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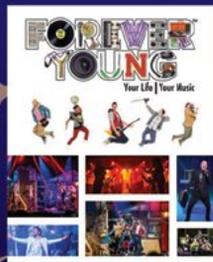
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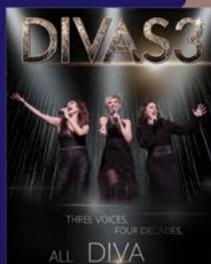
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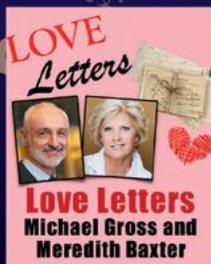
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*North Aurora Days (Aug. 2–4) is one way to escape the ordinary for an afternoon or evening. But what if you want to get away for a quick weekend jaunt that isn't too far away? We've put together a short list of some great destinations, all within a few hours of North Aurora...where you can enjoy music, wine, art. And we include one accommodation suggestion that will help make your trip even more memorable. The story starts on page 6. Enjoy the summer! Cover photo: Milwaukee lighthouse at sunrise by Annie Champeau—Adobe Stock.*

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## From the Publisher...

If you are looking for places to enjoy wine, music and art this summer, you don't have to go farther than North Aurora (North Aurora Days)...unless you want to escape for a weekend. We offer a "short list" (starting on page 6) of places and events for your consideration, that will help you "escape the ordinary." Our list is arranged by travel time, from the immediate area (Geneva, Aurora, North Aurora) to under five hours by car (Grand Rapids, St. Louis, Brown County, Indiana:). Our focus in every suggestion is music, art and wine.

At the end of every destination is a suggestion for accommodations. In most of the places in our list there is at least one less than ordinary place to stay. Although it may be difficult to book a room on short notice we couldn't resist the adding an especially interesting B&B, or a hotel close to the action. The obvious missing element in our list, is activities for kids. Without doubt, you won't have trouble finding information on local and regional events and activities for the whole family. So, we stuck to weekend getaways geared to adults.

For more information on summer getaways, local attractions, and updates on events and activities, please visit [KaneNeighbors.com](http://KaneNeighbors.com).

We'd love to hear about your "escape from the ordinary." Have a fantastic summer.



Tim Sullivan, *Publisher*



*The lighthouse at New Buffalo, Michigan is one of many attractions in Michigan's harbor country, just a short drive away.*

At [KaneNeighbors.com](http://KaneNeighbors.com) you will find more North Aurora news, as well as news from all around Kane County. There is a calendar with events from all around the area. And check for some great local offers. You'll also find a directory of businesses, family features, arts and culture, entertainment, dining, health and wellness and local business news. Register to leave reviews or blogs and add your own events.



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## 5 Tips to help reduce litter and protect the oceans

*(Family Features)* The tide of environmental studies showing the harmful effects of litter and mismanaged waste on oceans are seemingly everywhere. For example, 8 million metric tons of plastics wind up in streams, rivers and waterways each year, according to research published in "Science." [Go to KaneNeighbors.com.](http://KaneNeighbors.com)

## Reduce your residential risk

*Advice to make your home storm-ready*

*(Family Features)* In the United States, more than 100,000 thunderstorms occur each year. These storms, which can be accompanied by high winds, hail and tornadoes, can cause power outages, fires and flooding, all of which pose serious threats to people and property across the country.

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## Pet Nutrition 101

*Five tips to avoid pet obesity*

*(Family Features)* With an estimated 60 percent of cats and 56 percent of dogs in the United States considered overweight or obese, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, maintaining adequate nutrition throughout a pet's life is a major part of a pet owner's duties. While it may seem like a simple task, some pet parents struggle to find the balance between proper nutrition and adequate exercise.

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# Escape

## THE ORDINARY

by Hannah Ott

The Midwest is filled with relaxing attractions to enjoy a quick getaway. With art festivals, live music, wine tours and great food to go with it, you'll be surprised by what the region can offer.

On less than five hours, you can reach these destinations and make the most of your weekend in a new and exciting setting.

Explore an unfamiliar community, make new friends and bond with old ones, view original art, listen to live music while you relax with a delectable glass of wine. All you need is an open weekend, open mind and the desire to escape the ordinary.

### Local escapes (under 2 Hours)

Within a relatively short drive from home, you can find some incredible events and great places to stay...for a complete escape.

#### North Aurora

##### North Aurora Days, Aug. 2-4

Even the shortest drive from home will bring you a fun-filled weekend at the 10th Annual North Aurora Days. The festival brings the community together with endless activity for all ages. It's family-friendly with a rock-climbing wall, balloon artists, petting zoo, face painting and fishing derby. There's also live music every day. Hear popular country music on Friday with Billy Croft and the 5 Alarm and have a 90's dance party, Saturday, with Fool House. The weekend convenes with margaritas, food and 70's music in Riverfront Park, featuring the band Strung Out.

#### Woodstock

##### 2019 Woodstock Folk Festival Sun., July 21, 12-6pm

If folk music is your escape of choice, check out Woodstock's festival. Performances include Rich Fitzgerald, The Leftovers and Anne Hills, this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

*One-of-a-kind ceramics are  
handcrafted at the  
Ephraim Pottery Studio  
in Lake Mills, WI.*

Spend the weekend and get to know this charming town and its charming people. [woodstockfolkmusic.com](http://woodstockfolkmusic.com)

**Accommodations:** Stay the night at historic Cherry Tree Inn B&B. 815-308-5946 [cherrytreeinnbnb.com](http://cherrytreeinnbnb.com)

#### Kenosha, Wisconsin Tribute Island Music Festival July 19-21

At the beautiful Simmons Island on the lakefront, see live bands pay tribute to artists who performed as early as Woodstock '69 to as late as Lollapalooza '18. The event features the most celebrated tribute acts from across the Midwest, with over 50 bands playing on five stages. For the arts, visit Anderson Arts Center, a mansion that now exhibits local, regional and national artists. There is also the monthly Kenosha Art Market, June through October. Grab Sunday brunch at Union Park's Tavern before you check out the market. [visitenosha.com](http://visitenosha.com)

**Accommodations:** Spend a weekend in the renovated 100-year-old building turned premier luxury boutique hotel, The Stella. 262-842-2000 [stellahotel.com](http://stellahotel.com).

#### Harbor Country, Michigan Grape & Grain Wine Tours Book dates online, 10am-5pm

Harbor Country township sits

right on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, and it's an enjoyable experience no matter which area you visit. Three Oaks is the arts and cultural center, Harbert is known for antique shops, Michiana has cabin rentals, Union Pier is a major destination for families and New Buffalo, "the Gateway to Michigan", has great food, lodging and retail plus the largest number of slips for boating enthusiasts. You can also experience the region's wine country. Consider a Grape & Grain Tour which brings you to wineries like the Round Barn and Tabor Hill in less than seven hours. Get a group together for a personalized bus tour, choosing from a list of 24 wineries, breweries or distilleries. [grapeandgraintours.com](http://grapeandgraintours.com).

**Accommodations:** Stay at an upgraded vacation cottage in a resort setting with Beachwalk Vacation Rentals. Lake Michigan is just a 12-minute walk away. 800-814-7501 [beachwalkvacationrentals.com](http://beachwalkvacationrentals.com).

#### Milwaukee, Wisconsin

##### Milwaukee Art Museum. Fri.-Wed., 10am-5pm (Thurs. til 8pm)

Milwaukee attracts visitors with Summerfest, "The Domes" botanical gardens, historic venues like Eagles Ballroom and Turner Hall,



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# Escape THE ORDINARY

even its lesser-known speakeasy scene. It's also become a hub for the arts with the Milwaukee Art Museum. The four-floor museum has over 40 galleries and contains a total of 30,000 works. Even the outside of the building is a work of architectural art. Its wing-like sunscreen opens and closes based on wind speed. [visitmilwaukee.org](http://visitmilwaukee.org).

**Accommodations:** The Pfister Hotel has elegant rooms in a landmark Victorian hotel with a spa, pool and dining. 414-273-8222. [thepfisterhotel.com](http://thepfisterhotel.com).

## Midwest escapes

(under 3 hours)

### Bloomington-Normal Illinois Shakespeare Festival, through Aug. 10

If you love Shakespearian theatre, then Bloomington-Normal is the place to visit this summer. The city will surprise you with its fine arts culture, going beyond its college town reputation. The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, starting June and running through mid-August, has improv, sing-alongs and plays *Caesar* and *As You Like It*. The festival will also include

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. [visitbn.org](http://visitbn.org).

**Accommodations:** The Vrooman Mansion is just steps from farm-to-table restaurants, shops and live-music venues in the downtown area. 309-828-8816 [vroomanmansion.com](http://vroomanmansion.com).

### Lake Mills, Wisconsin Ephraim Pottery Studio and Gallery, Tues.–Sun., til 5pm

Lake Mills, on the shores of Rock Lake, is the perfect place for a quaint lakeside experience. The town's distinctive studio, Ephraim Pottery Studio and Gallery, displays and sells ceramic works of art. The gallery will impress you with outstanding, textured designs on tiles, vases, lanterns, light fixtures and jars. Other attractions include the old-fashioned James J. Chocolate Shop and Lewis Station Winery that is set inside an old gas station and has award-winning, natural wines. [ephraimpottery.com](http://ephraimpottery.com)

**Accommodations:** The Fargo Mansion Inn B&B is on the national list of historic places and has cozy, sophisticated rooms. 920-648-3654 [sweetautumninn.com](http://sweetautumninn.com)

## Galena

### Galena Cellars Vineyard through October, 11am–8pm (Sun.–Thurs. til 6pm)

Galena is the ideal, quick getaway in Illinois. Take time to shop and dine, hike, cruise the river and visit the Grant House. Walk through West Street Sculpture Park or century-old buildings on a ghost tour. Galena also has a breadth of options when it comes to wine. A short drive can bring you to the striking views of Galena Cellars Vineyard. Enjoy tastings, a wrap-around deck and even time with your dog at the pet-friendly vineyard. [visitgalena.org](http://visitgalena.org).

**Accommodations:** The comfortable Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel is set against Galena's rolling hills and promises warm hospitality. 866-284-7474 [theirishcottageboutiquehotel.com](http://theirishcottageboutiquehotel.com)

### Saugatuck, Michigan Village Square Art Fair, July 27

Saugatuck is one lively city to explore! From wineries like J. Petter and Fenn Valley to festivals on the lake like the July 26 Venetian Fest, there is an attraction for everyone. There is also a focus on the arts. The Ox-Bow School, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Douglas Art Club and many galleries create an art lover's paradise. Plan to attend the annual Village Square Art Fair in the heart of downtown. [saugatuck.com](http://saugatuck.com)

**Accommodations:** The Hotel Saugatuck, an old mill that became the luxury bed & breakfast it is today, is a relaxing place to rest after an active night on the town. 269-416-0731 [thehotelsaugatuck.com](http://thehotelsaugatuck.com)

## Midwest escapes

(under 5 hours)

### Grand Rapids, Michigan A Taste of Culture Wine Tour July 12–14, 5pm (Recurr biweekly)

Grand Rapids is one of the fastest growing cities in America and its



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See the Bean Blossom covered bridge on the self-guided covered bridge tour when you visit Brown County, Indiana.

tourism has also grown, thanks to community-wide efforts. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Frank Lloyd Wright's Meyer May House are always admired attractions. There is also a delicious wine and food tour, "A Taste of Culture." In four hours, Raise A Glass tour guides will take you to three locations and share premium wine education. The tour includes 11 pre-selected wines, charcuterie and a delicious gourmet small plate at each stop. [experiencegr.com](http://experiencegr.com)

**Accommodations:** The 4-star Amway Grand Plaza Hotel has a superb view of the river and its location in the downtown area makes traveling around the city a breeze. 616-774-2000 [amwaygrand.com](http://amwaygrand.com)

**Algoma, Wisconsin**  
**Wet Whistle Wine Fest,**  
**Sept. 13 & 14**

Algoma is in the Green Bay area, so it has a beautiful view of Lake Michigan and is a common spot for fishing. It also has the award-winning Von Stiehl Winery. Beyond wine tasting and live music, visitors can watch (maybe even attempt) wine stomping. Costumes are optional, but be ready to see some silly ones at this unconventional yet thrilling wine fest. [visitalgomawi.com](http://visitalgomawi.com).

**Accommodations:** Stay in a cozy room and wake up to a peaceful view with friendly hospitality at Algoma's At the Water's Edge B&B. 920-203-9584 [atthewatersedgebnb.com](http://atthewatersedgebnb.com)

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**  
**Ann Arbor Blues Festival,**  
**Aug. 16-18**

Although Ann Arbor is home to the University of Michigan, the town never feels like your average college town. It's enhanced by the university with attractions like U of M's Museum of Art, Nichols Arboretum and the Art Fair, July 18-21. A small



group of students even started the world's first electric blues festival in 1969, and the tradition continues today with the 50th Ann Arbor Blues Festival. [visitannarbor.org](http://visitannarbor.org).

**Accommodations:** The Bell Tower Hotel has elegant, old-world rooms and is in walking distance of everything downtown Ann Arbor has to offer. 800-562-3559 [belltowerhotel.com](http://belltowerhotel.com).

**St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Festival of Nations**  
**Aug. 24 & 25, 10am**

St. Louis is known for The Arch as well as brewery tours, sporting events, diverse museums and tasty food. The city's best kept secret? Its expansive multicultural celebration, the Festival of Nations. The event attracts over 125,000 visitors who seek to celebrate the many cultures of the region's newcomers and long-timers. Presented by the International Institute, it features more than 40 booths at Tower Grove Park. Experience non-stop dance and music, arts and crafts and an international bazaar with unique gifts from around the world. [explorestlouis.com](http://explorestlouis.com)

**Accommodations:** The Autograph Collection of Hotel Saint Louis has nearby local attractions, a full

service spa and many rooms with balconies overlooking the city. 314-241-4300 [marriott.com](http://marriott.com).

**Brown County, Indiana**  
**T.C. Steele State Historic Site**  
**Tues.-Sun., 10am-5pm**

Brown County and its county seat, Nashville, have national parks with breath-taking views, historic buildings, covered bridges over calming streams and plenty of restaurants and shopping downtown. Visit the location where the arts started at the T. C. Steele State Historic Site. American impressionist painter Theodore Clement Steele and his wife Selma established a home, studio and gardens on 211 acres of land in the early 1900's. It remains essentially unchanged, giving visitors an experience where history meets art.

**Accommodations:** Relax in updated rooms while you take in the views of Nashville, IN at the Brown County Inn. 800-772-5249 [browncountyinn.com](http://browncountyinn.com). ●

*Hannah Ott is the Community Editor of Neighbors magazines.*

# Messenger Public Library

## A Universe of Stories Summer Challenge Ends July 31

All ages. Explore a universe of stories and activities at Messenger this summer! Adults can pick up a challenge log at the Help Desk. For babies—teens, update or create your Beanstack account to start earning badges and prizes.

### Free Lunch @ Messenger Library!

Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays  
June 3–Aug. 9 • 11:30am–12:45pm

Ages 0–18. All children and teens are invited to enjoy free boxed lunches at the library! First come, first served.

Sponsored by the USDA and Northern Illinois Food Bank. No registration is required.



## Annual Used Book Sale

Fri., Aug. 2 • 9am–7pm

Sat., Aug. 3 • 9am–5pm

Sun., Aug. 4 • 1–5pm (*Books by the Bag Sale!*)

The book sale features a large selection of new and gently used books, DVDs, music CDs, LPs, audiobooks, and puzzles for all ages. Funds earned will be used to expand library programs and activities

### Do you know someone who can't come to the library?

Our Homebound Service can bring books, movies and more to the homes of those with a long-term or short-term disability. Learn more by contacting [asd@messengerpl.org](mailto:asd@messengerpl.org), call, or stop in at the Help Desk.

### Need help using a smart device or eReader? Just Ask!

Schedule a session with a Librarian for help with computer, eReader or downloadable eBook questions. Adults—please call, email [asd@messengerpl.org](mailto:asd@messengerpl.org) or stop in to book a session.

**For Kids & Families** Registration is required for noted programs. Register for a reminder email or text online [messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org), by phone 630-801-4340, or in person.

## Let's Get Graphic! Graphic Novel Party

Sun., July 7 • 2pm

Gr. 4–12. Come enjoy games and activities all about your favorite graphic novels!

## Sensory Playtime

Mon., July 15 & Sat., July 20 • 10–11am

Babies-Preschool and caregivers. Come enjoy a variety of sensory play experiences and stations with your little ones.

## Family-Friendly Movies

Sat., July 13 & Aug. 24 • 2pm

All ages. Enjoy popcorn and a movie on the big screen! Visit Youth Services to vote and help choose each month's movie.

## For Teens

### Teen Take Out

Stop by the Teen Space each week this summer to pick up a fun craft or activity including origami, DIY holograms, bottle rockets, and more!

### Quidditch

Thu., July 18 • 3pm

Gr. 4–12. Come play everyone's favorite wizard sport at the Library! Registration required.

## Kevin and the Infinite Possibilities—Children's Concert

Wed., July 31 • 10am

All ages. Join us for a Kindie-Rock end-of-summer concert, featuring interactive songs and storytelling to inspire creativity!

## Family Tie-Dye

Sun., Aug. 4 • 2pm

All ages. We'll provide the dye, you bring a cotton t-shirt to create beautiful tie-dye masterpieces!

## Back to School Take & Make

Aug. 17–23

Stop by Youth Services to pick up an activity to celebrate the new school year! While supplies last.

## Harry Potter Illustrations: Drawing Workshop

Fri., July 26 • 1pm

Gr. 6–12. Christine Thornton will have teens creating miniature works of art based on the Harry Potter chapter illustrations. Registration required.

## ACT/SAT/PSAT Turbo Test

Wed., Aug. 7 • 6pm

Gr. 9–12. Practice taking the ACT, SAT, or PSAT using Kaplan's free Turbo Test. Registration required.

## ¡Gratis! Inglés Conversacional para Hispanohablantes!

lunes: julio 8 & 22, agosto 5 & 19 • 7–8pm

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### Library Location

113 Oak St., North Aurora, IL 60542  
[messengerpl.org](http://messengerpl.org)

### Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9am–9pm  
Friday and Saturday 9am–5pm  
Sunday 1–5pm

### Library Closings

Wed., July 3—closing at 5pm  
Thurs. July 4—Independence Day

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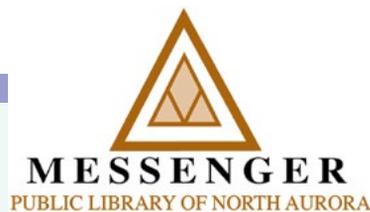
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## Programs for Adults

Please stop in, call, or check our online calendar for more information and registration for adult programs. Space is limited and registration is required. Teens over the age of 16 are welcome, with registered adult. Registration for adult programs starts on the first of each month preceding a program date. **Registration is required unless otherwise stated.**

### **Genealogy: Ancestry® Library Edition**

Sat., July 20 • 10–11:30am

Discover the basics and hidden secrets of using Ancestry® Library Edition electronic resource. Laptops will be provided. Space is very limited. Teens and adults are welcome.

### **What Should I Read Next?**

#### **Let's Talk Books**

Mon., July 15 • 7–8pm

Mon., Aug. 26 • 2:30–3:30pm

Let our talented librarians help you find your next read. Discuss romance, mystery, series fiction, science fiction, biography, nonfiction and more. Tips on finding new titles and authors, plus how to get the most of what your library has to offer.

### **Grow Your Own Groceries**

Tues., July 23 • 7–8pm

Looking for a stress-free way to grow your own vegetables? Think you haven't enough space or, possibly,

time? Grow Your Own Groceries in Containers may be your answer to "do-able" gardening.

### **Unsinkable Molly Brown**

Sat., July 27 • 2–3:30pm

Hear the story of the life and times of the adventurous and daring "Unsinkable Molly Brown." Discover her fighting spirit in helping other survivors who lost everything when the Titanic sunk.

### **AARP Driver Safety Class**

Wed., Aug. 7 • 12:30–4:30pm &

Thurs., Aug. 8 • 12:30–4:30pm

Refresh your driving skills, learn to adjust to age-related changes, and find out how to operate vehicles safely. Classroom style program will not include any on-road driving. Both sessions must be completed to qualify for insurance discounts.

### **Introduction to MS Word**

Wed., Aug. 6 • 6:30–8:30pm &

Wed., Aug. 13 • 6:30–8:30pm

**Art Club for Grownups** *Space is extremely limited—advance registration REQUIRED.*

2nd Saturday of the month

Starts promptly at 10am–12pm **or**

3rd Tuesday of the month

Starts promptly at 6:30–8:30pm

For adults and teens over 15 (with registered adult). Beginners welcome! All supplies provided.

## Book Discussion Groups for Adults

*Love to read and discuss books? Join one of the Library's book groups, and enjoy lively discussions of fiction and non-fiction titles. Copies of the books will be available at the Checkout Desk. Refreshments will be served.*

### **Messenger Evening Book Discussion Group**

Meets 1st Thursday of the month

Starts promptly 7–8:30pm

July 11: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

Aug. 1: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

### **Monthly Groups**

#### **Fox Valley Writers Group**

Meets Tuesdays, every 2 weeks (check online calendar for dates)

7–8:30pm

Share positive, constructive feedback with other writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, plus get some writing done. For adults. Contact:

[foxvalleywriters@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleywriters@gmail.com)

**Visit the online calendar for full list of programs and activities!**

### **Morning Coffee Break & a Book**

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month

Starts promptly 10:30–11:30am

July 30: *The English Wife*

by Lauren Willig

Aug. 27: *The Last Girl*

by Nadia Murad

### **Classic Cinema**

Meets 1st Tuesday of the Month 2–4pm, *For adults.*

July 2: *Sunset Boulevard* starring Gloria Swanson and William Holden

Aug. 6: *Duck Soup* starring the Marx Brothers

### **Genealogy Group**

Sat., July 20 • 2pm *For adults.*

Get together with other enthusiasts. Beginners always welcome. Register in advance, and let the group know

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Word in this two day class. Participants must attend both sessions.

### **Job Searching Using Reference USA**

Sat., Aug. 10 • 10–11:30am

Start your career search, get resume and interviewing tips, locate an internship or job, and more. Laptops provided. For adults and teens 16 and up.

### **You Have the Power to Change Things: A First Person Account from the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Struggle**

Tues., Aug. 27 • 7–8pm

The author of *Autobiography of a Freedom Rider: My Life as a Foot Soldier for Civil Rights*, Thomas Armstrong, will be here to discuss his role in the struggle for Civil Rights, and to talk about how you can make a difference.

#### **Beaded Braid Bracelets**

Sat., July 13 • 10am–12pm

Tues., July 16 • 6:30–8:30pm

#### **DIY Giant Flowers**

Sat., Aug. 10 • 10–12pm

Tues., Aug. 20 • 6:30–8:30pm

### **NEW! Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group**

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month

Starts promptly 10:30–11:30am

July 3: *The Library Book*

by Susan Orlean

Aug. 7: *Dopesick* by Beth Macy

your areas of interest.

### **Board Game Night for Grownups**

Meets 2nd Monday of the Month 6:30–8:30pm, *For adults.*

Beginners and geeks welcome. Join us as we play modern board games. Different game featured each month, or open gaming. Register online or join our games Meetup group, just so we'll know you're coming.

# Be engaged! (but you don't have to get married)

by *Steve Ciaccio, MBA, CPA, CFP®*

**H**ere is some advice. Be engaged with your financial advisor!

I do not mean promise to marry the person. I mean engage in ongoing meaningful conversations with him or her and engage in the decision-making process as well.

By doing so, you can potentially increase your advisor's ability to provide investments that are suitable for you. You also just might increase your ability to understand which advice and investments are appropriate for you as well as whether or not your advisor is working in your best interest.

So, what is a meaningful conversation made up of? There are many factors. Here are just a few of them to help you get started.

Let your advisor know your full financial situation. Where are you financially? Where are you in your career? What are your prospects for continued employment? What are your prospects for finding a job if you become unemployed? Are there health issues to be concerned about? Consider and convey all aspects of your current and possible future financial scenarios.

Communicate your financial goals. When considering long-term goals, consider beyond the first few years of retirement. Consider your potential needs for your entire life. Also, consider medium term, short term, and immediate needs. Needs for a larger or smaller home, a car, education, and many other large expenses should be part of your plan. Your immediate and future monthly budget is important as well. Unexpected contingencies and emergencies should also be part of the conversation and plan. Ask yourself and your advisor if your goals are reachable within your circumstances. Ask for a plan to get there. Be engaged in the planning process as well.

Some people worry about their

investments' potential to lose money. Others worry that they are not invested in risky enough assets and that they might miss out on potential growth. Maybe you are somewhere in-between. Talk at length regarding all of the types of risk that exist and the concerns that you have about them. Your financial advisor needs to know about your concerns in order to increase his or her ability to provide investments that are fitting for you.

In addition to telling your advisor about yourself, ask questions about the advice that you receive. Ask a lot of questions. Ask what are all of the costs, potential risks, and potential benefits of an investment. Ask what alternatives are available and ask the same questions about them. Why might the investment be good for you? Why might it be bad for you? Study any related printed material regarding the investment. Be aware that printed brochures possibly present information in a favorable manner. Be sure that the information that you receive is balanced, and get clarification for all of your questions. The money that you are investing belongs to you. It is your savings. Be sure to understand whether or not the investment is suitable for you.

Understand your advisor's motives. Ask how your advisor gets paid, and how much. Does your advisor suggest changing investments periodically when commissions are involved? Even if a one-time change is suggested, what does your advisor gain if you move forward? Be sure that the investment or advice is suitable for you regardless of your advisor's potential motives. Asking questions and understanding the answers can possibly help you make decisions that are good for you instead of someone else.

Consider postponing your decisions. Under many circumstances, you might want to take time to

reflect upon the information and advice that your advisor provides before deciding whether or not to accept it. Does what he or she says make sense? Giving yourself enough time might provide the ability to ask further questions and gain a better understanding.

Know your constraints. Your ability to save for retirement is likely constrained by your income producing ability and your spending needs. Time is another constraint to consider. Starting your savings as early as possible is advisable for several reasons. Be aware of all of your constraints.

Learn what you can and be involved in the decision-making process. Not everyone has an interest in financial matters. If you understand the impact that financial matters can have on your life, you might be more motivated to understand them. Simply letting your advisor choose your investments invites the potential for conflicts of interest. Knowledge and understanding can possibly make you a more powerful part of the decision-making process. It might increase your potential to protect yourself.

Engaging in conversation and the decision-making process does not guarantee any level returns and does not automatically remove risk. However, developing knowledge and a common understanding with your financial advisor might increase your ability to choose investments that are suitable for you. Maybe you can use that knowledge and understanding to your advantage.

Food for thought: For some, the hardest part of conversation is talking. For others the hardest part is listening. Try to find a balance. All parties might benefit.



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Sign your kids up for the summer program at **Polka Dot Dragon Preschool**, 11 S. Lincolnway St., North Aurora. The program is for children ages 6 to 12 and is a mix of camp and teaching new skills. Children explore math, writing and the outdoors. Themes like dinosaurs and super heroes keep them excited as they learn. Polka Dot Dragon also has preschool, pre-K and before and after school care programs. Contact the school to schedule a tour. 630-801-4868 [polkadotdragonpreschool.com](http://polkadotdragonpreschool.com).

Looking for a gift that's as personalized as it is intriguing? **The Gary Brown Art Gallery and Studio** can create just such gifts by commissioned art uniquely designed for what you are looking for. Gary works with wood, metals, found objects, paint, photography, even old toys and vintage printed images that speak to your nostalgic side. The possibilities are endless. Contact Susan Brown at 630-768-4592 or [sb@garybrownart.com](mailto:sb@garybrownart.com) to schedule a consultation. Visit the studio at 7 S. Broadway, Aurora, to see Gary's and other artists' terrific work.

The **Batavia Chamber of Commerce** accepted the resignation of **Holly Deitchman**, President and CEO



Holly Deitchman

of the not-for-profit. Deitchman accepted an offer of employment with Batavia Schools as the district's communications director. "We are happy for her personally as she received an incredible opportunity to continue to support Batavia, albeit in a different capacity," stated Chairperson **Jessica McGrail**. Starting June 25, **Margaret Perreault** will become the head of the organization. "In her role as the member development specialist for over four years, Margaret built a solid understanding of the chamber's operations and is well-regarded among our members," McGrail shared. [bataviachamber.org](http://bataviachamber.org).



Margaret Perreault

If you've been interested in agility but are not sure if your dog will take to it, the **DePaw Dog Agility 101: For Fun** is the class for you. At **DePaw Canine Campus**, 100 S. Glengarry Dr., Geneva, there are no size, breed or age restrictions. It is an energetic team sport and great exercise for dogs and owners. Join a 6-week course for \$149, beginning July 14. Space is

limited to first eight registrants. Vaccination records must be shown. Contact 630-232-8663, [info@depawk9.com](mailto:info@depawk9.com) or stop in to register.

Batavia resident **Dr. Gene Carroccia** recently celebrated the release of his new book about ADHD. *Treating ADHD/ADD in Children and Adolescents: Solutions for Parents and Clinicians* will help everyone from parents to teachers learn a deeper understanding of ADHD while giving them effective strategies to help those with the disorder. Find his book online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [vitalsource.com](http://vitalsource.com).

**Ted Campbell** is retiring after 29 years of service taking care of **BEI Properties**.

Originally from Clinton, IA, he and his wife, Betty, lived in Batavia for 13 years then moved to Geneva in 1988. They have two children, Ted Jr. and Morgan.

While Ted has many favorite memories, helping with the 1991 Plaza renovations and 28 Water St. Tower build out are among his favorites.

Have you been curious about coworking? At **25N Coworking**, 25 N. River Ln., Geneva, experience it for free on the next "Free Friday." Once a month, you are welcome to come and try the space for the day—completely free. Visit on July 19 to take advantage of this exclusive offer, for all who are not members of 25N Coworking. [hello@25ncoworking.com](mailto:hello@25ncoworking.com).

Broker **Debbie Gurley** of **Miscella Real Estate** shared her appreciation for her clients, friends and referral sources by inviting them to her annual party. "I couldn't do the business I do without them, so I spoil them with a party every year catered to thank them for their generosity, thinking of me and helping my business," Gurley shared. Attendees had a great time at the 'Springtime in Paris' themed party, complete with a fashion show and vendor tables. Proceeds from vendors went to **Mutual Ground**, of which Debbie is a board member. 815-245-2277 [debbie@miscella.com](mailto:debbie@miscella.com).



Congratulations to Ted Campbell.

## Celebrate Independence Day

On July 3, North Aurora will celebrate Independence Day again with a fireworks show at Riverfront Park. The lively show starts at 9:30pm. Music begins at 7pm. Feel free to bring picnic supplies and snacks. BYOB will be allowed in the park in designated areas. Parking will be available at the parking lot on the corner of State Street and Lincolnway/Rt. 31 and at Island Park. The village hall parking lot will be closed with the exception of a limited number of handicap parking spots. [northaurora.org](http://northaurora.org).

## North Aurora Police hold open house

Visit the North Aurora Police Department at 200 S. Lincolnway on July 14 for the 4th Annual Open House & Community Picnic. From 12–3pm, enjoy games, bounce houses, Dunk-a-Cop, station tours, fast pitch and music. There will also be free Safe Kids ID cards and squad cars and police vehicles on display. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available while supply lasts.

## 10th Annual North Aurora Days Festival

North Aurora Days is always a blast for families and friends. On Aug. 2, the carnival will be open 5–11:30pm, there will be a Lights and Siren Parade at 6:30pm and the bands Billy Croft and the 5 Alarm (6:30pm) and Libido Funk Circus (9pm) will perform. On Aug. 3, the carnival will open at 2pm. The petting zoo, balloon artist and free face painting will be open 2–6pm. There will also be co-ed softball, 8am–3pm; the annual Fishing Derby, 9am; free hearing tests given by the Lions Club, 9am–12pm; Kids Safety Days/Touch-a-Truck, 10am–2pm; Teen Talent Showcase, 3pm; performances by The Moods, 6:30pm, and Fool House, 9pm; and a firework display, 9:45pm. Read more about other events below and Sunday's "Party in the Park" in the Spotlight on the Arts section. [northauroradays.org](http://northauroradays.org).



Bring your best friend to the 37th Annual Pet Parade, Sun., Aug. 4 at North Aurora Days.

## Community-wide garage sale planned

The Community Wide Garage Sale will be part of North Aurora Days this year. It's tentatively planned for Aug. 1–3. All residents are invited to hold a garage sale after registering through [northauroradays.org/events/garage-sale](http://northauroradays.org/events/garage-sale). Submit the form by 4:30pm, July 24, to be included on the community map. Check the village's website or Facebook page for updates.

## Find favorite CDs, DVDs and books at bargain prices

Messenger Public Library will bring back the popular Book Sale Aug. 2–4. Visit the main meeting room of the library to peruse through hundreds of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and puzzles that range \$0.50–\$1. Hours are 9am–7pm, Friday; 9am–5pm, Saturday; and 1–5pm, Sunday. "Books by the Bag" will be Sunday—you can grab all the titles you can fit in a bag supplied by the library. Cost is \$3 per bag or \$5 for two bags.



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### Run for the Riverfront at Mooseheart

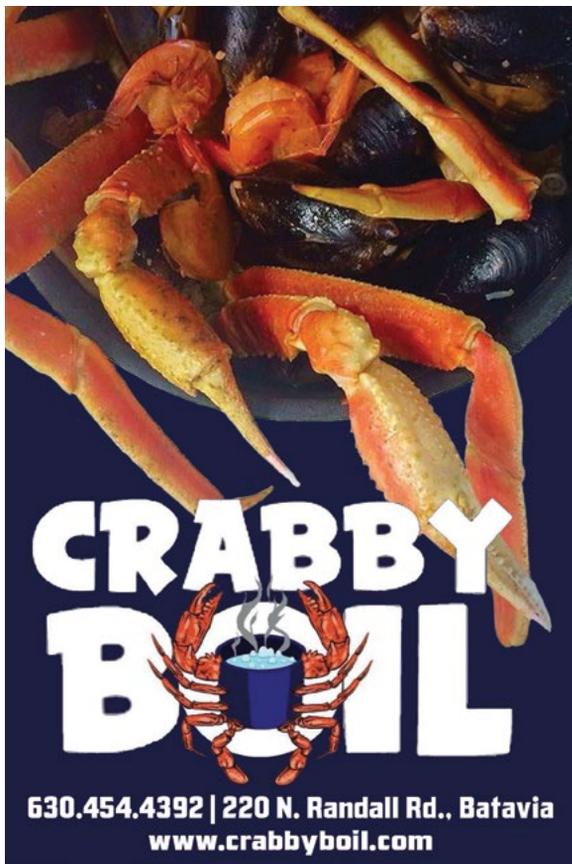
Raise funds and enjoy a scenic 5K, 10K or 1-Mile Fun Run at Run for the Riverfront. It will be Aug. 3 at about 7am depending on the race you choose. Starting line is the Field House then it goes through the beautiful campus. Proceeds support North Aurora River District Alliance (NOARDA) and Aurora University Cross Country Teams. The run is sponsored by Mooseheart, River Front Chrysler Jeep Dodge and NOARDA. Visit [runfortheriverfront.com](http://runfortheriverfront.com) for registration and packet pick-up info.

### Bring your pet to the 37th Annual Pet Parade

As part of North Aurora Days, Fox Valley Veterinary Clinic will host its annual Pet Parade. On Sun., Aug. 4, bring your registered pup or just come to watch the furry friends parading from Rtes. 31 and 56 across the bridge to Riverfront Park. There will be 26 trophies awarded in 16 categories plus 10 wild-card categories. Parade starts promptly at 12pm. Contact the vet clinic at 630-896-6664 [foxvalleyvet.net](http://foxvalleyvet.net) to register. The first 100 registrants receive a goody bag, refreshments, a participant ribbon and a certificate. Be sure to arrive at 10:30–11:50am to sign-in and line-up.

### Plan a ladies night out with 100 Women Who Care Fox Valley

“We are fun. We are friendly. We are a Fox Valley philanthropic giving circle,” shares 100 Women Who Care Fox Valley. The group invites all women to network and learn at its next meeting, Mon., July 8 from 6:30–8pm. It will take place in the upstairs lounge at Verita presented by Gaetano’s Batavia, 15 E. Wilson St., Batavia. The group meets four times a year, raising a total of \$10,000 together which goes to a Kane County charity. [100womenwhocarefoxvalley.org](http://100womenwhocarefoxvalley.org).



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### Visit the Craft & Vintage Summer Market

The Batavia Depot Museum will present a Craft & Vintage Market as part of the Windmill City Festival on July 13, 10am–6pm and July 14, 12–6pm. Visit the market at the beautiful Batavia Riverwalk, where more than 30 booths of art, crafts and vintage goods from local crafters and small business owners will be open to peruse. Interested in becoming a vendor? Fill out an application from the Batavia Park District website. 630-406-5274 [bataviahistoricalsociety.org](http://bataviahistoricalsociety.org).





### Great bargains at the Giant Indoor Garage Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Giant Indoor Garage Sale is sure to be a fun “treasure hunt” for visitors of all ages. July 18–20, visit 950 Hart Rd., Batavia, to search through plenty of items—the only things you won’t find are TVs, cribs, mattresses, computers and paints or chemicals. Sale times are Thursday, 8am–4pm and 6–8pm; Friday, 8–4; and Saturday, 8–1. Saturday is also Half Price Day and the last hour is the Bag Sale where \$5 will buy a bag of goodies.



### Kids think beyond the box while having fun at Fox Valley Robotics’ Summer Workshops

Fox Valley Robotics will be offering fun, summer challenges for kids with exciting new programs, at Gustafson Elementary, Batavia. Lego® eXplorer Camp



will test the design and building talents of the young innovators in the 1st–3rd grades. For 4th–8th graders, take Legos to the next level with sensors, motors, electronics and a robot with programs that you write to solve a series of missions. For 8th–12th graders, the metal workshops will be focused on operator-controlled steel/aluminum robots and programming. Register at [foxvalleyrobotics.com](http://foxvalleyrobotics.com).

### All senior citizens are invited to “Coffee’s On” Monday gatherings

Every Monday, 10am–12pm, senior citizens can enjoy a morning of fun for just one dollar. All seniors are invited to stop by the Civic Center, 327 W. Wilson St., Batavia, to play games, cards and enjoy coffee and conversation. The event, sponsored by Dimples Donuts, is a great way to meet new people while having a blast. No registration necessary

### Batavia Mothers’ Club Foundation now accepting applications for Autumn Craft & Vendor Show

The 34th Autumn Craft & Vendor Show will be at Batavia High School this Oct. 19. The Batavia Mothers’ Club Foundation (BMCF) is currently looking for participators who wish to sell their artisan gifts at the event or provide donations for the charity raffle. Proceeds from entry, the raffle and ever-popular Bake Sale will go to support community organizations and schools through the foundation. At its last Disbursement Open House, BMCF granted a total of nearly \$38,000. Learn more about BMCF at its open house in the downtown Batavia Panera, Aug. 27, 7–9pm. [craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto:craftshow@bataviamothersclub.org).

### Play Cosmic Mini Golf at Wheeler Park

Cosmic Mini Golf is coming to Stone Creek! The mini golf spot at Wheeler Park will have two nights to choose from, weather permitting, on July 21 & 22. From 9 to 11:15pm, start a game under the stars with friends and family, complete with glow-in-the-dark golf balls. Cost is \$8 per round. All games must end by 12am. 630-232-4542 [genevaparks.org](http://genevaparks.org).

### Go into the woods at night

“If you wonder what the nocturnal world of our forest preserves looks like, come explore it with us,” the Forest Preserve District of Kane County says. In Campton Hills, July 13, 8:15–9:15pm, learn about and see thousands of fireflies light up at “Firefly Fireworks.” On Aug. 16, 7:45–8:45pm, at Elgin’s Burnidge preserve,



look for bats and play games as you learn at "Bat Watch." Registration is required for these free programs. 630-444-3190 [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com).

### Primrose Farm presents a unique, yoga experience

Come to Primrose Farm for Goat Yoga—yes, you read that right! On July 13 and August 10, enjoy a peaceful morning of physical meditation along with the farm's lovable Nigerian Dwarf Goats. From 8:30-9:30am, bring your mat, friends and family for this unique experience on the farm, located at 5N726 Crane Rd. Registration cost is \$7 Resident, \$11 NR. 630-513-6200 [stcparks.org](http://stcparks.org).

### St. Charles Chamber hosts annual car show

The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Annual Car Show on the following dates: July 23, downtown on Riverside and Walnut; Sept. 13 & 14 at Baltria, 4200 E. Main St. On July 23, hear live music by Geneva School of Rock and enjoy Family Bike Night where bike riders can decorate their bikes and do a parade. In September, it's The Classic. VIP Reception at the Pavilion will be Friday and there will be entertainment by Rick Lindy and the Wild Oats and carnival rides for kids on Saturday. [stcharleschamber.com](http://stcharleschamber.com).



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# Spotlight on Arts

## North Aurora has a “Party in the Park”

On Sun., Aug. 4, head to Riverfront Park for food, margaritas and live music played by the popular 70’s cover band, Strung Out. From 3–7pm, the park will be open for fun with Strung Out going on at 3:30pm. The band will play rock, soul, funk and one hit wonders that are “instantly recognizable and deeply woven into the fabric of our culture,” the band states at [strungoutband.com](http://strungoutband.com).

Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, see the Teen Talent Showcase on the main stage at 3pm, hosted by local recording artist Ali Morgan. Ali will give a special performance at the conclusion of the show. Meet Ali at 2pm in the VIP tent. Local teens ages 13–17 are invited to perform. This is not a competition and all acts—singing, dancing, comedy, instrumental—are encouraged to apply.

Visit [northauroradays.org](http://northauroradays.org) for more information.

## River Rhapsody Concert Series brings live music to the Batavia Riverwalk

Enjoy live music outdoors with River Rhapsody free concerts by the beautiful Riverwalk. The concert series, presented by the Batavia Park District, will be on the following Wednesdays with these bands: July 3, StingRay; July 17, Cadillac Groove; July 24, Billy Croft & the 5-Alarm; and July 31, Final Say. Shows start at 7pm. Visit [bataviaparks.org](http://bataviaparks.org) to check for cancellations in case of inclement weather.



“Boats of Old” by Linda Palmer is on view with the Aurora Art League at Water Street Studios.

## Opening reception for “Dot to Dot” and Aurora Art League’s 100th Year Anniversary Celebration

On July 12, from 6–9pm, attend the opening reception for “Dot to Dot” and “Aurora Art League—Celebrating 100 Years of Art in the Fox Valley.” See the formal, metaphorical work of painter and digital artist Steve Sherrell and his son, Colin, a sculptor. The Aurora Art League will also showcase a wide variety of art, from colored pencil to photography. The event is free and open to the public. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. The exhibits will be open until Aug. 3

in the Dempsey Family Gallery, Water Street Studios, 160 S. Water St.

## Fox Valley Concert Band’s second summer concert to be performed at The Holmstad

The Fox Valley Concert Band is in its 36th season this year. They had a successful concert in Waterman recently, and on July 22 they will present a second Summer Concert at The Holmstad in Batavia. The 3pm show is for all to enjoy; no tickets necessary. Visit [fvcb.org](http://fvcb.org).

## Happy Together Tour 2019

Listen to the music of the ‘60s and ‘70s live at the Paramount on Aug. 16. The Happy Together Tour is in its 10th year and is always a sold-out show. It will feature The Turtles, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Buckingham, The Classics IV and The Cowsill—all the real bands playing their most popular songs. Show starts at 8pm. Tickets \$59.50. Purchase via 630-896-6666 [paramountaurora.com](http://paramountaurora.com).

## Shakespeare in the Park presents *Twelfth Night*

Geneva’s popular event, Shakespeare in the Park, will be coming back this summer with *Twelfth Night* on July 6, 6pm. In the Shakespearian comedy, Viola and her twin brother Sebastian survive a shipwreck but never reunite, so they assume the worst. Viola disguises herself as a man to get a job serving the duke, Orsino, and Sebastian arrives with no knowledge of the situation, unfolding in a humorous love triangle. See this witty play for free at Island Park. It is presented by members of Stone Soup Shakespeare and Geneva Cultural Arts Commission.



*Dot to Dot* by Steve Sherrell and Colin Sherrell opens July 12 at Water Street Studios

theatre, dance, music, fine arts, photography, galleries, events

### St. Charles Singers open season with Mozart

The St. Charles Singers will be part of Mozart Fest, Aug. 23–25, to kick off their season. Hear the works of the beloved composer sung by the singers in their Mozart Journey XV concert. It will be performed at 7:30pm, Friday, and 3pm, Sunday, at Baker Memorial Church in St. Charles. Tickets range \$35–40 or \$10 for students. Purchase via 630-513-5272 [stcharlessingers.com](http://stcharlessingers.com). Also part of the fest is Metropolis Plays Mozart, an all-instrumental chamber orchestra concert and brunch. It will be on Sat., 11am, at the Hotel Baker.

### Seussical: The Musical

Elgin Summer Theatre's "Up and Coming Theatre Company" will present *Seussical*, a musical extravaganza for families and all lovers of Dr. Seuss, at Hemmens Center. The play has all the favorite characters coming to life on stage; the Cat in the Hat and Horton the Elephant are just a few. Feel immersed in the Jungle of Nool, Circus McGurkus and the invisible world of the Whos with vibrant sets and colorful costumes in this exciting musical. Performances are July 12–13 & 19–20, 7:30pm and July 14 & 21, 3pm. 847-931-5900 [hemmens.org](http://hemmens.org).

### Geneva Arts Fair is July 27 & 28

Over 155 respected and admired artists from around the country will be displaying their work at the popular Geneva Arts Fair on July 27 & 28. Located on Third Street in Geneva, the fine arts fair will be from 10am–5pm. Be part of this TriCities event that brings in art lovers from all over Illinois. [genevachamber.com/geneva\\_art\\_fairs](http://genevachamber.com/geneva_art_fairs).

### New AfterImage Film Festival comes to the TriCities in September

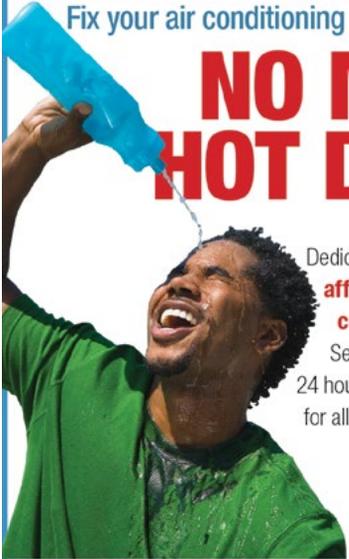
Founded in 2018 by a group of dedicated volunteers of the Geneva Film Festival, AfterImage will include a wide range of programming in feature length films, shorts, narratives, documentaries, American independents and foreign language films. It will be held Sept. 26 through 29. Check for updates regarding location and times at [afterimagefilmfestival.com](http://afterimagefilmfestival.com).

### Support local art collectives with summer exhibits at the Norris Cultural Art Center

Plan to visit Summer Art Exhibits in the Norris Center's gallery, open to the public free of charge. There will be exhibits from Fine Line Creative Arts Center of St. Charles and Water Street Studios of Batavia, shown July 13 through Aug. 21. Hours are Wed.–Sun., 11am–4pm, located at 1040 Dunham Rd. 630-584-7200 [norrisculturalarts.com](http://norrisculturalarts.com).

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- Boy Scouts of America ..... [threefirescouncil.org](http://threefirescouncil.org)
- Forest Preserve District of Kane County ..... [kaneforest.com](http://kaneforest.com)
- Fox Valley Park District ..... [foxvalleyparkdistrict.org](http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org)
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..... [mutualground.org](http://mutualground.org)
- North Aurora Baseball Association ..... [northaurorabaseball.com](http://northaurorabaseball.com)
- North Aurora Fire Protection District ..... [nafd.org](http://nafd.org)
- North Aurora Garden Club ..... 630-264-0647
- North Aurora Lions ..... [facebook.com/NALionsClub](http://facebook.com/NALionsClub)
- North Aurora Mothers Club ..... [northauroramothersclub.org](http://northauroramothersclub.org)
- North Aurora River District Alliance ..... [noarda.org](http://noarda.org)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society ..... 630 879-4750 x307
- Village of North Aurora ..... [northaurora.org](http://northaurora.org)
- Waubonsee Community College ..... [waubonsee.edu](http://waubonsee.edu)
- West Aurora School District #129 ..... [sd129.org](http://sd129.org)
- Emergency North Aurora ..... 911**
- Village ..... 630-897-8228
- Police (Non-Emergency) ..... 630-897-8705
- Fire (Non-Emergency)
- Station 1 ..... 630-897-9698
- Station 2 ..... 630-907-9569

- Park District ..... 630-897-0516
- Public Library ..... 630-896-0240
- Public School, Admin ..... 630-301-5000
- Utilities**
- J.U.L.I.E. .... 811 or 800-892-0123  
(call 48 hours before you dig)
- Water Utility ..... 630-897-8228 ext. 223
- Fox Metro Water Reclamation District ..... 630-892-4378
- ComEd ..... 800-334-7661
- Comcast Cable ..... 630-288-1940  
(call for residential problems)
- NICOR Gas ..... 888-642-6748  
(24-hour natural gas emergency)
- Waste Management ..... 800-796-9696  
(garbage pickup)
- AT & T ..... 800-244-4444

## Kane County

- County Clerk ..... 630-232-5950
- Sheriff (Non-Emergency) ..... 630-232-6840
- Voter Registration ..... 630-232-5990
- Kane County Forest Preserve ..... 630-232-5980
- Kane County Health Department ..... [kanehealth.com](http://kanehealth.com)

## Other

- Aurora Driver's License Bureau ..... 630-896-1911
- U.S. Post Office (North Aurora) ..... 630-896-3836

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5	6
7	8 North Aurora Days Com. 6pm Village Hall Board Games for Grownups 6:30pm Library	9	10	11 Evening Book Discussion 7pm Library	12	13 Art Club for Grownups 10am Library Family Friendly Movie 2pm Library
14	15 Let's Talk Books 7pm, Library Services Com. 6pm Village Board 7pm Committee of the Whole follows board mtg. Village Hall	16 Art Club for Grownups 6:30pm Library	17	18 Coffee with the Mayor 10am Village Hall Quidditch 3pm Library	19	20 Ancestry—Library Edition 10am Library Genealogy Group 2pm Library
21	22	23 Grow Your Own Groceries 7pm Library	24	25	26 Harry Potter Drawing Workshop 1pm Library	27 Unsinkable Molly Brown 2pm Library
28	29	30 Morning Coffee Break & a Book 10:30am Library Fox Valley Writers Group 7pm Library	31 Children's Concert 10am Library	<p>Send us your event information!</p> <p><a href="mailto:newsroom@neighborsmagazines.com">newsroom@neighborsmagazines.com</a></p> <p>Deadline for September/October 2018 issue is Aug. 1, 2018</p> <p>Please note: Some programs listed may require registration and/or fees. Please check with individual organizations.</p>		



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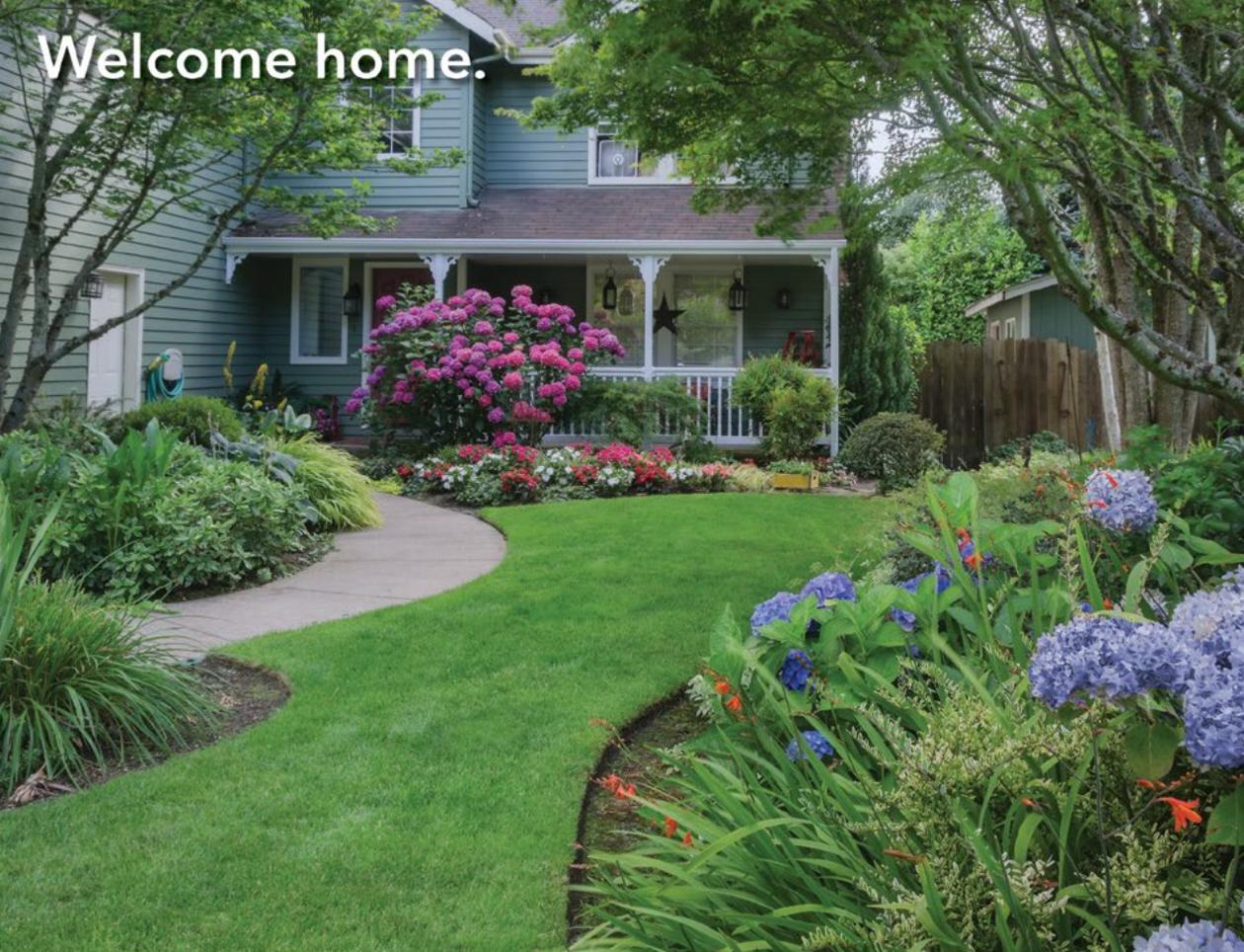
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