



AURORA BOREALIS

Eola Road Interchange project under way Tollway predicts completion by year's end

Officials from the City of Aurora, Illinois Tollway and DuPage County broke ground April 15 for a new, full-access interchange that will feature all-electronic tolling at Eola Road and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

"Aurora residents will benefit directly from reduced congestion on local roads and improved access to I-88 with the new interchange," said Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner. "The project will also bring jobs to the area."

Weisner was joined by DuPage County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom, Illinois Tollway Acting Director Michael T. King and Director George Pradel, mayor of Naperville, to dig the first shovels of dirt on the site. The new interchange is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

"The interchange will benefit all residents of the Ninth Ward," said Alderman Leroy Keith. "Those living in the Will, Kendall and Kane County portions will have a closer and more convenient access point onto I-88 and those in DuPage County will experience less congestion at the Route 59 access point."

Agreements among the city, county and Tollway call for the Tollway to cover approximately

\$25 million of the project's costs, with DuPage County funding approximately \$19 million for construction and right-of-way and the City of Aurora contributing approximately \$6 million for right-of-way. The interchange will include four ramps providing access for Eola Road traffic to and from the Tollway via Bilter Road on the north side of I-88 and Diehl Road on the south side of I-88.

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-Mayor Tom Weisner

Tenth Ward Alderman Lynda Elmore said that "there is no doubt that our residents as well as commuters from neighboring communities will benefit from this project as it provides increased access to I-88 and eases the burden on some local roads and the Route 59 interchange.

"However, roadway projects like these are more than new pavement," she added. "The project offers an additional incentive for new business and developments to locate in Aurora. It also can have a positive effect on one's quality of life as reduced traffic congestion means less time on the road and more time at home with family or friends."

The Illinois Prairie Path will be relocated during construction. Widening of the intersection of Diehl Road and Eola Road is scheduled to begin mid-summer. *



Independence Day Celebration

NEW DATE!

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July 4 - Parade

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From the Mayor's Desk

State of the City: Transforming

I was very happy to deliver my fifth State of the City address, recently, because it reminded me of Aurora's progress over the past year. The new police headquarters is almost finished. Crime figures hit their lowest mark in 30 years. Railroad quiet zones went into effect. People visited Aurora attractions in huge numbers.

Several months ago, the Chicago Tribune published an article with a headline that was spot-on: *A new dawn in Aurora*. The story portrayed our city as a place where "urban pioneers" are "starting to reclaim downtown Aurora, the second-largest city in Illinois" by taking up residence in new luxury condos "in the heart of downtown Aurora."

I was lucky enough in my address to be able to announce the latest project that will be getting under way very soon in downtown Aurora. Developer Steve Arwady plans to turn the Elks Club building at Stolp Avenue and Benton Street into a condominium and restaurant development. I am confident that Mr. Arwady, who has accomplished similar redevelopments in Northbrook, Schaumburg and Chicago, will bring the Mayan-architecture gem back to its former grandeur.

You can read all about the new Eola Road interchange on the front page of this newsletter, but I would like to personally thank DuPage County Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom and all those from

DuPage County, the City of Aurora and the Illinois Tollway for their hard work and persistence on this project. Aside from making it easier for commuters to get to and from their destinations, it will result in thousands of new jobs for Aurora.

In the center of this edition of the Aurora Borealis, you will find a summer calendar that has something for everyone. Make sure to note the dates of the *Downtown Alive!* festivals, which start on June 19 with Blues on the Fox. *Downtown Alive!* has a new format this year: four weekend-long festivals take the place of eight Friday-only events.

Again, as I mentioned in my State of the City address, the Blues on the Fox and Rock on the Fox festivals brought more than 30,000 music fans to the city last year. Aurora truly has become a prime destination for people who are seeking free, quality entertainment.

If you would like to read the entirety of my State of the City address, log on to the city's Web site at www.aurora-il.org. You may also watch it on ACTV Channel 10 at 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sincerely,

Tom Weisner
Mayor, City of Aurora

Bone marrow donor

Mary Garza is a mom, an employee of the City of Aurora's engineering department and a lifesaver. But unlike one who makes a split-second decision to jump into a lake to save a drowning person, Garza made her decision to be someone's rescuer slowly and thoughtfully.

Garza decided to attend a bone marrow drive in May, 2007 because of a photo in a newspaper.

"I saw a picture of this kid riding his big wheel," Garza said. "It was just a snapshot of him and his dad. I have little kids of my own, so I had to stop and read it. It was this heartbreaking story about how this child had a horrible disease."

The little boy, Felipe Aguilera of Aurora, needed a bone marrow transplant to combat a rare genetic disease – Fanconi Anemia – and a donor was being sought.

Garza went to a Lifesource Blood Center bone marrow drive the next day. "They swabbed my mouth with a Q-Tip for the initial screening," Garza said.

Although she never thought she would be matched, Garza took the initial step because she is of Mexican descent. "I read that the racial and ethnic component is the key factor in a patient-donor match," she said. "The kid was Hispanic and Hispanic people have a very low rate of being tested and getting on the volunteer bone marrow donor list."

The initial screening establishes "markers" – indicators that one person's DNA might be a good match to another's. Although Garza's screening did not indicate a good match with Felipe (who was matched with a donor in May), she looked to be a good match with another little boy.

"They called me after the swab test and let me know they were looking at me as a potential donor," Garza said. "They asked me if I really

Aurora thanks Leader Cross for funds

State Representative Tom Cross was in Aurora this spring to accept the city's thanks for his help in obtaining \$100,000 in Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity



(DCEO) funds to restore windows in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Civil War Veterans Memorial at 23 E. Downer Place.

Renovations to the building are being accomplished with state and local funds as well as a \$55,000 Partners in Preservation grant. The House Republican Leader said he

was honored to be able to assist in securing funding for the project. The structure, designed by Aurora's first architect, Joseph Mulvey, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The remodeled building will house memorabilia from the Civil War and subsequent war efforts.*

Uplifted by experience

wanted to pursue this. I remember thinking that if the situation were reversed, I would pray to God that someone would step up and do this for my child."

Lifesource then conducted the next step – a blood draw. Five weeks later, Garza listened to a message on her work phone. She had been matched. "They wanted to verify I was on board. When they told me the patient was a baby, I told them right then, 'I'm in.'"

Six months after she read the article about Felipe, Garza underwent the procedure at Loyola Hospital to harvest marrow from a pelvic bone in her lower back. Although Garza didn't know where her donation was going, she knew someone would be immediately boarding an airplane to get it to the recipient.

A year passed without Garza knowing where the donation went. "At one year, you can break the anonymity," she said. "I decided I wanted to know about the recipient. I signed the release right away."

Her first communication with baby Evan's parents, Rogelio and Melissa Garcia, who live in Texas, came via e-mail this past January. "I was on my laptop in the kitchen and I saw an e-mail and I said 'Who in the world is this?' When I saw who it was, I started crying like a baby. They sent pictures of Evan playing."

Although Evan looked well, he underwent a battery of tests this spring to determine how the marrow transplant had affected his rare immune disorder, Chronic Granulomatous Disease. It was the day after Easter, which also happened to be Garza's birthday, that she got the e-mail from Evan's dad that said, "He is disease-free."

"If you are so lucky and blessed to be matched with somebody, it's such a fabulous experience," Garza said. "It made me realize there was a link between me and this little boy who was so far away. But it also reminded me that with just a change of the wind on one day, it could have been one of my children who was sick instead of Evan." ✨

A note from Evan's dad

"It's difficult to place into words how we feel about Mary's sacrifice. We tried to thank her for such a long time, but anything we wrote just seemed insufficient. Even as I sit on my porch, I can tell you that I have re-written this e-mail a couple of times. The level of appreciation and of how much we love her is not easy to describe. As cheesy as it may seem, Mary is our hero. She took the time and committed to something as selfless as giving a stranger a second chance at life. Our whole family went through some rough times. Melissa saw Evan go through toxic shock which sent the whole bone marrow floor into a frenzy. She really thought we had lost him. Now he is perfect."

- Rogelio Garcia

City celebrates water '3-peat'

For the third time in a row, Aurora's water has been named best in the state.

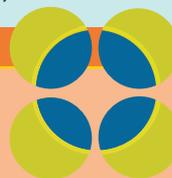
The Illinois Section American Water Works Association (ISAWWA) held its 15th annual water taste contest March 17 in Springfield, featuring finalists from Illinois' regional taste test contests. Aurora's competitors included samples submitted by Oswego, Mattoon, Galena, Central Lake County and Olympia Fields.

In December, Aurora won the Kane County Water Association contest. The city's water bested samples from Elburn, Geneva, Batavia, Sugar Grove, North Aurora, Elgin, Algonquin, Carpentersville and Montgomery.

Next, said Bill Munch, superintendent of water production, samples of Aurora's water will go to the American Water Works Association (AWWA) national competition June 14-18 in San Diego.

Munch said the "3-peat" wasn't entirely surprising. "This was our third consecutive win and our fifth state win overall," he said. "Aurora is blessed with high quality source water, an excellent treatment facility and a knowledgeable and dedicated staff. Truthfully, it's far more important that we produce safe, high-quality drinking water day in and day out. The taste award is frosting on the cake."

Munch said ISAWWA judges look at clarity, taste and odor (or the absence of it) to determine the winner. ✨



Are you a match?

The City of Aurora, along with Lifesource Blood Center, is sponsoring a free Bone Marrow Drive

Wednesday, June 10
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fifth floor of City Hall,
44 E. Downer Place, Aurora.

Go to www.bethematch.org for more information about the National Marrow Donor Program.
Call (847) 803-7857 or (847) 803-7891.

Appointments are not necessary.



All landlords, agents and owners of non-owner occupied residential properties

are required to attend a crime-free housing class.

Free classes are being offered until August 31.

Register on line at www.aurora-il.org or by calling 630-264-8101.

Failure to attend the class may result in a fine and jeopardize an owner's license.

AURORA FARMERS



Farmers Market ATC · Saturdays
June 20th to October 3rd ·
8 am to Noon, Closed July 4th
Aurora Transportation Center ·
233 N. Broadway

Farmers Market East · Tuesdays
July 7th to August 25th ·
10 am to 2 pm
Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church
Route 34 and Ridge
Opposite Rush-Copley Heart Institute

Farmers Market West · Wednesdays
July 8th to August 26th
2 pm to 6 pm
West Aurora Plaza Shopping Center
1901 W. Galena Boulevard

Presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events
630-264-INFO (4636) www.aurora-il.org/speialevents



Super Screen Saturday Nights

8:15 p.m. Pre-movie activities
FREE movie starts at 8:45 p.m. on selected Saturdays. See calendar.
Phillips Park (Parking available in Aquatic Center lot.)
www.phillipsparkaurora.com

Bring your own seats and eats

Aurora comes alive in Summer 2009!

JUNE

Free Summer Reading Program

June 8-August 8
All Aurora Public Library locations

Sports Festival Summer Camp

June 10-July 10, 8 a.m.-noon, M-F
Washington Middle School, 231 S. Constitution Dr.
Camp participants must be in 5th, 6th or 7th grade as of May 1, 2009. \$55 fee for Aurora/Fox Valley Park District residents.

Living Downtown Tour

June 14, 1-4 p.m.
Starts at 74 S. LaSalle St.
Tour will feature 11 residential spaces. Go to www.historichometours.com to buy tickets: \$12 online or \$15 day of tour.

Flag Day Concert at McCarty Park

June 14, 3 p.m.
East New York St. at West Park Place
Featuring Aurora American Legion Band of Roosevelt-Aurora Post No. 84. Bring lawn chairs.

Aurora Youth Co-Ed Softball League

June 15-July 24
Sponsored by the City of Aurora and the Fox Valley Park District.

Downtown Alive! Blues on the Fox June 19 and 20

FREE!

Friday:
6:45 p.m. — Big James & the Chicago Playboys
8:30 p.m. — Davy Knowles & Back Door Slam
Saturday:
2 p.m. — Hix Brothers Junior All-Stars
3 p.m. — Henry Butler
4:15 p.m. — Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malcolm
5:30 p.m. — Sugar Blue
7 p.m. — Watermelon Slim & the Workers
8:30 p.m. — Los Lobos

Downtown Aurora on Galena Boulevard between River Street and Broadway
www.downtownaliveaurora.com

Super Screen Saturday Nights Hotel for Dogs (PG)

June 20
See ad this page

Super Screen Saturday Nights Rudy (PG)

June 27
See ad this page

Fifth Annual Hoops on Fire

June 27
East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane
Three on three basketball tournament. Fee: \$50 per team. Entry deadline June 12

JULY

Independence Day Fireworks July 3 NEW DATE!

The fireworks will be at the Illinois Math and Science Academy and Aurora Central Catholic High School. The campuses are located between Edgelawn Drive, Randall Road, Sullivan Road and Indian Trail. See back page (page 8) for schedule, shuttle bus and parking locations.

Independence Day Parade July 4

10 a.m. — River and Benton streets to Broadway, to Galena Boulevard, to Stolp Avenue, to Downer Place. Ends at Middle Avenue. The parade program begins in front of the Paramount Theatre at 9:15 a.m.

Noon to 3 p.m. — Annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Tanner House Museum, corner of Oak and Cedar Streets. Free family fun.

Downtown Alive! Summer Jam July 10 and 11

FREE!

Friday
6:15 p.m. — Spoken Four
8:30 p.m. — Sister Hazel

Saturday
2 p.m. — Hix Brothers Junior All-Stars
4:30 p.m. — 7th Heaven
7 p.m. — Painkiller Hotel
8:30 p.m. — Eve 6

Free Festival in Downtown Aurora on Galena Boulevard between River Street and Broadway
www.downtownaliveaurora.com

Call 630-264-

AUGUST

Super Screen Saturday Nights *Shrek the Third* (PG)

July 11
See ad page 4

Super Screen Saturday Nights *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG)

July 18
See ad page 4

Once on this Island Junior July 21 and July 23

9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
West Aurora High School
City of Aurora Youth and Sports ACT I Summer Theatre Camp performances. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and younger.

Super Screen Saturday Nights *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* (PG)

July 25
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Ac-Rock July 30, 6:30 p.m.

West Aurora High School near door 17
Free family outdoor event featuring Ac-Rock musical overview of rock 'n' roll from the 50s to the 90s. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Rain location: auditorium. Sponsored by Aurora Public Library

Downton Alive! Rock on the Fox

FREE!

July 31 and August 1

Friday

6:15 p.m. — Creedence Again (CCR Tribute)
8:30 p.m. — Foghat

Saturday

2 p.m. — DBL-SHOT
3:30 p.m. — Blue Truth
4:45 p.m. — ARRA
6:45 p.m. — Trippin' Billies (Dave Matthews Tribute)
8:30 p.m. — Billy Squier

*Downtown Aurora on Galena Boulevard between River Street and Broadway
www.downtownaliveaurora.com*

Super Screen Saturday Nights *Transformers* (PG-13)

August 1
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National Night Out August 4, 6-9 p.m.

Throughout Aurora
The Aurora Police Department can help you plan an event for your neighborhood. Go to National Association of Town Watch Web site for more information: NATW.org

Teen Talent Competition August 8, 7-9 p.m.

Prisco Community Center, 150 W. Illinois St., Aurora
Sponsored by Aurora Public Library teen librarians. Auditions, DUE BY JULY 11, may be recorded on CD/DVD/VHS and must be turned in with a completed application form available at any library or at www.aurora.lib.il.us

Super Screen Saturday Nights *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* (PG)

August 8
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Downtown Alive! Fan Favorites

FREE!

August 14 and 15

Friday

6:15 p.m. — Hot Rocks (Rolling Stones Tribute)
8 p.m. — Hi Infidelity

Saturday

2 p.m. — August
4 p.m. — The Moods
5:30 p.m. — Elevation (U2 Tribute)
8 p.m. — American English

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BLUES ON THE FOX
JUNE 19 & 20

SUMMER JAM
JULY 10 & 11

ROCK ON THE FOX
JULY 31 & AUG 1

FAN FAVORITES
AUG 14 & 15

2009 FESTIVAL SERIES
DOWNTOWN ALIVE!



June 15-19

The Active Transportation Alliance (<http://www.activetrans.org/>) will be at the Route 59 Metra Station with free air (for your tires) and coffee (for your train ride) from 6 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 15 to encourage cycling as a commuter option.

INFO for event information

In recognition of Arbor Day, Earth Day

Boy Scouts & Friends of Phillips Park plant arboretum

Boy Scouts, members of The Friends of Phillips Park and lovers of nature gathered in Phillips Park on April 18 to help establish a three-acre arboretum on an island surrounded by Mastodon Lake in recognition of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Seven trees were planted during the event: two bald cypress, two swamp white oaks, two burr oaks and one tuliptree. Signs noting the tree types also were "planted" near the trees.

The idea of the arboretum is to identify trees and include graphics that show the proper way to plant and care for the different species.

Bill Pauley, a certified arborist and Aurora Street Department labor superintendent as well as Scoutmaster for Holy Angels School



ScoutTroop 26, assisted with the planting and mulching of the trees.

Susan Johnson, horticulturalist for the City of Aurora, also worked with the Scout volunteers.

Johnson earned her arborist certification this spring from the International Society of Arboriculture and its local chapter.

The city recently was honored by Tree City USA for the 12th year with a Tree City USA Award.

Phillips Park, located on more than 325 acres, is accessible from Smith Boulevard, Parker Avenue or Howell Place off of Montgomery Road on the city's southeast side.

To visit the arboretum, use the footbridge off Wyeth Drive to access the island. Follow the path to the arboretum. ☀

One Emerald Ash Borer found in Aurora Could there be more?

One Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) larva was discovered in an ash tree on Liberty Street on the far east side of Aurora late last year, and, according to Certified Arborist Bill Pauley, more trees could be affected this year.

"Twenty-five test trap trees were selected city-wide in 2007 based on their declining condition," Pauley said. "The larva was discovered in one of those test trees and it was confirmed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture."

Aurora is a Tree City USA member with an active Tree Board of Directors, Pauley said. "The members of the board have worked to develop a strategy to deal with the infestation in an attempt to slow and contain the spread of EAB in our community."

Pauley said trees on public property will be removed if they are showing signs of decline, crown dieback, excessive basal sprouting, woodpecker damage or confirmed infestation. "Some communities took drastic measures early on in an attempt to eradicate the pest by removing all the ash trees in their communities," Pauley said.

"Studies have shown that mass removal has not stopped or slowed the spread of EAB."

Several methods of chemical treatment have not been shown to be 100 percent effective, Pauley said. Therefore, the city has elected not to treat parkway trees at this time.

"Homeowners may decide to treat their trees," Pauley said. "Studies have shown the most effective treatment is with young trees before they show signs of infestation, but they should be treated only by licensed professionals."

Trees found to be infested should be removed, but not during the adult flight season in June and July, Pauley said. "All waste from removals must be disposed of at sites that comply with Illinois Department of Agriculture guidelines." Use of ash tree limbs for firewood has been determined to be the leading cause of the spread of the ash borers.

Citizens who suspect a tree in a city parkway may be infested should call the Customer Service Center at 630-264-INFO (4636) so a staff member may conduct an inspection. ☀



Ash leaves are somewhat unique since they have several green leaflets per leaf stem, usually 7. The leaflets are located directly across from each other with one at the end.

The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic beetle from Asia. Though small (approximately 1/2 an inch), it can fly up to a mile from where it emerges.



D-shaped exit holes can be found on trees where the adult beetles emerged. A tree with these holes has been infested for at least one year. They will be present on the branches and the trunk.



"Suckers," or new sprouts, may develop around the bottom of the main trunk of an infested tree. They can grow until they are 2-3 inches in diameter and are again attacked by the Emerald Ash Borer.



Tree canopy will begin thinning and branches will die. First there will be yellowing of the leaves, then dead branches. The thinning will begin at the top third of the tree, then spread over time. Usually, a tree will live two to four years after thinning at the top of the tree occurs.



Fire Chief Oelker retires after 30 years

After serving the citizens of Aurora for 30 years, Fire Chief Tim Oelker retired this spring. Oelker began his tenure with the fire department on Feb. 26, 1979.

Oelker, 57, was promoted to chief in November, 2005. "My retirement will be the beginning of a new life," Oelker said. "Thirty years ago I walked into the old (Central) fire station (now the Aurora Regional Fire Museum) not knowing anything about firefighting. I didn't want to be a firefighter since second grade or anything. But I took advantage of an opportunity that has worked out to be the best thing in my life."

Mayor Tom Weisner said Oelker's choice was a positive one for the citizens of Aurora. "In his own quiet way, Tim Oelker has been a powerful force in the Aurora Fire Department," Weisner said. "Morale, cooperation and positive attitudes have never been better."

"Tim's will be tough shoes (or boots) to fill."

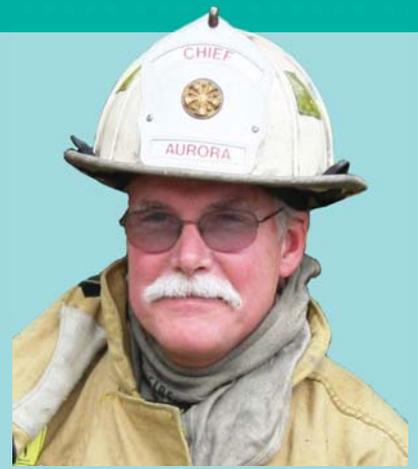
Oelker was born in Aurora and attended Allen Elementary, Simmons Middle School and East Aurora High School.

"What better calling is there?" Oelker said as he reflected on his time as an Aurora firefighter. "Every time that bell rings, you have the potential to affect someone's life in a positive way. When you go to a fire or on an ambulance call, when you interact with people who are looking to you to make their lives a little better or even to save their lives, you can walk away feeling great about yourself and what you did."

When Oelker began his firefighting career, there were about 110 full-time sworn firefighters. Today there are 207.

"I tried to tell the firefighters that the potential for the good they do may seem insignificant to them, but it may seem like the angels have come down from heaven to the person on the other end of the phone. The career itself is the highlight."

Oelker said he's excited to concentrate on



some hobbies, including restoring old motorcycles, collecting antique fishing tackle, canoeing, woodcarving and gardening. But he was also relieved to take off the responsibility for a large fire department for the last time.

"When I was a battalion chief and my relief would come in the morning and I physically transferred the equipment over to him, a thousand pounds of relief came off my shoulders knowing that my responsibility was over." 🌟

Aurora offers groups chance to adopt a road

The City of Aurora invites community organizations, school groups and businesses to participate in an Adopt-A-Road Program in an effort to enhance the appearance of the city and beautify its roadways. By adopting a road, participants will directly contribute to the beautification of their city.

Guidelines for adoption include an agreement to clean the assigned section of roadway four times a year between May 1 and Oct. 1. Participants are required to attend a safety training program and sign a waiver and release form.

The city will supply garbage bags, safety vests and a road sign identifying the adopting group.

Call Brett Weiler, assistant director/public property, at 630-801-5240 for information or to adopt a road. 🌟

Aldermen: Drive 25

All of the City of Aurora's departments have Wildly Important Goals, or WIGs, and that includes the Aldermen's Office. One of their goals is to make residents aware of the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 safety campaign. "We encourage Aurora residents to place 'Drive 25' signs in their front yards to remind motorists to slow down," said Cindy Hernandez, executive secretary to the aldermen. Residents can request signs, like the one shown, at the Aldermen's Office, 60 E. Downer Place. Call 630-844-3619 for information. Go to www.keepkidsalivedrive25.org to find out more about the nationwide campaign. 🌟



They depend on you

Animal Control would like to remind pet owners that dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems humans do in the summer, including overheating, dehydration and sunburn.



Here are some important reminders for the season:

Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle. It takes just 10 minutes on an 85-degree day for the inside of a car to reach 102 degrees, even if the windows have been left open.

Don't let your dog stand on hot asphalt. Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for animals kept outdoors. Bring your pets inside during the heat of the day.



Do not apply sunscreen or insect repellent to your pet if it is not recommended for use on animals.

Don't forget to register your pet with the City of Aurora Animal Control. Call 630-897-5695. 🌟

Your Elected Officials

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Aldermen's Office

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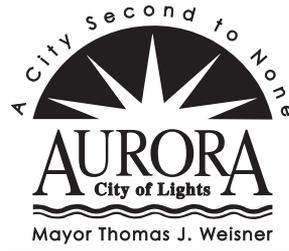
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SCHEDULE:

6 to 6:45 p.m. Circus Boy, comedy and juggling

7 to 8 p.m. Band, DBL-SHOT

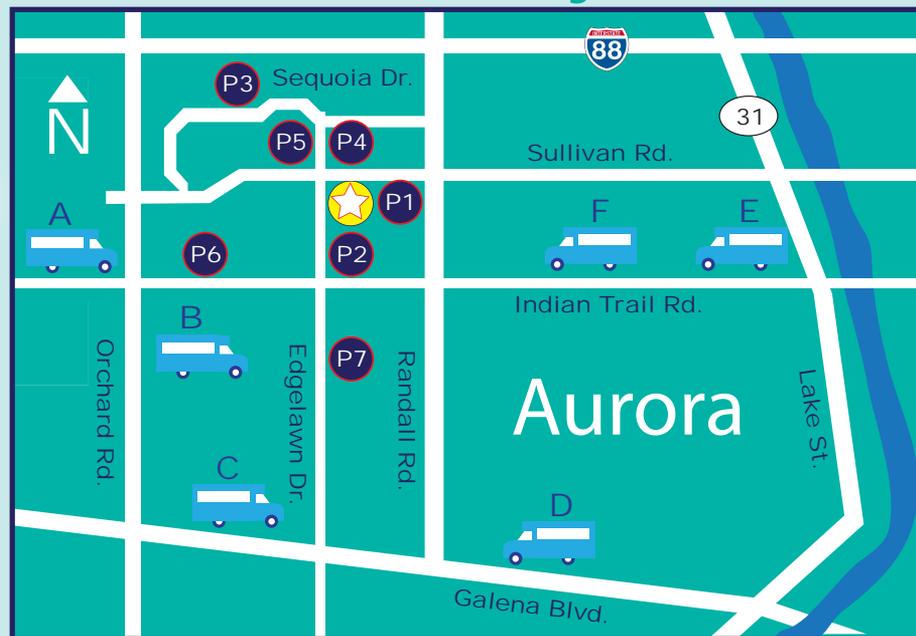
8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aurora Summer Concert Band and parachutists

9:30 p.m. Fireworks

10 p.m. Family Video, Looney Tunes, *The Golden Collection*

For July 4th parade and event details, see page 4.

Shuttle Bus and Parking Locations



Handicapped parking reserved at IMSA (P1) and Aurora Central Catholic High School (P2)

Free! Shuttles to Fireworks

Park and ride locations:

- A. Home Depot
1250 N. Orchard Rd.
- B. Lowe's
2372 W. Indian Trail Rd.
- C. West Aurora Plaza
West Galena Blvd. at Edgelawn

- D. West Aurora High School
1201 W. New York St.
- E. Cermak Fresh Markets
Lake St. at Indian Trail
- F. Provena Mercy Outpatient Lot
1325 N. Highland Ave.

Free! Fireworks Parking

Park and walk locations:

- P1. Illinois Math and Science Academy
1500 W. Sullivan Rd.
- P2. Aurora Central Catholic High School
1255 N. Edgelawn Dr.
- P3. Hyundai
1705 Sequoia Dr.

- P4. Milgard Windows & Doors
1785 N. Edgelawn Dr.
- P5. Kraft/Excel
1700 N. Edgelawn Dr.
- P6. Vaughan Athletic Center
2121 W. Indian Trail Rd.
- P7. Rosary High School
901 N. Edgelawn Dr.