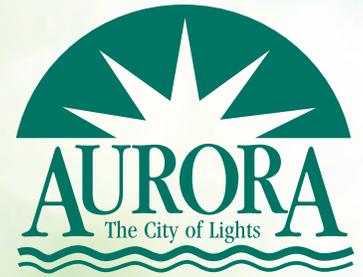


Aurora BOREALIS

SPRING 2014



Mayor Thomas J. Weisner



20 New Restaurants to Tempt Your Taste Buds

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JASON CHOOI

Owner of Sushi + Rotary Bar
Aurora's FIRST Rotary Sushi Bar

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Experience Aurora HOMEOWNERSHIP EXPO

Saturday, April 12 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Why is Aurora such a great place to live?

Ranked Top in Suburban Home Sales and named one of the Top 10 Safest Mid-Sized Cities in America, Aurora provides reliable city services, scenic parks, and incredible homeownership opportunities – just to name a few reasons!

Learn so much more at the **Experience Aurora Homeownership Expo** featuring:

- **Down-payment assistance programs** of up to \$12,000 for qualifying first-time homebuyers and those who have not purchased a home in the last three years!
- **Trolley Tours of 10 magnificent houses** in or near downtown Aurora!
- An additional **20 Open Houses of beautiful homes** throughout Aurora!
- **Realtors and bankers** who are ready to help you find the perfect home!
- Representatives that will help you experience the best of what Aurora has to offer in **education, recreation, and arts & entertainment!**
- Entertaining and interactive **children's activities!**
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River Street Plaza – 140 S. River Street – Downtown Aurora
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From the Mayor's Desk



Mayor Thomas J. Weisner

Aurora Enters New Season

Happy Spring, Aurora!

I am happy to kick off this edition of the Aurora Borealis discussing one of my favorite activities: eating! As Mayor, I spend plenty of time on the “rubber chicken” circuit, so in my free time I spare no opportunity (as evidenced by my waistline) to indulge myself in every possible variety of cuisine . . . and as you can see from our front page story, I don’t need to venture outside of Aurora to find that variety.

Among our 20 of Aurora’s newest restaurants you can find sophisticated dining opportunities, like Sushi or Indian cuisine; casual dining for homemade soups, pasta, burgers or the ever-popular pizza; and tasty treats like frozen yogurt. And these are just the newest additions to Aurora’s already broad spectrum of successful eateries, like Luigi’s House, Basils, Mike & Denise’s, Banana Split, or

Domo 77, which was recently spotlighted as one of the “most romantic restaurants in America.”

If you wash down your dinner – at home or at an Aurora restaurant – with a glass of water, you will be drinking the best tasting water in the area, as judged in a recent county-wide competition. Aurora’s water has been rated as the best-tasting at the county level five times in the past sixteen years and best tasting in Illinois in 1999, 2000, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

We were also recognized recently by a national real estate company as one of the ten safest mid-sized cities in America. That enviable finding was borne out by Aurora Police Department 2013 crime statistics,

which showed the Major Crime category (which includes violent crime) at its lowest level since 1979, when we began sophisticated data collection.

More good news is that the Aurora City Council, once again, reduced the City of Aurora’s property tax levy for City operations in 2014. However, the bad news is that the levy for support of public safety employee pensions will rise, once again. Public safety pension benefits are determined by the Illinois State Legislature, but the costs of the pension are borne, largely, through our local property taxes.

As you may know, last year state legislators approved pension reform for pensions paid through state coffers, such as teacher pensions. However, the legislature has yet to consider reform of public safety pensions which are paid for at the municipal level. Public safety pensions are, on average, much more costly than teacher pensions. Unless Springfield addresses public safety pension reform in the immediate future, property taxes are likely to continue to go up in Aurora and across Illinois in the future.

May the long-awaited arrival of Spring warm Mother Earth . . . and our hearts, as well.

Sincerely,



Mayor Weisner and the Aurora City Council honor Randy and Lisa Brown, owners of Banana Split Ice Cream Shop, for operating their successful business for over 30 years in Aurora.



DIG OUT, DIG IN

20 OF AURORA'S NEWEST EATERIES:

1. **Baba's Famous Steak & Lemonade** | 900 N. Lake Street | *American fare*
2. **Black Door Pub** | 255 E. Indian Trail Road | *American fare*
3. **Firehouse Subs** | 405 N. Eola Road | *Sub sandwiches*
4. **Fox's Pizza Den** | 2278 Ogden Avenue | *Pizzeria*
5. **Hopvine Brewery** | 4030 Fox Valley Center | *American fare*
6. **Khas** | 4442 E. New York Street | *Indian Cuisine*
7. **Lulu's Yogurt** | 1147 N. Eola Road | *Self-serve frozen yogurt*
8. **Ma Tea House** | 1426 Fox Valley Center | *Teas and smoothies*
9. **Noble Romans** | 1669 Montgomery Road | *Pizza*
10. **Noodles & Co.** | 2365 N. Farnsworth Avenue | *Pasta*
11. **Papa Fresco's** | 481 N. Commons Drive | *Pizza*
12. **Papa Saverio's** | 1480 N. Orchard Road #108 | *Pizza and sandwiches*
13. **Patelli's** | 1515 Butterfield Road | *Burgers, hot dogs and other American fare*
14. **Subway** | 1204 E. New York Street | *Sub sandwiches, salads, pizza*
15. **Sushi+ Rotary Bar** | 4430 Fox Valley Center | *Sushi and other delicacies*
16. **Taco Grill and Salsa Bar** | 31 N. Broadway | *Mexican dishes*
17. **Tamarind** | 4250 Fox Valley Center | *Indian Cuisine Buffet*
18. **Tilted Kilt** | 1336 Fox Valley Center | *American fare*
19. **Two Brothers Café** | 205 N Broadway | *Fresh-roasted coffee, pastries, salads*
20. **Zoup** | 1167 N. Eola Road | *Soup and sandwiches*

It's been a long, cold winter, but it's time to break the cabin fever, get into the SPRING of things, and see what's new at recently opened eateries in Aurora. With nearly twenty new locations to choose from (and hundreds of other restaurants), there is something for everyone's taste buds!

Aurora's newest hot spots bring traditional classics like hotdogs and hamburgers at Patelli's to authentic cultural dishes like sashimi and nigiri at Sushi + Rotary Sushi Bar ... and every good item in between on the menu!

There are familiar national names like Subway with its newest restaurant on New York Street, familiar local favorites like Two Brothers Roundhouse with its new café inside the popular downtown Aurora location, and new restaurants that are sure to become household names and family favorites.

Are you ready to choose from 12 tasty daily flavors of soups at Zoup, 14 daily flavors of salsa at the Taco Bar and Grill, 16 delicious flavors of LuLu's Frozen Yogurt... or any item on the menus of these 20 Aurora restaurants that will help you shake off the winter blues and fill your appetites with some great food?



Ma Tea House: "Yum-O! I am a big fan of milk tea and this place nails it. The flavor is perfect." – Jenni I.



Patelli's: "I love this place. Since it's opened my husband and I have visited at least once a week. The service is fast, and the movie settings are fun." – Christina K.



Sushi +: "The Sushi Pizza and Volcano Roll are a must! I almost clapped my hands like a child when I saw the Volcano Roll coming at me." – Angela P.



Zoup: "You get to try their variety of soups before purchasing. Friendly service!" – Akos A.



Two Brothers Café and Bakery: "I cannot say enough good things about this place... Too goooooood to stay away!" – Hilary H.

Aurora has the best water in the county!



During a recent City Council meeting, members of the Aurora City Council agree that Aurora's water is superb.

Judges have tested the waters, and it's official – Aurora wins again.

In December, Aurora won the Kane County Water Association taste competition, beating out eight other municipalities in Kane County for bragging rights to the best water in the county.

A panel of three judges tasted samples of water from Aurora, Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, North Aurora, Sugar Grove, Montgomery, Yorkville, and Elgin.

This year marks the sixth win for Aurora's water since the competition began in 1997. Aurora has taken home the title more than any other municipality.

Aurora's tasty water supply is sourced from a combination of the Fox River and deep and shallow wells, and

is treated by several processes, including softening, reverse osmosis and nanofiltration before it is sent to the tap.

"None of this is possible without the daily effort of each member of our team," said Water Production Division Superintendent David Schumacher. "Whether it is maintaining equipment, operating systems, general upkeep of our sites, processing samples and performing analyses, budgeting for our required supplies, or any of the other necessary tasks to keep the Water Production Division going strong, without all their work, this recognition would not be possible."

In addition to bragging rights, Thursday's win advances Aurora to a state water tasting competition in Springfield this spring where it will compete for the title of Best Water in Illinois.



Kane County Water Association Award
2013 • 2008 • 2006
2000 • 1998

Illinois State Section American Water Works Association Award
2009 • 2008 • 2007
2000 • 1999

In a continued effort to save money and conserve resources, the annual *City of Aurora Water Quality Report* will be available to residents electronically in late June. Check your water bill later this spring for more information.

2014 CITY BUDGET: Serious about Cutting Costs

After months of discussions, calculations, and meetings to comb through the numbers, the Aurora City Council unanimously approved a budget for 2014 that is lower than the 2013 budget. Attempting to hold the line on spending across every department, the City's \$362 million budget for 2014 is just about \$7 million less than the 2013 budget of \$369 million — a 1.8% decrease!

"There's an incredible amount of belt-tightening that's going on," said Brian Caputo, Aurora's Chief Financial Officer. "We looked for efficiencies at every turn to make this work."

Those efficiencies include realigning departments to provide better customer service to residents, investing in new technology practices that enable departments to run more efficiently, secure more competitive bids, and seek additional grants to fund necessary bridge and road projects. In 2014, the Indian Trail Bridges will be replaced in a project that costs \$8 million, but the City's portion is only 20% of the total. A grant from the state covers 80% of the project.

Although nearly flat, the City's total tax levy is expected to increase by about 0.5%. The slight increase can be attributed to rising pension costs that increased by \$1.5 million – a 9.5% increase over 2013 pension costs.

"On our end, it is evident that we have been very serious about cost-cutting measures," said Mayor Weisner. "We must call on our state leaders to deal with pension reform at the state level in order to help balance out this equation."





And the Award Goes to...AURORA!

While the entertainment awards season may have come to an end with the Oscars, the City of Aurora continues to bring in top notch honors at local, regional, and national levels. Here are a handful of recognitions so far this year:

Host a block party this summer

Aurora's aldermen invite you to get your neighbors together and host a block party this spring or summer!

Block parties are a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors while helping to bring the community together. Neighbors who want to block off a stretch of roadway to host a get-together this year can get help from the Alderman's Office.

Once you and your neighbors have picked a date, visit www.aurora-il.org/aldermen/block_parties.php to download and application or call the Aldermen's Office at 630-256-3020 to have one mailed to you. The electronic version also includes links to applications for festivals and special events.

Your alderman can assist with obtaining a permit and barricades, but you bring the party. So visit aurora-il.org and click on Aldermen's Office to start planning your block party now!

Top 10 Safest Mid-Sized Cities in the Country

Movoto Real Estate ranked 100 of the country's mid-sized cities (cities with populations between 126,047 and 210,309 residents) in terms of safety. Aurora ranked in the Top 10 at #8! This ranking is based on FBI crime data from 2013, the latest available from the agency. It includes incidents of: burglary, theft, vehicle theft, murder, rape, robbery, and assault. In order to make a fair comparison, Movoto looked at the number of crimes per year per 100,000 residents, rather than the total number of crimes reported in each city.

Top 10 Water Innovations in America



Water System Operator Magazine recognized the City of Aurora as one of the places improving the water industry in America! Aurora's innovative and environmentally responsible stormwater management practices, including retention basins and biofiltration, rain gardens, and a 6,500-square-foot wetland bioswale, are definitely improving and "greening" the nation's infrastructure, as the blueprint recommends.

Director's Award for Water Production



Aurora's Water Production Division has received the Director's Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. The division achieved and documented performance levels in excess of federal regulations four years in a row (2010-2013) which led to the honor.

Most Romantic Restaurant in the Country



Restaurant.com released its 2014 List of the Top 50 Most Romantic Restaurants in the Nation! Aurora's Domo 77 ranks at #2!

Top in Suburban Home Sales



Chicago Agent Magazine release its 2013 data and Aurora ranked #1 in single-family detached home sales with 1,896 sales -200 more than Naperville's 1,687 home sales - and #2 in single-family attached home sales with 735 sales, second only to Schaumburg's 777 sales.

Project of The Year



The American Public Works Association (Chicago Metropolitan Chapter) named the City of Aurora's RiverEdge Park Music Garden and Blues Island Restoration as the structural Project of the Year!



New Indian American Community Outreach Board Seeks Volunteers

The City of Aurora is seeking volunteers to serve on what officials believe is the State of Illinois' first municipally-sponsored board aimed at helping to promote Indian American culture — the Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board.

The Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board's mission is to:

- Serve as a bridge between the Indian American community and all other communities in Aurora.
- Build higher levels of civic engagement between local government entities and the Indian American community.
- Provide opportunities in local and international economic development efforts for Aurora's current Indian American residents and businesses, and,
- Embrace the Indian American community into Aurora's cultural outreach efforts including welcoming exchange students, visiting dignitaries, cultural events, and others.

Residents interested in volunteering to serve on the board do not have to be Indian American to serve. The City is seeking an initial group of nine members who will be tasked with establishing the board before filling all 18 seats. Applications are available on the City's website at www.aurora-il.org. For questions and information, contact Alex Voigt at 630-256-3010 or avoigt@aurora-il.org.



Members of Aurora's Hispanic Heritage Advisor Board and African-American Heritage Advisor Board welcome members of Aurora's Indian American community to a group dinner celebration.

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Spring 2014 Calendar

AURORA CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Aurora City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. City Council Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Floor of City Hall – 44 E. Downer Place. Meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted online at www.aurora-il.org prior to each meeting.

Future City Council meetings include:

- Tuesday, April 8
- Tuesday, April 22
- Tuesday, May 13
- Tuesday, May 27
- Tuesday, June 10
- Tuesday, June 24
- Tuesday, July 8
- Tuesday, July 22

Persons wishing to address the City Council should notify the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070.

APRIL

Saturday, April 5

11th Annual Latina Health Festival

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Prisco Community Center,
150 W. Illinois Ave.

April 7-18

Free Yard Waste Collection

(see back page)

Saturday, April 12

Electronics Recycling

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City of Aurora Customer Service Center
3770 McCoy Drive

Saturday, April 12

Pet Wellness Clinic

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aurora Animal Control,
600 S. River St.

Low-cost dog and cat vaccinations, heartworm tests and prevention, FIV tests and micro-chipping services are available by appointment only. To set up an appointment, call Just Animals at 815-830-6568 and leave a message. For more information, call Animal Control at 630-256-3630.

Saturday, April 12

Experience Aurora Homeownership Expo

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
River Street Plaza
140 S. River Street

Why is Aurora such a great place to live? Visit the expo to learn about great things that the city has to offer including down payment assistant programs, tours of homes, and personal connections with realtors and bankers! (See page 2)

Friday, April 18

17th Annual East v. West Alumni Basketball Game

6 p.m.
East Aurora High School
500 Tomcat Lane

Friday, April 25

Arbor Day

Arbor Day is nationally-celebrated holiday encouraging tree planting and care. Each year, the City of Aurora partners with local schools to plant trees and to provide saplings to students.

Saturday, April 26

Electronics Recycling

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City of Aurora Central Garage
720 N. Broadway Ave.

Saturday, April 26

Dia de los Ninos

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Aurora Transportation Center,
East Lot, at the corner of
Spring Street and Lincoln Avenue

The City of Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board in partnership with local school districts will host the annual Latin American festival honoring children and their importance to society. In addition to children's games, activities, rides and entertainment, the event will include literacy stations where the AHHAB and the school districts will give away thousands of books to children. For more information visit www.aurorahispanicheritage.com.



THE AURORA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PRESENTS



Thursday, May 1, 2014
12:45 p.m.

Watch LIVE Online:
www.aurora-il.org

MAY

Thursday, May 1

State of the City Address

12:45 p.m.

The Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts Mayor Thomas J. Weisner as he presents the annual State of the City Address. Watch LIVE online at www.aurora.il.org

Saturday, May 10

Crime Free Multi-housing Program Classes

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aurora Police Department,
1200 East Indian Trail

Designed to assist property owners in managing their properties, this class emphasizes cooperation among owners, renters, and the City to help neighborhoods fight crime.

Saturday, May 10

Electronics Recycling

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City of Aurora Customer Service Center
3770 McCoy Drive

Saturday, May 10

Pet Wellness Clinic

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Animal Control
600 S. River St.

Saturday, May 17

Aurora Farmers Market Preview and Fox Valley Garden Club Plant Sale

8 a.m. to Noon

Aurora Transportation Center,
233 N. Broadway

Come preview over 40 vendors at the Aurora Transportation Center as they showcase plants, garden crafts and accessories.

Saturday, May 24

Electronics Recycling

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City of Aurora Central Garage
720 N. Broadway Ave.

May 17

Crime Free Multi-housing Program Classes

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aurora Police Department,
1200 East Indian Trail

May 26

Memorial Day Parade

11:15 a.m.

Downtown Aurora

Pre-parade program begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Review Stand in front of the David L. Pierce Art & History Center on Downer Place. Parade steps off at noon.



High School Graduations

High School	Date of Graduation	Location	Live Online Feed?
Aurora Central	Thursday, May 29, 2014 6:00 p.m.	Aurora Central High School	
Aurora Christian	Sunday, June 1, 2014 3:00 p.m.	School Gym	
Batavia	Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.	NIU Convocation Center	✓ (BATV)
East Aurora	Friday, May 23, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Football Field(weather permits)/ Gymnasium	✓
Kaneland	Sunday, June 1, 2014 4:00-5:00 p.m.	NIU Convocation Center	✓
Marmion	Thursday, May 22, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Marmion	
Metea Valley	Sunday, May 25, 2014 11:00 a.m.	NIU Convocation Center	✓
Rosary	Tuesday, May, 20, 2014 6:30 p.m.	St. John Neumann Church St. Charles, IL	
Waubonsie Valley	Sunday, May 25, 2014 3:00-5:00 p.m.	NIU Convocation Center	✓
West Aurora	Sunday, May 18, 2014 2:00 p.m.	NIU Convocation Center	✓



Recycle your old, obsolete electronics

In an effort to keep toxic e-waste out of our landfills and environment, the City of Aurora will offer Electronics Recycling twice monthly in 2014. Last year, the City of Aurora collected more than 156 tons of obsolete and unwanted electronics – the equivalent weight of the Statue of Liberty. Residents can bring their broken or obsolete electronics to the City’s disposal sites free of charge. Items are refurbished or recycled back into raw materials that can be reused by electronics manufacturers.

Accepted items include:

- Monitors and TVs
- Computers
- Computer accessories
- Videogames
- Telephones – cellular and landline
- Answering machines
- Personal digital assistants (PDAs)
- MP3 players
- Cameras and camcorders
- Servers and networking equipment
- DVD players, VCRs and stereos
- Microwaves

For more information on recycling appliances and hazardous waste not listed, contact the Illinois EPA at 217-524-6713. Remember that, according to Illinois law, it is illegal to dispose of e-waste in the garbage.

This year’s collection events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

City of Aurora Customer Service Center 3770 McCoy Drive

April 12	July 12	Oct. 11
May 10	Aug. 9	Nov. 8
June 7	Sept. 13	Dec. 6

City of Aurora Central Garage 720 N. Broadway

March 29	July 26	Nov. 15
April 26	Aug. 23	Dec. 20
May 24	Sept. 27	
June 21	Oct. 25	



Rental Reminder

The City of Aurora requires property owners to register any homes in which they do not live – whether vacant or leased as a rental home – in order to ensure the health and safety of residents and neighbors.

Rental Registration

Any property owner who rents a home in Aurora in which they do not also live must register the home, become licensed to rent, and pass yearly life-safety inspections.

For more information, or to download a registration form, visit aurora-il.org/propertystandards/apt_licensing.php, or call Property Standards at 630-256-3770.

Vacant Properties

In an effort to reduce vandalism and other property crimes, the City also requires all vacant properties to be registered. To register your vacant property, or to report a neglected vacant home in your neighborhood, call Property Standards at 630-256-3770.


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The Boys Baseball of Aurora 2014 Summer Season is fast approaching with registration opening in February! Check our website at

www.boysbaseballofaurora.com - (click **REGISTRATION**) for more details on registration procedures, fees, dates, schedules, and contact information or you may call us at **630.897.6929**



Education Focus

With over 100 years of educational experience between them, three superintendents of school districts in Aurora will retire this school year after serving the students and families of their respective districts.



Mayor Weisner bids farewell to retiring superintendents (l to r): Dr. James Rydland (West Aurora), Dr. Jerome Roberts (East Aurora), and Dr. Kathryn Birkett (Indian Prairie)

Indian Prairie School District 204:

Superintendent Kathryn Birkett has dedicated her entire career to the children of the Indian Prairie School District. She began nearly 35 years ago as a teacher at Waubonsie Valley High School then served as the first principal at both Steck Elementary and Neuqua Valley High School when those buildings first opened. She joined the district's central administration team in 2004 as the assistant superintendent for secondary education and has served the past five years as its superintendent.

West Aurora School District 129:

West Aurora Superintendent James Rydland's career spans nearly 40 years. He began his career in 1975 as a special education teacher in North Thurston Public Schools in Lacey, Washington, where he served as an elementary teacher, high school teacher, middle school assistant principal, elementary principal, director of curriculum and assistant superintendent. In 2005, he moved to Illinois to take the reins as the superintendent for the West Aurora School District.

East Aurora School District 131:

Superintendent Jerome Roberts has served the students of East Aurora in several positions throughout his 35-year career in education. He started teaching at a middle school in Joliet and held several administrative positions there and in Lockport before coming to East Aurora High School, where he served as the principal from 1989 to 1993. After terms in Downers Grove, Calumet, and Fairmont, he returned to East Aurora, first as its director of secondary programs, then assistant superintendent before taking the district's top job in 2006.

Collect spring showers with a rain barrel

The City of Aurora and The Conservation Foundation will team up again this year to sell discounted rain barrels to residents. Rain barrels collect water run-off from rooftops for use on lawns and gardens, conserving water in the hot summer months.

Rain barrels:

- Reduce pollutants carried into the Fox River during major storms.
- Conserve water that is otherwise sourced from stressed underground aquifers.
- Hydrate plants and gardens better with naturally soft water free of minerals, chlorine, and fluoride.

Rain barrels are available in four colors: black, gray, blue or terra cotta, and at just \$58.50 plus tax – about 20 percent off online retail prices – rain barrels are a great deal for you and the environment. For more information, or to place an order, call The Conservation Foundation at 630-553-0687, ext. 302.



Senior Focus:



Senior Services Associates has partnered with the City of Aurora and Aurora Township to purchase a state-of-the-art bingo system. The large, easy-to-read board flashes numbers as they are called, and an air machine shuffles balls, just like in the Illinois Lottery. The new bingo system also includes 450 new easy-to-read customized cards.



In addition to social activities like bingo and bean bag baseball, Senior Services Associates also offers:

- Free service assessments, completed at the senior's home, to help them find all the public benefits and community resources for which they are eligible.
- Services for grandparents raising grandchildren, home-delivered meals, elder abuse intervention, and nursing home ombudsmen.
- Volunteer opportunities, including the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Senior Companion program, and programs for the Spanish-speaking community.

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To learn more about these and other services available for you or a senior you love, call Senior Service Associates Aurora office at 630-897-4035, or visit seniorservicesassoc.org.

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- Pub Trivia

Wednesday:

- \$2.00 Domestic Pints
- \$2.00 You Call It Well Drinks
- \$3.50 You Call It On-Bacardi Rum, Captain Morgan, Jim Beam or Svedka Flavors
- Dj Night Lots of Giveaways

Thursday:

- \$2.00 Domestic Bottles
- \$6.00 Select Martinis
- 1/2 Price House Wine
- FREE Poker

Friday:

- \$2.50 Bud & Bud Light Pints
- \$4.00 Select Bombs

Saturday:

- \$2.50 Miller Lite & Coors Light Pints
- \$3.00 Heineken Bottles
- \$4.00 Captain Morgan Drinks
- \$4.00 Select Bombs

Sunday:

- Sunday FUNDAY Club

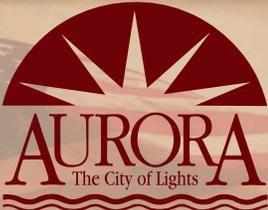
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PARADE
Independence Day
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Nominate a Grand Marshal

The City of Aurora, in partnership with the American Legion Post 84, seeks nominations for grand marshals for both the Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades.

Parade grand marshals are selected based on their contributions to quality of life in the city of Aurora, through their participation in civic or social services, humanitarianism, or personal achievements in areas such as athletics or the arts.

In addition, the grand marshal selected for the Memorial Day parade must also be a veteran, an active-duty member of the military, or a current or past employee of a veteran's organization.

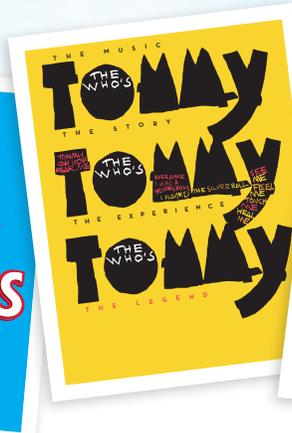
The deadline to nominate the grand marshal for the Memorial Day parade is Friday, April 25. The deadline to nominate a marshal for the Fourth of July parade is Friday, May 16. For more information and to download nomination forms, go to aurora-il.org.



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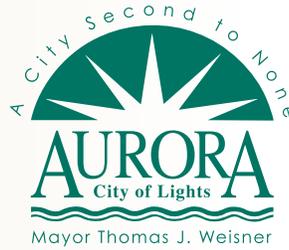
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FREE YARD WASTE COLLECTION

April 7 – 18

The City will again offer free brush and yard waste collection this spring from April 7 through April 18. Yard waste must be bagged in 30-gallon Kraft paper bags and must not weigh more than 60 pounds. Do not place yard waste in plastic bags or garbage cans.

After April 18, yard waste requires a garbage sticker.

FREE BRUSH COLLECTION

April 7 – Nov. 1

Branches and limbs that are ½ inch to 4 inches in diameter and 2 to 4 feet in length can be placed at the curb without a waste sticker from April 7 through November 1. Brush must be stacked in neat piles in the same direction, with the cut side of the limbs facing the street.

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Yard waste and unbundled brush should be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. For more information, visit aurora-il.org or call 630-256-INFO.

