

“Vote Early and Vote Often!”

Isn't that one of the greatest Chicagoan sayings there is? Good thing we live in Aurora! It is that time again where YOU have the opportunity and the privilege to vote for some of the people who will represent YOU on the Oakhurst Board. As I write this letter, I think about all of my neighbors and fellow residents who don't even pick up the Oakhurst Oracle and flip through it. This periodical is the best way for us to get information out to you.

I remember back in 2004 when I read about the annual meeting and the upcoming election. I had only lived in the community for a couple of years, having gotten things pretty much established at home. Now, I thought it was time to really see what was going on in the community, so I decided to attend my first Oakhurst Board of Directors Meeting. I think, besides the board, there were only 8 people at the meeting. I was fairly surprised at the number of people who turned up for the meeting. It seemed a little light to me. But hey, what do I know! It was my first meeting anyway. It also just so happen it was the annual meeting and they were voting for Board members. Apparently, there were no candidates to run against any of the incumbents. Ergo, every one of them was reelected. However, there was one opening for a representative for the multi-family communities and Jonathan Lack (President at the time) asked if there were any volunteers to fill the position. I looked around at the people in the crowd and for whatever reason, I raised my hand. What did I get myself into?

Like everything you do for the first time, it's a learning process. I didn't need to have the CC&R's and the By-Laws memorized, but I needed to know at least the basics. I would like to say I know a little about a lot, but there is always room for people to learn more. As the most junior Director at the time, I did much of my learning by watching, listening and asking. This has been such a wonderful learning experience over the past 7 years. Sometimes, the decisions we make as a Board are simple: "replace that tree," "fix the playground equipment," and "repaint the fire lane lines" to name a few. Some are a bit more complicated like our landscaping contract: "how many men will be on the job," "how many hours a day and days in a week will they be out there," "how well will they take care of the pedestrian bridge to Steck Elementary," and those are the easy ones! Then we compare it to what we have budgeted and see how we can get the best bang for our (being your financial stewards, it's actually YOUR money) buck.

We take two trips a year as a group going through most of Oakhurst with the landscapers and point out things that we think they have missed, and areas we would like to improve upon. We have to weigh every part of the budget, sometimes to borrow from Paul to pay Peter. It gets complicated sometimes. I know that we have such a diverse board, that everyone has ideas and different approaches and we always figure out what is best for all of Oakhurst. The only thing is our pay, even though we double our salaries each year, it still comes to zero. (I should check with the treasurer on that

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Oakhurst Community Association Representatives

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Wild Meadows

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Autumn Lakes Condo Assn.

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* Voting Representative

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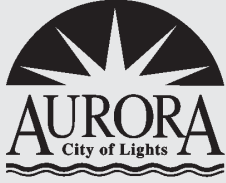
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- Sep 21** Cub Scout Round-Up, 7pm, Steck.
- Sep 24** Electronics Recycling, Free, 9am - 1pm, Aurora Customer Service Ctr, 3770 McCoy Dr.
- Sep 27** Oakhurst Community Association Board Nomination Forms Due
- Sep 27** Oakhurst Community Association Annual Meeting & Elections, 7pm, Oakhurst Clubhouse
- Oct 10** No School
- Oct 12** Early Dismissal
- Oct 22** Electronics Recycling, Free, 9am - 1pm, Aurora Customer Service Ctr, 3770 McCoy Dr.
- Oct 25** Oakhurst Community Association Meeting, 7pm, Oakhurst Clubhouse

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City of Aurora Financial Update

Toward the end of each summer, one of our City Council meetings includes a much anticipated update of the mid-year financial condition of the city. It takes into account the budget we have been operating under since the beginning of the year, the actual revenue numbers in each category for the first five or six months, projected end of year results and the expenditures it takes to run this city of almost 200,000 people.

For quite a few years now, we have had the benefit of a superior head of finance and City Treasurer, Brian Caputo, to guide this city through a responsible budget development process and a clear understanding of where each dollar is in this budget. As many of you already know, Brian and the very active Caputo family are part of our Oakhurst family of neighbors.

The complete details of his report to City Council are available online at www.Aurora-il.org but here are a few highlights:

- First, after cutting expenses during the budget preparation process for a third year in a row, this time removing \$19 million in the 2011 budget, we are on track to complete the budget year at the end of December within the projected budget or a little under budget for the General Fund.

- The city has reduced personnel as part of the budget reduction process by over 175 people in the last few years. Personnel costs remain the single dominant expense category in the General Fund at 85.3% even with these personnel reductions.

- The city will benefit from the recent 2010 census. The new City of Aurora population numbers of 197,899 will bring Aurora a higher share of both state and federal funding.

- Both home rule sales tax and the state shared sales tax revenues are up.

- Property tax revenue, the single largest portion of the General Fund, came in lower than expected when the EAV fell farther than Township Assessors anticipated to the city.

In the budgeting process already underway for the 2012 budget, there are a few important elements to remember:

1. The economy has not settled and remains a big question mark so 2012 is not the year to anticipate any budget growth.

2. Initial indications are that there may be a need to cut up to an additional \$5 million from the 2012 budget on top of all of the previous cuts. Some slightly improving revenue elements are helping to keep this number down.

3. City services have been impacted with the loss of personnel and the addition of furlough days for those that remain to help balance the budget. Most residents will not notice these changes.

I invite you to go to the city Web site at www.Aurora-il.org for the full report on the progress against the 2011 Aurora General Fund budget. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

I have this quirky belief that summer doesn't really end until about October 15th or so. We can all keep a good thought!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

REMEMBER . . .

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It is my pleasure to serve our 8th Ward,
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From the Board

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With all of that being said, what I really would like to instill upon you is to become active in our community. Whether it is sitting on the Board for one of our sub-associations, becoming a neighborhood representative for Oakhurst, running for the Oakhurst Board, or just to attend the meetings, every bit of help makes a difference.

Unfortunately, we can't be everywhere all the time, so we need to rely on the landscaping company, our property inspector, and most importantly, you our neighbors to be our eyes and ears of the community.

If you see anything you have a question or concern about, contact Tina Straits of Baum Property Management at tina@baumprop.com or call her at 630-897-0500 x1830. However, if you see anything unusual, out of the ordinary, or someone is damaging property, call the Aurora Police by dialing 911. I encourage all of you to get involved with any of your associations or local organizations. Make a difference! One of my favorite quotes is:

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Yours in service,
Phil Hansen, Director



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Annual Meeting 9/27/11

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The following nominations are for SINGLE-FAMILY (SF) members. (Two persons to be elected).

Print Name Neighborhood

Print Name Neighborhood

The following nominations are for MULTI- FAMILY members. (One person to be elected).

Print Name Neighborhood

If possible, please submit a brief biography of any candidate you nominate.

Nominations will also be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

Please mail the completed form to Baum Property Services, P.O. Box 46, Aurora, IL 60507 or fax to 630-897-2440. It must be received no later than Monday, September 27, 2011 to be included on the official ballot.

ON SOLID FOOTING

BY ANN E. FUNCK

We women know what's out there in the shoe department. Everything. In extremis. Bunion-busting Italian pointies perch alongside be-stoned Mary Janes with elfin turned-up toes. Heels tall enough for a Mary Kay sales pusher and earthbound mukluks you can only shuffle in. Flip-flops with diamonds or rawhide laces -- or both, and the old standbys: ho-hum pumps and mules. At last, every style is in.

We have choices and glad confusion. But of course podiatrists still recommend the basic grounded, broad-toed shoes -- such as Clarks or Easy Spirits -- a style that began as the "earth shoe" in the '60s through mail order.

Most of us broke into adulthood with saucy feet. These required tempting styles. One of my first black heels had a low vamp to expose cleavage of the toes. I loved another pair that had straps that coiled around the ankle more than once, commanding riveted leers. And I'll still buy anything with rhinestones -- a girl's pretty-good friend.

Shoe shopping was an adventure years ago before self-service. Shoe salesmen were young, loud, and randy. We would flirt with the guy so he would search harder "in the back" for our size. If he was unsuccessful, his lust for a commission made him suggest we could wear a smaller size. Flattered, we would fake a Cinderella and teeter out the door, believing our black patents were real leather capable of stretching. In a couple days, we'd bring the plastics back for a refund and be told this was impossible because they were worn.

The most exotic country exporting shoes at the time was Brazil, with wooden, clog-like soles and thrift leather uppers that actually would stretch. But budget shoes were sprained ankles in waiting. I am tall, so often wore tiny heels called "kitten" heels so I wouldn't have to stand in holes on dates. Once, when the el train

I was swinging in took a tight corner, a kitten heel snapped off. I nearly had a date with a broken ankle.

My sandal straps were always dragging me to the shoe repair shop. The cuter the sandal, the more fragile the straps. It was hard to be big-boned and feminine.

By the way, why have repair shops always been so rare? And the employees look at you with grim suspicion. Must one have a foot fetish to want the job?

Now even cheap shoes are made for Bigfoot. International competition has lowered costs and strengthened glue. But shoe shopping is not so adventurous since a salesman, dauntless or meek, is as rare as the repair shop. We are on our own. We have to balance on one leg like a flamingo, and struggle to shove the shoe on the foot of our lifted and cramping hind leg.

An entire generation of salesmen was felled by a well-founded fear of bone or prostate cancer from proximity to the rays of the infamous shoe scanner. When stood in, this mid-century machine displayed a scary electric green x-ray of the customer's metatarsals and toes in the new shoes.

Currently, if we're frugal shoppers, we often have to flirt with the floor to snag the sale shoes on lower display racks. My friend Elene has the bigger footprint of a size ten and has to crawl around on all fours to reach the larger sizes in the bottom boxes.

"Large sizes used to be hard to find because people's feet were small," Elene said. "Now large sizes are rare and hunted to extinction because feet have ballooned. I blame prenatal vitamins."

And McDonald's... We certainly haven't seen a double A in years.

With our aging population, it is reassuring that earth shoes are not just for the AARPs. The Ugg boots and knock-offs are on the young. If our neuromas demand it, we can toss all

our skinny-soled shoes and still look "with it."

Even CBS' Katie Couric knows this. "I'm sure she doesn't walk anywhere in those Italian pointed jobs," Elene said.

"They're lethal," I agreed. "But her limo awaits."

"My hammertoes demand space," Elene continued. "I can dress up in anything I want, but, whether I'm going tap dancing or elk hunting, my footwear is always the same: Quasimodo boots."

Crawling or shuffling, most grown women are grounded.

Men shoe styles rarely change. In fact, they've regressed. Remember the flighty '70s? I bought my husband navy shoes and gray shoes to go with his navy and gray suits, and he looked fab. That was then. Now he's back to brown and black. Our son's executive selection of footwear is cloned from his father's.

Through decades of fashion quakes, we all come back to earth.



Lt. Rick's Blotter



By Lt. Rick Robertson #950 Aurora Police Department

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Greetings!

I hope that all of you had a safe and enjoyable summer!

Hopefully by now you have adjusted to school being back in session and all of the daily routines that are associated with the school year.

Please do not try to make up for the increased demands on your time by multi-tasking while driving. I had the pleasure of meeting the operator of a mini van that was loaded down with her young kids. I stopped her while she was texting and driving. She would put her reading glasses on as she switched her attention from the roadway to her cell phone and then remove them when she was ready to concentrate on driving again. However, she was driving the entire time!

Occasionally she would have to divert her attention to her three lively children who were in the back seat. After several minutes of observing her driving distracted, I initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle.

At 35 miles per hour a vehicle travels just over 51 feet per second. Just to put things into perspective, pick up your cell phone and send somebody you love a text that says, "DRIVE SAFE!". (Not while you are driving...) How long did that take? It took

me approximately ten seconds. During which time if I had been driving I would have traveled approximately 500 feet or 1/10th of a mile. Some of you may justify texting while driving by saying, "I only text at red lights." This is no better and is often the cause of accidents when a distracted driver tries to text those last few words as the light is changing to green. The driver typically starts to take their foot off of the brake and moves forward with traffic. Inevitably the vehicle in front of them stops while they are still finishing their message. Bang!

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Steck Calendar

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Curriculum Night - 6:30 - 8:10pm
- Thu Sep 22 Fall Book Fair
Market Day Pick-Up - 5:00 - 6:00pm
PTA Newcomers Reception & Meeting - Multipurpose Room - 6:30 - 8:00pm
- Fri Sep 23 Fall Book Fair
- Mon Sep 26 Fall Book Fair
- Tue Sep 27 Fall Book Fair
- Wed Sep 28 Fall Book Fair
- Thu Sep 29 Fall Book Fair
- Fri Sep 30 Fall Book Fair
- Mon Oct 3 PTA-Sponsored Walk to School Week
- Tue Oct 4 PTA-Sponsored Walk to School Week
Student Picture Day - 9:00am - 2:30pm
- Wed Oct 5 PTA-Sponsored Walk to School Week
Halloween Costume Exchange - Multipurpose Room - 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Thu Oct 6 PTA-Sponsored Walk to School Week
- Fri Oct 7 PTA-Sponsored Walk to School Week
- Mon Oct 10 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- Tue Oct 11 Gr. 1 PE Night - 6:30 - 7:30pm
- Wed Oct 12 NO SCHOOL IN PM -- Teacher In-Service - PM -- Teacher In-Service
PTA General Meeting - 9:30 - 10:30am
- Thu Oct 20 Market Day Pick-Up - 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Fri Oct 21 End of First Quarter
- Mon Oct 24 PTA-Sponsored Red Ribbon Week
- Tue Oct 25 PTA-Sponsored Red Ribbon Week
- Wed Oct 26 PTA-Sponsored Red Ribbon Week
- Thu Oct 27 PTA-Sponsored Red Ribbon Week
- Fri Oct 28 PTA-Sponsored Red Ribbon Week
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Board of Directors TOWNES OF OAKHURST

September's song is wistful and dreamy. Days are cooler now and sunshine abundant. The garden flowers have spent their finest hours and only the yellow zinnias still show their colorful blooms. It has been a month of serendipity!

I had flown to London in late August on Virgin Atlantic airlines, arriving after 8 hours at Heathrow Airport. Heathrow serves 67 million visitors yearly. I breezed through immigration and customs. The driver for the Heathrow Shuttle was standing just outside customs with a sign for me. Traffic was busy but especially so near the hotel as it was the Notting Hill Carnivale weekend and the merry makers were everywhere and quite noisy with their horns and whistles and marching bands. Since it was 4 a.m. my time, I went straight to my room and fell immediately asleep. The Best Western Phoenix Hotel was located in the Kensington area and was very close to Kensington Gardens and Palace where Princess Diana lived. That was my first visit the following day and it was quite an auspicious beginning! Creative designers had transformed the public open rooms of the Palace with a mixture of whimsy and tradition. It was enchanting! A dress worn by Princess Diana was surrounded by hanging swan feathers. I was told that Diana really enjoyed the swans near the gardens. There were bird's nests filled with china teacups situated in fireplaces. There were brocade fabric walls, with many gold-framed paintings hanging all along the walls. To muse that Diana lived this life and still could not find personal peace was quite poignant.

An Oyster travel card can be purchased prior to the visit or at any London tube station and it is so convenient and reasonable. A double-decker bus ride cost less than a dollar with the Oyster card. The buses took me all over the city and en route I could see many other streets and attractions. The number 23 bus took me to St. Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, and Piccadilly Circus and all the well-known shops. Harrod's Department

Store is the gold-standard. Filled with every imaginable item from fresh seafood to over-stuffed chairs or chocolates, it is an eye-catching experience. I bought some tea and biscuits there. Selfridge's is another store close by and similar to Harrod's. So too the Fortum and Mason store where I took afternoon tea.

One of the trip highlights was visiting the Tower of London. Five palaces were built as homes for the English kings during Medieval times. Yeoman Warders, known as Beefeaters, give daily speeches on the grounds that are delightful. The Crown Jewels can be seen by the public. This priceless Coronation Regalia has been on display at the Tower since the 17th century. Five hundred years of spectacular royal armour show the power and physical size of England's kings. Legend has it that Charles II was told that if the ravens ever left the Tower, the kingdom and the fortress would fall. So, just in case, the Ravenmaster kept a close eye. The Ceremony of the Keys takes place very night as it has for the last seven hundred years. There is free admission to this ceremony but a visitor has to request tickets well in advance.

Another fun adventure was taking the 30 minute ride high above the River Thames on the London Eye. Parliament and Big Ben can easily be photographed from that height. A couple from Texas were on the same tube with me so we took one another's photographs. I now had met visitors from Brazil, Japan, Australia, Germany, India and Montana, Minnesota, Arizona and Texas. Afterward, I visited St. Dunstan's on Fleet Street for their free noon concert. That day a string quartet was playing Haydn. Tea and biscuits were served for 50 pence or about 85 cents. It was delightful! Then to Westminster Abbey where I participated in a prayer service in honor of King Edward I near his burial crypt.

The weather continued to be warm and sunny with daytime highs about 70 degrees and, wonder of wonders, no rain! Walking about London was to hear

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international language stream of many dialects. I visited the Royal Courts of Justice and noticed a sign that said photography was forbidden and the penalty would be a two-year term in prison! Guess I would just keep the camera in my purse, mate!

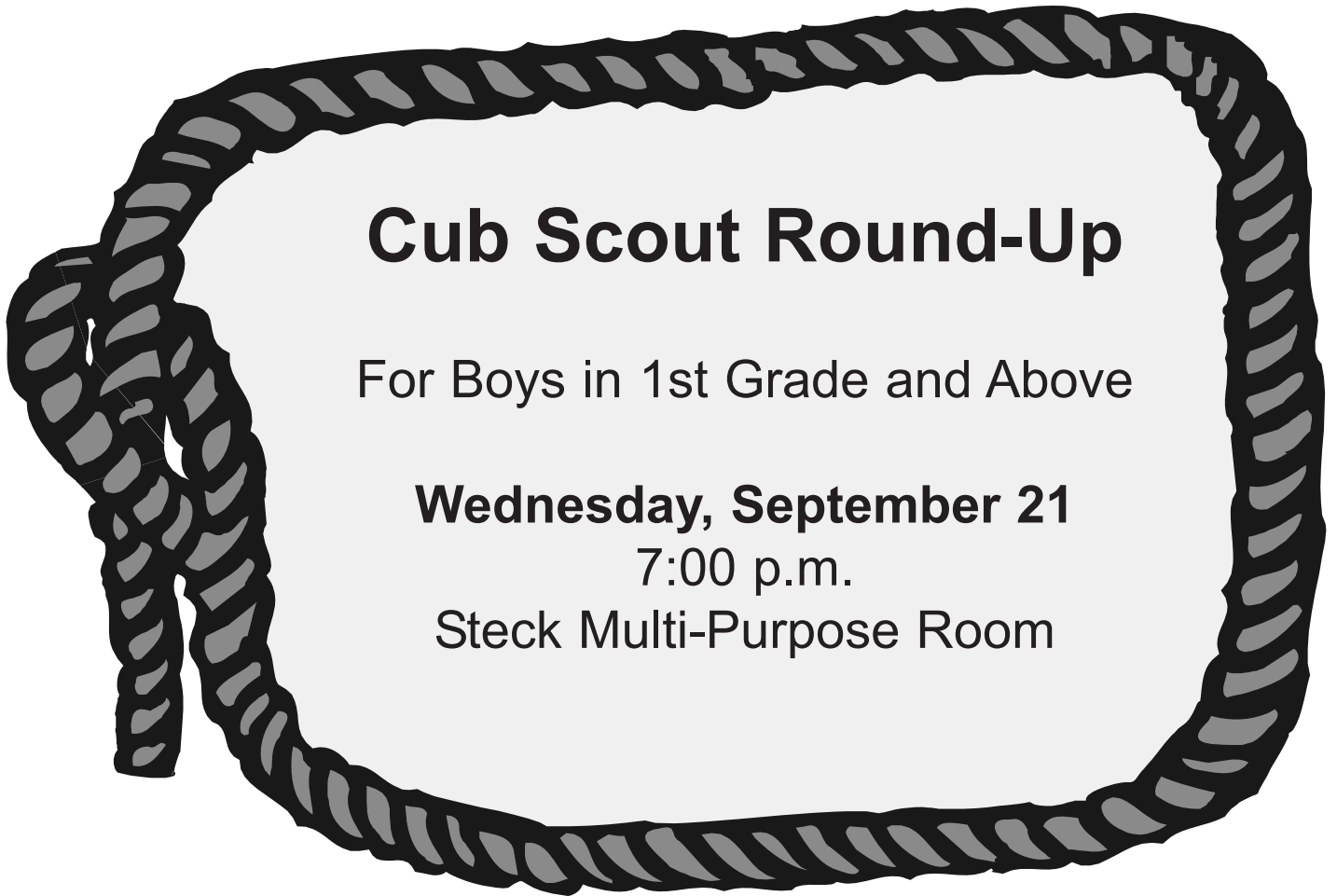
Even though we think that the United Kingdom speaks English, their idioms and vocabulary are quite different from ours. Trainers are actually tennis shoes. A biscuit is a cookie. "Is it copper-bottom?" means "Is it the truth?" So many times I would have to ask what they meant because it didn't sound right to me. And my speech said immediately that I was an American.

There is so much to enjoy in this historic city of London. The Portobello Road Market bills itself as the world's largest antiques market. St. Paul's Cathedral was begun 1,400 years ago. St. Martin-in-the-Fields at Trafalgar Square has daily concerts. There was a Mayor's Event at Trafalgar Square with free concerts and food on a Sunday. The National Museums are free. At the Paddington Library, I could access the Internet with a free card given to me on the spot. Fancy that!

During the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, I talked to a mother and daughter from Arizona. That ceremony was rich in tradition and ceremony. Police were everywhere warning us about pickpockets!

It had been a wondrous journey and I would fly home with wonderful memories.

*Jo Fredell Higgins
President, Townes of Oakhurst*



Cub Scout Round-Up

For Boys in 1st Grade and Above

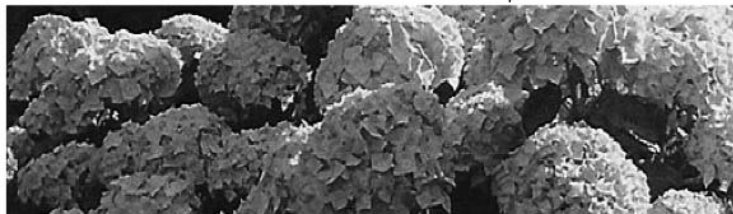
Wednesday, September 21

7:00 p.m.

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ASHBROOK			Jennifer Vickers	630-820-5443	B,MH
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Sonja Tabb	630-978-1571	B-RC,MH	Lauren Vivian	630-851-9179	B,P
AUTUMN MEADOWS			Amy Walsh	630-820-1255	B,MH
Kelly Ellam	630-851-9029	B-RC,P,MH,V	Abe Weisler	630-851-8326	B,MH
Mike Ellam	630-851-9029	B,Y,P,O,V	MAYFAIR		
Drew Ellam	630-851-9029	B,Y,P,O,V	Sarah Anas	630-692-0538	B,P,MH
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Kathleen Chinetti	630-978-1952	B,P,MH,V,O	Kaitlyn Manion	630-499-7428	B-RC,MH,P,V
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Carla Dillinger	630-236-6320	B,P,MH,V	Paige Readnour	630-499-0137	B,P,V
Ryan Kallas	630-820-8790	P,V,O,Y	Connor Readnour	630-499-0137	P,Y,V
Andrew Kallas	630-820-8790	P,V	Schuyler Staub	630-820-3661	B,P,O
Emily Navoy	630-851-7879	B-RC	Ginna White	630-692-1862	B-RC,MH,P,YO,V
Jason Paximadas	630-499-5846	P	Anne Wesley	630-898-5985	B-RC,P
Richard Poterack	630-585-0384	B,P,MH,O,V	STANFIELD		
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Casey Kemerling	630-499-0437	Y,P,O,V	Megan Lachat	630-236-7920	B,P,MH,V
Aleksandra Masiak	630-236-6434	B-RC,MH,Y,O,V	Michael Lachat	630-236-7920	B,Y,P,O,V
Jordan Masiak	630-236-6434	B,Y,P,MH,O,V	Thomas Lachat	630-236-7920	B,Y,P,O,V
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Notify newsletter@oakhurstcommunity.org to ADD, CHANGE, or DELETE a Working Youth Listing.

The Working Youth Directory is a service for youth, ages 12 and above, living in the Oakhurst community.

Parents: If you grant permission for your child to be listed in this directory, please email newsletter@oakhurstcommunity.org. Include your child's name, address, neighborhood within Oakhurst, home phone number of a parent who will be responsible for fielding requests, and the service(s) you permit your child to provide. Be sure to talk with your child about personal safety before listing in this directory. Each monthly issue of the Oracle is posted online to the community association's website, www.oakhurstcommunity.org.

B-RC: Red-Cross Certified Babysitter, B: Babysitter, MH: Mother's Helper, P: Pet Sitter, Y: Yard Help, O: Odd Jobs, V: Vacation Watch



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Electronics Recycling Program

Don't forget that the city's electronics recycling program continues throughout the year. The city of Aurora's electronics recycling program provides a safe – and free – way to dispose of unwanted electronics. And now there are home stops – see below. Remember that beginning January 1, 2012, there will be a landfill ban for computers, monitors, printers and televisions throughout Illinois.

Eligible electronics for the recycling program include: MP3 players, cameras, camcorders, televisions, DVD players, stereos, VCRs, video game consoles, telephones, answering machines, cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), monitors, computers (both PCs and Macs), laptops, printers, fax machines, scanners, computer accessories (mouses, keyboards and modems), servers and networking equipment. Microwaves are the only kitchen appliance that can be recycled. Large appliances such as air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators, freezers; smaller appliances including toasters and coffee makers, as well as household hazardous waste materials will not be accepted. Residents are required to unload their own electronics out of their cars at the collection sites.

For more information, call Customer Service at 630-256-INFO. For the remainder of this year, electronic recycling will be held from 9 AM to 1 PM as follows:

Customer Service Center

3770 McCoy Drive
September 24
October 22
November 19
December 17

Central Garage Facility

720 N. Broadway Ave
September 10
October 8
November 5
December 3

Electronics Recycling Now Making Home Stops

Aurora's twice-monthly electronics recycling program has been enhanced with the collection effort now providing convenient service right at residents' doorsteps.

Vintage Tech Recyclers, the city's vendor, is now offering front-door collection service arranged by appointment only. A maximum of 10 electronic items will be accepted.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 630-305-0922 between 9 AM. to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Residents will need to provide their names, addresses and phone numbers along with an item count for collection. All electronics should be placed at the front door before 7 AM on the scheduled collection day.

Paramount Opens 80th Season

The Paramount begins its 80th anniversary season this August. New to the Paramount is the self-producing spectacular Broadway series that includes *My Fair Lady* (Sept. 14 - Oct. 2), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Nov. 2 - Nov. 20), *A Chorus Line* (Jan. 18 - Feb. 5) and *Hair* (Mar. 14 - Apr. 1). The series will be staged by a who's who of Chicago's leading musical theater visionaries, including new Paramount Artistic Director Jim Corti. The entire Broadway series package is priced from \$139.60 – \$187.60.

- Sept. 19. Josh Turner. Multi-platinum country singer-songwriter. \$65.50/\$52.50/\$47.50. 8 PM.
- Sept. 14 – Oct. 2. *My Fair Lady*. – Broadway series. Tickets: \$34.40/\$44.90.
- Oct. 7. Frank Caliendo. Comedian. \$65/\$55. 8 PM.
- Oct. 9. Mike Super. *Mystifier* on NBC's hit show, *Phenomenon*. \$30/\$10. 3 PM.
- Oct. 14. Mary Chapin Carpenter. Grammy winner. \$50/\$45/\$35. 8 PM.
- Oct. 15. Blast! Celebration of instrumental music and outdoor pageantry. \$48/\$38. 4 & 8 PM.
- Oct 21. Huey Lewis and The News. Grammy winner. \$75/\$60/\$50. 8 PM.
- Oct 22. Bill Engvall. Comedian. \$69.50/\$59.50. 5 & 9 PM.
- Oct 28. From Memphis to Mardi Gras: Cindi Lauper & Dr. John. Blend of blues, jazz and funk. \$69.50/\$59.50. 8 PM.

Discounts are also available for the season's shows. If you purchase a 4 - 7 show package, you'll receive a 5% discount; 10% discount for an 8 - 10 show package; 15% discount for an 11 - 13 show package; and 20% discount for a 14+ show package. Tickets can be purchased either online at paramountaurora.com or at the box office (630-896-6666) located at 23 East Galena Blvd., downtown Aurora. Don't miss this year's fabulous season!



Out and About in the Fox Valley

Here are a few suggestions of some festivals and events around the Fox Valley:

- Sept. 19. Douglas Brinkley. Historian and author of *The*

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