thunder and Patriot Guard motorcycle groups from Fort McCoy, Wis. Police officers from Aurora and North Aurora led the procession from Interstate 88 to East Aurora High School along a route lined with more than 125 American flags placed by the City of Aurora.

Residents stood in front of their residences and businesses to show their support for the returning soldiers. 🍁



Benjamin Soloff, 21, embraces his son, Ryley Harris Soloff, upon his return from Afghanistan on Aug. 14. Ryley was born on July 28.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Wednesday, November 11th, 2009

**HONORING
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10:15 am Step-Off: Benton and Water
10:30 am Ceremony: GAR Museum

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**Trick or Treat
hours:**
Saturday, Oct. 31
4 to 7:30 p.m.



Aurora comes alive in Fall 2009!

SEPTEMBER

Farmers Market

Through Oct. 3

Aurora Transportation Center, 233 N. Broadway
Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.
FREE

Fiesta de Luces

Saturday, September 19
2 to 7:30 p.m.

Aurora Transportation Center Parking Lot,
corner of Spring Street and Lincoln Avenue
The City of Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory
Board hosts Fiesta de Luces (Festival of Lights)
to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. A main
highlight of the festival is the Parade of
Nations, where children participate in a
flag-carrying procession of Latin American
countries.

Schedule:

2 p.m. — Star Spangled Banner

2:45 p.m. — Parade of Nations

6 to 7:30 p.m. — Anima Pop

Plus:

La Enkantadora Banda Karembe, Taller Borin-
cano, Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl, Mariachi,
beer garden, car show, boxing show, children's
cultural activities and arts and crafts.

FREE!

Phillips Park Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept. 26

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Phillips Park is accessible from Smith Boule-
vard, Parker Avenue, or Howell Place off
Montgomery Road

Pony rides, petting zoo, stilt-walker, hay rides,
fire trucks, caricatures, face painting, tempo-
rary tattoos, super slide, jumping castle,
pumpkin painting

Live entertainment:

11 a.m. — Truly Remarkable Loon

Noon — Dave Rudolf, family songs and jokes

1 p.m. — Thaddeus Rex, music and family
entertainment

2 p.m. — Magic by Jaime Aponte

FREE!

Perfect Perennials for Perpetual Color

Saturday, Sept. 26

10 a.m. to noon

Main Library, 1 E. Benton St.

Join Greg Bartoshuk of the Chicago Daylily
Society for a program that will show
participants how to have color in the garden
three seasons of the year. Bartoshuk is the
winner of both the Outstanding Master
Gardener of the Year and the Sustained
Excellence Award from the University of
Illinois. He also is a landscape designer who
has appeared on radio and television. FREE

Aurora Public Art Commission Exhibit

September 28-February 26, 2010

Art at City Hall (44 E. Downer Place)

featuring *Yellow House Artists*

Members of Yellow House Artists are from
the west suburban Chicago area and paint
exclusively in oil pastel and oil stick. FREE

Bilingual Story Hour

Monday, Sept. 28

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Main Library, 1 E. Benton St.

Bilingual storyteller Marcia Gutierrez will
take participants on a cultural trip across the
world as they listen to stories in English and
Spanish. Gutierrez has performed at
Museum Africa in Johannesburg, South
Africa, The Art Institute of Chicago,
Naperville's Ghost Stories in the Park in the
Dark, and the Fox Valley Folk Music and
Storytelling Festival. FREE

OCTOBER

Farmers Market

Through Oct. 3

Aurora Transportation Center, 233 N. Broadway
Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

Features fresh produce, handcrafted jewelry,
natural soaps, soy candles, dog treats, salsas,
jellies, dressings, vinegars, homemade
pastries, donuts and bratwurst.

FREE

Hola/Hello: Technology to Keep in Touch

Monday, Oct. 5

5 to 6 p.m.

Main Library, 1 E. Benton St.

Learn how to see, hear and talk to friends and family anywhere in the world for free through the computer. Bilingual. FREE

ArtWalk

Friday, Oct. 9

6 to 9 p.m.

Downtown Aurora

Fox Valley artists (dancers, painters, performers, vocalists, poets, sculptors, ceramicists, authors, songwriters, performance artists, and musicians) will display their work. www.Auroraartwalk.com FREE

Aurora Public Art Commission Exhibits

October 9-November 29

Three Generations of Artists at The David L.

Pierce Center, 20 E. Downer Place

The work of Anton Witek of Aurora, his

mother Patricia Humay, and his

grandmother, Helen Balun Humay. FREE

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Parade

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events

10:15 a.m. — Step off at Benton and Water streets

10:30 a.m. — Ceremony at the GAR Hall, 23 E.

Downer Place

FREE

Teen Craft: Needle Felting

Thursday, Nov. 19

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Eola Road Branch, 555 S. Eola Road

Local sheep farmer and craftswoman

Natasha Lehrer will teach a class on

needle felting, a simple but amazing art.

FREE

Holiday Magic

FREE!

Friday, Nov. 27, 6 to 7 p.m.

North Island Center across from the Paramount Theatre

Come usher in the spirit of the season and welcome Santa's arrival in Aurora!

- Meet & Greet with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Complimentary hot chocolate and holiday cookies
- Seasonal choir music
- Countdown and lighting of the official Aurora holiday tree with Miss Merry Christmas and Jack Frost
- Strolling costumed holiday characters
- Photo opportunities and holiday memories
- Live reindeer

All events at North Island Center.

No parade or fireworks this year.

DECEMBER

Aurora Public Art Commission Exhibits

December 11 - January 10, 2010

Winter Garden of Youth Art at the David L.

Pierce Center, 20 E. Downer Place

An annual exhibit of works of art by Aurora students in grades K through 12. The exhibit is held in the Aurora Public Art Commission's third floor gallery. FREE

Aurora Police Headquarters Open Houses

Saturday, Dec. 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

1 to 4 p.m.

1200 E. Indian Trail

Come and tour the city's new police headquarters, the largest municipal construction project in the state.



Phillips Park
Fall Festival 2009
Saturday, September 26
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free Fun for the Whole Family!

Pony Rides	Fire Trucks	Super Slide
Petting Zoo	Caricatures	Jumping Castle
Stiltwalker	Face Painting	Bungee Jump
Hay Rides	Tattoos	Pumpkin Painting

Live Entertainment

11 a.m. Truly Remarkable Loon

12 p.m. Dave Rudolf

1 p.m. Thaddeus Rex

2 p.m. Magician Jaime Aponte



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Directions in Development

Freudenberg Household Products (FHP), makers of O-Cedar mops, brooms and other cleaning products, will open its North American headquarters in October. A total of 350 jobs will be housed out of the 525,000-square-foot facility in the Prairie Point West Industrial Park at 2188 Diehl Road.

Candlewood Suites opened at 2625 W. Sullivan Road in March. The hotel features suites that include fully-equipped kitchens and work areas with two-line phones and free high-speed Internet access.

Armanetti Beverage Mart opened in March at 2681 E. New York Street in a 7,000-square-foot space. The first Armanetti Beverage Mart opened in 1930.

CENTA Corporation, a U.S. subsidiary of a privately owned German firm, opened a 23,000-square-foot facility in the Aurora Corporate Center at 2570 Beverly Drive that will allow the company to do much of its manufacturing in the United States. CENTA manufactures torsional couplings and shafting for the marine propulsion and industrial power transmission markets.

Technology Solutions Group, Inc., (TSG), has relocated its corporate headquarters to Aurora's White Oak Business Park at Eola Road and the Reagan Memorial Tollway. TSG operates in sales and installation of voice and data transmission equipment. The company invested \$2.5 million for land acquisition, construction and office build-out.

Liberty Property Trust broke ground on a 463,636-square-foot distribution building designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. The new distribution center will be the sixth building constructed at the 700,000-square-foot, master-planned Liberty Business Center at 567 Wolverine Drive.



Waubensee Community College construction site

Waubensee Community College is constructing its \$50 million, 132,000-square-foot campus in downtown Aurora. The campus will include nearly 60 classrooms and labs. Classes are set to begin in August 2011.

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Skate Park, Dog Park on tap for Phillips Park

Dog lovers, bikers and skaters will find new reasons to go to Phillips Park in the near future. Both a skate/bike park and a dog park are under construction in the 325-acre park on the city's southeast side.

Other new features of the park include a splash pad near the Visitors Center, a new volleyball court, lights for two girls' softball fields, a boat dock and a walking path with exercise stations. Rosario DeLeon, acting director of parks and recreation, said the new features are all either finished or nearly done, with the exception of the skate park and walking path, which both will be completed next spring.

Some components of the skate park are the result of a planning session with youth from all around the city. "What we heard at the session is that it is difficult for BMX riders to use a skate park, and it is difficult for skaters to maneuver around the BMX riders," Third Ward Alderman Stephanie Kifowit said. "Thus we created a BMX pod so the riders

and the skaters each have their own spaces."

The plan also is to include a smooth, level concrete sidewalk around the whole skate/bike park to be able to accommodate inline skaters. "This is a fully functional project with a goal to reach as many youth as possible to give them a positive place to go," Kifowit added.

The dog park also will be unique. The park will be composed of two sections: the lower section will contain open space and trees, while the upper section will have an exercise area.

The park improvements are being paid for with a state Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant, which will match the city's portion of about \$400,000. Ward funds also will be used to complete some elements of the skate park.

Mayor Tom Weisner and Jim Pilmer, former parks and recreation director, applied for the grant several years ago, DeLeon said.

Holiday Festival of Lights

Nov. 27 – Dec. 27



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Aurora implements green infrastructure project

Most people know infrastructure as streets, highways and utilities -- all of which are commonly referred to as “gray” infrastructure. But the City of Aurora is greening its infrastructure in the McCarty Burlington neighborhood planning area on the near northeast of the city.

The City of Aurora has received a grant under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The grant is focused on green infrastructure and stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that will reduce nonpoint source water pollution and help improve the Fox River.

The overall project will:

- * Reduce nonpoint source pollution that reaches the Fox River.
- * Reduce stormwater runoff that reaches the Fox River.
- * Implement stormwater best management practices.
- * Educate individuals, developers and businesses on what they can do to help.

Pollution. The word brings to mind belching smokestacks, oil-slicked beaches and smoggy skies over large cities.

But fast food wrappers, pet waste and cars leaking oil and leaving brake dust on streets can be classified as pollutants as well, say City of Aurora engineers who are working to find ways to treat the kinds of pollution that citizens see every day.

That pollution -- nonpoint source pollution -- happens in residential neighborhoods as well as commercial and industrial areas such as the grant area. Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution affects the Fox River and all the streams and lakes that drain into the river in Aurora.

“People who use lawn fertilizer or pesticides and herbicides probably don’t think about where those chemicals go when it rains,” said City of Aurora Engineer Rick Munson. “The runoff from rainfall that is not soaked up into yards picks up all sorts of pollutants from sidewalks, streets, parking lots and construction sites and takes them to the storm sewers, streams, and finally the Fox River,”

Munson said. “That’s how nonpoint source pollution reaches and pollutes the river.”

Nonpoint source pollution can be contrasted with point source pollution, where a discharge occurs to a body of water at a single location, such as the discharge from an industrial factory or combined sewer overflow location.

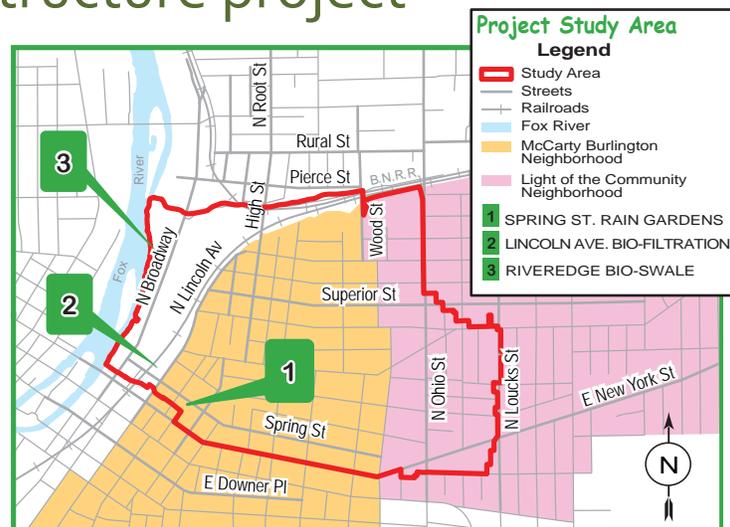
The grant area is within a well established neighborhood that was developed during the early days of the city. Stormwater and best management practices were not required when this area was originally developed. The “Green Infrastructure Implementation Project” will bring current stormwater management practices to the neighborhood.

“When a city builds streets, buildings and parking lots, more rainfall runs off to the river than it would if there were still grass, trees and plants on the land,” Munson said. The runoff from a residential area can be 9 times more than if the area was wooded. All the extra runoff can pick up a lot of NPS pollution.

The intent of the city’s “Green Infrastructure Implementation Project” is to capture some of the pollutants early on and treat them with natural processes, Munson said. The project will also decrease the amount of runoff by allowing more to soak into the ground. To that end, the grant will help the city in its quest to decrease the pollutants that reach the Fox River.

Three locations have been chosen to create natural areas (stormwater BMPs) that will help accomplish the goal:

- * Spring Street – A series of rain gardens will be planted between the sidewalk and the south side of the street from Fourth to Root Streets. Rain gardens are colorfully landscaped areas that are designed to trap runoff from rain water. Some of the water will soak into the ground, while some will



be slowed, allowing plants to trap some of the pollutants.

* Lincoln Avenue Metra Parking Lot – An existing detention basin will be turned into a biofiltration system. This type of system helps reduce pollutants – oil, anti-freeze, grit, sand and sludge – that are deposited in the parking lot. A base of sand and gravel will filter the water after it passes through a top layer of plantings.

* RiverEdge Park – A stormwater wetland bioswale will be created immediately west of the Combined Sewer Outflow Plant near the Fox Valley Park District bicycle path. A bioswale is a landscape element designed to remove pollution from surface runoff water. Water will come into a small depression from an existing storm sewer and drain slowly into the river. Plants will help trap some of the pollutants.

Also as part of the grant, the city will have information at the upcoming Fiesta de Luces event about what residents of the grant area and all of Aurora can do to help reduce NPS pollution. The festival is on Sept. 19 in the Metra Parking Lot at the corner of Spring Street and Lincoln Avenue. Residents will be able to see one of the sites where a BMP will be installed. Next year they will be able to compare the site after the BMP is completed. The city also will give away five rain barrels at the festival. Rain barrels are a BMP residents can use that help reduce runoff and NPS pollution because they catch and store rainwater to be used for plant and garden watering.

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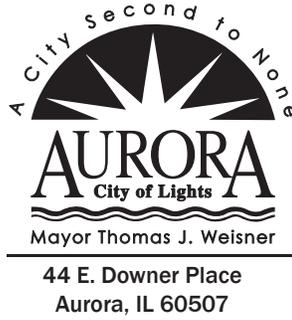
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Yard Waste, brush and leaf collection reminders

Yard Waste

Yard waste collection began in April and ends the first Friday in December (Dec. 4). Yard waste (up to 60 pounds) must be placed in a 30-gallon Kraft paper yard waste bag and have a waste sticker attached. The stickers used for yard waste are the same as the stickers used for garbage; however, yard waste mixed with garbage or yard waste in a garbage can or plastic bag will not be collected. Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your garbage and must be at the curb by 6 a.m.

Unbundled Brush

Unbundled brush collection began in April and ends the first Friday in November (Nov. 6). Branches and limbs 1/2-inch to 4 inches in diameter and 2 feet to 4 feet in length can be placed at the curb without a waste sticker. Brush less than 1/2-inch in diameter is considered yard waste and must be placed in a Kraft paper yard waste bag with a waste sticker attached. Brush must be in neat, manageable piles with the cut side of the limbs facing the street. Brush that is in unmanageable piles will not be collected. Brush which results from contracted services will not be picked up. It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove and dispose of such material.

Leaf Collection

Each Fall, the city provides an unstickered leaf collection program. This program begins Monday, Oct. 12. Leaves must be placed in a 30 gallon Kraft paper yard waste bag and placed at the curb on your regularly scheduled garbage date. A waste sticker is not required.



Yard Waste Collection
ENDS Friday, December 4

Unbundled Brush Collection
ENDS Friday, November 6

Leaf Collection
BEGINS Monday,
October 12

