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Mayor's Message

In August, Ward 2 Alderman Arden Joe Plocher called a ward meeting for residents who had concerns about work being done on the roads in front of their homes and businesses. More than 50 Ward 2 residents turned out at the former post office building, now the city's Parks and Recreation Department offices, on West Hydraulic to discuss flooding, high curbs, and the need to get Phase II of the In-Town Road project done before schools opened in September. This was the first ward meeting held in many years, and I hope it will be just the beginning of many such meetings.

Ward meetings are important. They give the people of Yorkville an opportunity to stay in touch with their elected officials without having to call City Hall. This is your elected official, coming out into your area and saying to you that, yes, we do care what you have to say and we are making an effort to stay connected to you.

Your alderman is the person you elected to voice your specific concerns. Only the people of your ward elect the two aldermen of your ward. While aldermen have to consider the impactvotes will have on the whole city, they still are the ones who are most responsive to your issues because they are your neighbors.

In the past administration, the mayor held coffees at local businesses; I will continue a similar



Mayor Valerie Burd

program so that I can meet with you and hear your concerns. I care about everyone who lives in Yorkville and I want to do a good job representing all of you. Please feel free to call me at anytime or e-mail me. But I encourage anyone who feels they aren't being heard to attend ward meetings and get to know your aldermen. They are spending long hours working for you and they want your input. Give them a chance to hear you.

Valerie Burd

Brendan McLaughlin joins staff as new city administrator

Yorkville's **Mayor Valerie Burd** appointed **Brendan McLaughlin** as the new city administrator in a special meeting on Tuesday, August 21.

A former assistant manager for the city of Naperville, formerly working in California as a project manager for Mid-Valley Engineering, McLaughlin began his responsibilities with the city on September 10. McLaughlin's starting salary is \$115,000.

"He's a great addition to our staff," Burd said.
"The City Council, staff, and I are looking forward to working with him and having him

guide Yorkville as our community continues to grow. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience in municipal government and a lot of enthusiasm."

According to McLaughlin, he was impressed with the Yorkville community.



Brendan McLaughlin.

"Yorkville has a distinct character to it and I appreciate the challenges of maintaining the best qualities of the small town in light of the new developments that are occurring," McLaughlin said. "You can certainly see why so

Community News For You

Come to Order...

City Council and committee meetings are open to the public. For meeting locations call 630.553.4350.

Administration – First Tuesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole – Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7 p.m.

City Council Meetings – Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, immediately following Committee of the Whole.

Fire and Police Commission – Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Human Resource Commission – The third Wednesday evening of each month, 6 p.m.

Library Board – The second Monday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Park Board – The second Thursday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Plan Commission – Meetings are held on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – The third Tuesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Public Works – The first Tuesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Police Pension Board – Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 5 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – First Wednesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

City Hall will be closed the following holidays:

Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day; Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day; Monday, December 24, in observance of Christmas Eve, and Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

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many people want to call it home."

In his role, McLaughlin will manage the day-to-day operations of the city along with assisting the mayor and city council with administrative tasks, including organizational and financial analyses.

In addition, McLaughlin will be responsible for conducting analyses of municipal policies and procedures, and will also develop and maintain the city's personnel and purchasing policies. His other responsibilities will include assisting with the preparation, administration and monitoring of the city's operating and capital budgets.

McLaughlin said he is looking forward to working in the Yorkville community.

"Yorkville has a great team of elected officials and city staff," he said. "I was impressed by the energy and commitment of each person I met. You can see how much they are committed to serving the residents of Yorkville."

During his two years of employment with Mid-Valley, a firm that provides development services for both the private and public sectors, McLaughlin served as a contract project manager for new residential and mixed-use master planned communities in one of California's fastest growing areas—San Francisco's Central Valley. He also served as a project manager for a 2,200-acre master planned community consisting of active adult housing, a lifestyle

oriented shopping center, regional shopping centers, office buildings, gated subdivisions and a lake community.

In addition, McLaughlin oversaw the development of master grading, water, stormwater, and sanitary plans serving over 8,000 residential units.

Prior to his experience at Mid-Valley Engineering, McLaughlin was employed by the city of Naperville. During his nine-year employment, McLaughlin served in several capacities including assistant manager and as the director of the Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group. As the point person for new development, McLaughlin reviewed and made decisions related to site development, transportation impacts and conformance to the city's comprehensive plan. McLaughlin also managed day-to-day operations, implemented special projects and achieved the city's strategic goals.

In his career, McLaughlin has also held the positions of budget and policy analyst for Washington County, Minn., and was an administrative intern for the Village of Barrington, Ill.

His educational background includes a master's degree in Public Administration: Fiscal Concentration from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill., and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.

City receives a gift from the past

Happy birthday to us! As the city concludes its celebration of the uniting of the villages of Yorkville and Bristol in 1957, the city happily received a birthday present. To the surprise of the the city's Park Planner, **Laura Haake**, that gift came in the form of

Laura Haake, that gift came in the form of a millstone.

West Suburban Bank gave the millstone that was once anchored to the Blackberry Mill in Yorkville back to the city. For years the millstone was part of a historical display titled "Waubonsie Falls" located in the

bank's downtown Aurora branch. For nearly three decades the millstone was at



Artist's conception of Blackberry dam, bridge and old mill.

Community News For You

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the foot of the waterfall where statuesque Chief Waubonsie stood.

After dismantling the display, West Suburban Bank officials called the city to determine its interest in the millstone. The millstone, according to Mayor Valerie Burd, was a piece of Yorkville history that she said she would like to preserve.

The millstone, according to Roger Matile, director of the Little White School Museum in Oswego, was used in an era when most communities were self-sufficient. The millstone was part of a working grist mill used to grind corn, wheat and other grains into flour for local farms.

The millstone and the creek have had quite a history. The Blackberry Mill in 1921 was located along the north side of the Fox River north of River Road at Blackberry Creek. It operated until the early 1920s when it was eventually sold to the state as a fish hatchery and was torn down soon after. The stone was found at the bottom of Blackberry Creek after a flood washed out the dam. It was donated to the bank, which provided a safe haven for the historical artifact.

City officials and staff said they still are not sure how they will use the stone, but are looking for creative ideas on how to preserve the stone for future generations.



Gristmill stone from Blackberry mill, Yorkville. Seated is donor, Mrs. George M. Lane.

From our Aldermen...

SPAN WIRE TO BE ADDED TO RT. 34 AND SYCAMORE ROAD

There needs to be a stoplight at the corner of Rt. 34 and Sycamore Road. Local residents have asked for it and the City Council has recognized that this is a necessity. The question has come up on why don't we install it now. In order to answer that question, a little background information is necessary as we go forward. When Fox Hill subdivision was built, it

when Fox Hill subdivision was built, it was anticipated that there would eventually be a three-way stoplight at that intersection. The city required the developer to get approval from IDOT and install the mechanics for a three-way light. They complied, and that is why there have always been concrete stubs in the ground at that intersection.

Now there is a plan to develop the property directly to the north of this intersection. Consequently, a three-way stoplight is no longer needed. The intersection now requires a four-way light. This, unfortunately, leaves the current mechanics and IDOT approval useless.

The Rob Roy Falls development to the north isn't close enough to building to put in the four-way stoplight now. The

developer understands the problem we are facing and has agreed to start the process by paying for traffic studies and applying to IDOT for approval.

Alderman Marty Munns has been working to resolve this issue for over two years. He was successful in his efforts when the City Council voted to finance and install a three-way temporary light called a span wire for this location. Span wires are installed and hung from wires above the traffic and are very effective. I am confident that it will serve our purpose. IDOT is currently processing the application. With their approval it can be used for one year. The city has also contracted an engineering firm to design the light.

Barring unforeseen problems with approval from the State of Illinois, construction for the three-way span wire should begin in late fall. Our city staff is doing all they can to push the process through as quickly as possible. Our number one priority is the public safety of our residents.

If you have any questions regarding details or progress of this project, please contact **City Engineer, Joe Wywrot** (630-553-8527) or jwyrot@yorkville.il.us - **Alderman Robyn Sutcliff**.

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO FOX HILL SUBDIVISION.

As fall approaches, the city's Public Works department will be adding landscaping improvements to the median islands at the entrance of the Fox Hill subdivision on Diehl Farm and Sycamore Roads. A variety of plants and shrubs will be added to improve the apperance of the median strip. For more information on this project contact the Public Works Department at 630.553.4370. —Alderman Marty Munns.

MCHUGH ROAD UPDATE

In the past year, McHugh Road has deteriorated at an alarming rate. It is important to repair the surface of the road before the structure becomes compromised. McHugh Road has now been added to the list of roads that need attention. Specific dates for construction have not been set. Updates on this issue will be available on the city Web site at www.yorkville.il.us (current construction updates). You can also e-mail Alderman Sutcliff at robyn3rd-ward@sbcglobal.net or call City Hall at 630.553.4350 for information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

food * family activities * music

SEPTEMBER

Food, music and family activities

NEW! Okotherfest

Saturday, September 29 Noon - 10:00 p.m.

Riverfront Bicentennial Park E. Hydraulic and the Riverfront

Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children ages 3-11; under 3 free

Sponsored by the Yorkville Optimist Club

Authentic German food and music, entertainment by local performers Red Woody and Epic, children's activities and entertainment. All entertainment is included in the cost of admission. Food and beverages available for purchase. All proceeds generated will benefit the Yorkville community.

OCTOBER

It's Back!

Amazing Adventure Challenge

Saturday, October 6, 8:00 a.m.

Silver Springs State Park 13608 Fox Rd., Yorkville

Whether you are a seasoned marathoner or weekend warrior the Amazing Adventure Challenge course comprises 15 miles of biking, running, trekking and mystery challenges in teams of three. There are five separate categories: Family, Co-ed, Male, Female and Corporate. Participants must be 8 years of age or older, and must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age. Teams registering as a family must have at least one child under the age of 16 as a team member.

Cost is \$65 for those participating as a family, \$85 for a co-ed, male or female team, and \$125 for a corporate team. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office at 201 W. Hydraulic or by calling 630.553.4357.

A Celebration of the Arts

Art in City Hall

Sunday Oct. 7 - Saturday, Oct. 13 City Hall Council Chambers 800 Game Farm Road Yorkville

Celebrate Illinois Arts Council Week with the United City of Yorkville and the Kendall Arts Guild. A variety of original artwork will be on exhibit from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit will be on display through November 30.

Join in on the fun for this annual event Halloween Trick-or-Treat Walk

Saturday, October 27, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Trolley stops all around town

Trolley rides, a pumpkin carving contest and sweet surprises. Free. Sponsored by the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce. More information is available by contacting the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce at 630,553,6853.

A Twist on an Old Favorite

Halloween Egg Hunt

Saturday, Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Town Square Park Rt. 47 and Main Street

There's plenty of fun at this annual event sponsored by the Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department. We'll have eggs filled with plenty of sweet surprises. Bring a flashlight and a container for your eggs. Free. More information is available by contacting 630.553.4357.

Have fun and be safe!

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

Wednesday, October 31 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

United City of Yorkville

Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours in the United City of Yorkville are from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. More information is available by contacting 630.553.4340.

NOVEMBER

New this year!

Holiday Under the Stars

Friday, Nov. 30, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Town Square Park at Rt. 47 and Main

We're spreading holiday cheer this year. Mark your calendar NOW for Friday, November 30 for the city's first annual holiday festival in Town Square Park. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. See live reindeer, take a horse and carriage ride, watch an ice carver as he magically transforms ice into a piece of art, musical performances, food, hot drinks and oh...ho, ho, ho...a special visit from "you know who." This first United City of Yorkville holiday event will warm your spirit and kindle your heart. Hope to see you there! For more information contact Glory Spies at 630,553,8564.

Art in City Hall program seeks artists

Whether you are a novice or seasoned veteran, the city's Community Relations Office is seeking artists for the Art in City Hall program. The primary objective of displaying artwork in City Hall is to enhance the awareness of art in our community and to provide a venue for area artists to display their works of original art. The program strives to provide a variety of mediums and techniques.

Exhibits are featured several times a year and are on display for a two to three month period in the City Hall Council Chambers at 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville.

We are currently seeking Yorkville artists or organizations that would like to submit their artwork for review to do a future exhibit in City Hall. Interested artists or organizations may be considered by submitting a CD-Rom of four to five original works of art, a resume and a statement.

For more information, contact the city's Community Relations office at 630.553.8564.

Mayor Valerie Burd and the United City of Yorkville thank you for your submissions!

Joke sent in by: Christopher K. Sharp, of Yorkville

Question: Why won't the state of Illinois give a computer a driver's license?

Answer: Because they are always crashing!

Here is a letter submitted by Jeff, Carla, and Kaelyn Scull of Yorkville:

Mayor and City Council,

I recently purchased this photo-postcard at an auction in Earlsville, Ill. It was dated August 5, 1907. The postcard was sent to Ole Thompson of Lisbon, Ill. I bought the card from his daughter's estate, Hagel Budach, of Earlsville, Ill. This copy is donated by my family to the City of Yorkville. We thought it was interesting that this would resurface 100 years later.

Sincerely,

Jeff, Carla, and Kaelyn Scull of Yorkville

And from Michelle Kush:

Dear Mayor Burd,

My name is Michelle Kush, I am 8 years old, and I go to Bristol Grade School. I live in Blackberry North subdivision. I would like to ride my bike to school, but there is no bike path to school. Is it possible for you to put a bike path on Cannonball Trail?

Sincerely,

Michelle Kush

Sewer Department breaks records with Vaccon truck

It'll be three years this July that Yorkville's Sewer Department has been making record progress, and saving the city thousands of dollars, with its Vaccon truck. The Vaccon, operated by **Tony Medina** and **Matt Schwickerath**, cleans all the sanitary lines in town, in record time.

"We've made it through all the lines in the City of Yorkville twice since the truck was purchased,"



Since its purchase, the city's Vaccon truck has saved the city thousands of dollars.

said **Dave Behrens**, foreman in the city's Public Works Department. In a year's time, the Sewer Department can maintain the entire city from end to end.

This is a record feat for the city. "It's the first time in Yorkville's history that the city lines have been thoroughly maintained from one end to the other in one year," he said.

Not only has this saved the City of Yorkville thousands of tax dollars so far, it also has personal benefits for the residents of Yorkville, by preventing sewer backups into homes.

"The old system we had was practically antique," said Behrens. "It was basically impossible to clean the entire town, especially at the size that it is now."

The Vaccon is also used for hydro-excavation around utilities, which had been a huge safety issue for city employees.

"The truck digs into the ground with high-pressure water, instead of having to dig underground and risk getting too close to power lines," explains Behrens.

Another feature of the truck is a camera system, which allows workers to look up and into pipes, which aids in making a diagnosis prior to digging. This has saved Yorkville thousands already in backups and repair costs.

In addition, the Vaccon helps maintain the city's storm sewers and catch basins.

With the new IEPA standards, this new system is not only necessary but also mandatory, considering Yorkville's consistent growth. With the reality of Yorkville's expansion, an additional truck is likely to be seen on the streets sometime in the future.



But the Sewer Department isn't complaining. "The truck is really state of the art," says Behrens. "We got the best of the best with this one."

Public Works employees
Matt Schwickrath (left) and
Tony Medina (right) are
the primary operators of the
city's Vaccon truck.

Community Development

City seeks volunteers to help with Comprehensive Plan update

The United City of Yorkville **Plan Commission** is currently updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. The latest update to this document occurred in 2005 and primarily focused on the city's planning area south of the Fox River. The planning area north of the Fox River was last updated in 2002.

The Plan Commission will begin hosting public meetings this fall and will be working on the Comprehensive Plan update through the early months of 2008.

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is....

- A guide to inform public policy and decision making
- An assessment of the community's need
- A statement of community values, goals, and objectives
- A blueprint for the community's long-range physical development patterns
- A public document adopted by City Council
- A 'living document' one that is continuously updated as conditions change
- · Required by law

A Comprehensive Plan guides policy decisions...

A Comprehensive Plan sets forth policies for the future development of the community. It is the result of considerable study and analysis of existing physical, economic, and social characteristics, and includes a projection of future needs and conditions. The value and purpose of a Comprehensive Plan is to rationally and objectively identify the timing and location of land and infrastructure development—something that zoning and subdivision regulations alone cannot accomplish.

A Comprehensive Plan is a vision of our future...

The overall purpose of the plan is to create a vision and strategy for the management of the City's growth over the next 20 years. This strategy is a result of a statement by the City's citizens of what they envision for the future. Through the use of written text, illustrations and maps, this plan provides an image of the type of community Yorkville wishes to become. It will serve as a manual for maintaining and improving the quality of life.

A Comprehensive Plan is a living document...

Most importantly, the Comprehensive Plan is a guide. The role of the Comprehensive Plan is to serve as a guidebook to planners and other government officials as to the type of residential, commercial and industrial development that should be permitted and encouraged in the City. The plan should influence policy decisions in a broad range of areas including, but not limited to, the following: land use, transportation, infrastructure and utilities, environmental and agricultural preservation, economic development, recreation and open space, and housing. Finally, the plan should be re-evaluated and edited periodically in light of changing conditions so that it remains the true vision of the community.

The Plan Commission has formulated an Advisory Steering Committee to assist with the update and encourages all residents and organizations in the city to become involved. There will be public meetings where more information will be shared. Please plan to attend these discussions and provide your input on this important document. For more information about this process, or how you can become involved, please contact

Travis Miller, Community Development director at 630.553.8573.

Regional Planning Consortium results in collaborative efforts

The United City of Yorkville **Plan Commission** hosted a Regional Planning
Consortium meeting on Thursday,
July 19 at the Yorkville Public Library.
The meeting was organized by Plan
Commission Chairman **Anne Lucietto**to encourage communication between
Kendall County plan commissions and
regional planning groups.

Fifty-five individuals from multiple municipalities including Montgomery, Sugar Grove, Oswego, Minooka, Plano, Big Rock, Newark, Millbrook, Plano, Plainfield, Aurora, Plattville, Lisbon and Yorkville gathered to discuss important issues facing their communities.

Lucietto said the reason she organized the meeting was to get issues facing all Kendall County communities out in the open. "It's important for the plan commissions to get together and communicate because Kendall County is the second fastest growing county in the country," Lucietto said.

At the first meeting the greatest issues facing the communities were prioritized and will be discussed at future meetings. Those issues identified by the group included traffic/congestion, maintaining rural ambience, communities played against each other by developers, and landfills as the major issues facing their communities. During the September 20th meeting the 2007-2030 Kendall County Highway Transportation Plan was presented by Kendall County Engineer, Fran Klaas. A November meeting will be held to discuss rural ambience and historic buildings.

Parks and Recreation News for You

A summer of park dedications and open houses...

The Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department hosted several park open houses that had residents playing games, eating hot dogs, kids jumping on an inflatable and enjoying a summer evening watching an outdoor movie. Events were



Fun was had by all at the July 20 Cannonball Park dedication ceremonies.

held at Raintree Park, Cannonball Park and Heartland Circle.

Mayor Valerie Burd also threw out the first pitch on Tuesday, July 3, during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Stephen G. Bridge regional park located in the Grande Reserve subdivision at 3651 Kennedy Road.

Over 300 residents welcomed the 56-acre facility which houses lighted ball fields, a fishing area, a playground, restrooms, ample parking and a concession stand. The park, according to **Dave Mogle**, director of Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department, was designed as a regional facility to accommodate baseball and softball tournaments and leagues. Mogle estimates that the park, and its fields, will benefit the more than 1,200 children playing ball through the **Yorkville Youth Baseball Softball Association** (YYBSA).

The Parks and Recreation staff would like to thank all of the residents, City Council and Mayor Valerie Burd for supporting and attending the open houses and ribbon cutting ceremonies this summer. All had a great time!



Robyn Sutcliff (center), alderman, Ward 3, cuts the official ribbon at the dedication ceremony for Cannonball Park. Aldermen Gary Golinski, Ward 2 and Wally Werderich, Ward 1, join Parks and Recreation Director Dave Mogle (left) in the celebration. Park mascot, Parker, joined the crowd for the festivities.

Doe, Re, Mi and a One, Two, Three...as new Yorkville park makes its musical debut

The cloudy skies didn't dampen the spirits of approximately 100 volunteers who gathered at the corners of Freemont and Park Streets on a recent Saturday morning to reconstruct **Hiding Spot Park**. The park received a make over when Alabama based GameTime, a manufacturer of playground equipment, partnered with the city's Parks and Recreation staff to supply the theme park with a new and innovative design.



Theresa Eberhardt (center), gets a warm welcome from Parks and Recreation.

The new playground features a music theme with equipment yet to be installed and marketed anywhere else in the nation. GameTime representative, **Tom Nordquist**, explained that many of the instruments built into the playground equipment were derived from a variety of different cultures around the world including Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

According to Yorkville Mayor Valerie Burd, "it's a win-win situation." GameTime drastically reduced the price of the equipment in lieu of rights to market the manufacturer's new line in promotional catalogues. The firm will unveil the new equipment during the **National Recreation and Park Association** conference in Indianapolis on September 25, featuring Yorkville's new park. The estimated savings to the city was \$45,000.



Volunteers worked diligently to construct the park's shelter.

The group hammered, nailed, assembled, and planted and mulched all day long, before finally finding time to step back and take a look at the fruits of their labor. All agreed that the community project was an accomplishment that could not have been achieved without everyone coming together.

And it was all smiles on the faces of Yorkville residents **Theresa Eberhardt** and her parents, **Marianne** and **Ray**, when the park made its debut. The park was named in honor of Theresa and her late sister **Samantha**.

From the Water Department

The United City of Yorkville utility bills (water, sewer maintenance, garbage and wastewater treatment) are sent to every residential and business unit within the city limits on or about the first of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Fox Metro bills wastewater treatment for Grande Reserve.

The water meter reads are taken at the beginning of each month and billed at the end of each month. For example, reads taken at the beginning of October will be billed on October 31 for August and September water usage. If you do not receive your bill, please call City Hall at 630.553.4350 to obtain the balance due and due date information that you will need in order to make your payment. Please keep in mind that if you move, you will need to call for a final meter reading due to the lag time in the meter reading/billing process.

Senior Citizen Discount Rate:

A qualified senior citizen (age 65 or older) bi-monthly refuse fee is \$1 for a single-family or duplex unit per utility billing cycle. Proof of age is required. For information, call 630.553.4350.

Explanation of YSBD charges:

The United City of Yorkville bills and collects the Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District's (YSBD) "user charges" for wastewater treatment.

To meet the stricter standards mandated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and to provide service to the area, the YSBD has borrowed \$9 million from the State of Illinois Revolving Loan Program. Loan monies pay for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant located at 304 River St. The YSBD also has an existing debt incurred in 1991 of \$3.5 million. The dedicated source of revenue format is a requirement of the

IEPA to assure the low-interest loan is paid back over a 20-year period.

The "user charges" are as follows: \$1.10 per 100 Cu. Ft. of flow, providing that the user pay a minimum bi-monthly fee of \$76.11 of which \$25.45 is dedicated to Debt Service for the repayment of the IEPA Act Loan. The debt service fee is \$25.45 and \$50.66 is for operation and maintenance. The total is \$76.11. Please note: If a customer uses 6,920 or more cubic feet of water, the fee would be calculated at \$1.10 per 100 cubic feet.

UTILITY BILLING RATES

Water Rates:

Bi-monthly minimum charge: Up to 350 Cu. Ft. – \$11.94. \$2.17 per 100 Cu. Ft.* thereafter

Sewer Maintenance Fee:

Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Government \$18/60 days per unit

Refuse Fee:

\$21.86/60 days per single-family or duplex unit

Senior Discount Refuse Fee:

\$1/60 days – per single family or duplex unit (age 65 or older)

YBSD Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District:

Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Government (treatment of wastewater) – 0-6919 Cu. Ft.: \$76.11 minimum fee.

Over 6919 Cu. Ft.: \$1.10 per 100 Cu. Ft.*

*1 Cubic foot = 7.48 gallons

The minimum utility bill for a two-month period is \$127.91.

The minimum utility bill for senior citizens for a two-month period is \$107.05.

Please note that the Yorkville Bristol Sanitary District does not discount for pool filling or watering. The flat fee of \$76.11 is for up to 6,919 Cu. Ft. Any usage over 6,919 will be billed at \$1.10 per Cu. Ft.



Grande Reserve utility billing:

The Grande Reserve utility billing will be the same charges for water, sewer, and refuse. Fox Metro will be the sanitary district for Grande Reserve and will do their own billing from reads provided to them from our meter reads. The rates are as follows: \$5.25 minimum for 350 Cu. Ft. usage then \$2 per 1,000 gallons (134 Cu. Ft.) For example, 1,000 Cu. Ft. usage = \$15.

A minimum utility bill from the United City of Yorkville to Grande Reserve residents will be: \$51.80. (Note: This will not include Fox Metro Sanitary District charges as they will be billing for their services)

A minimum utility bill from the United City of Yorkville to seniors 65 and older is \$30.94. (This does not include Fox Metro Sanitary charges).

The Fox Metro Sanitary District billing for filling pools and watering sod that services Grande Reserve is as follows:

- Fox Metro will adjust the bill if you have either filled a pool or watered new sod. This is not an automatic adjustment. For information, call Fox Metro at 630.301,6881.
- New accounts will be billed at approximately \$4.50 per person, per month (approximately \$24-\$26 per month).

For more information, contact Fox Metro at 630.301.6881.

City strengthens communication link with new water bill format

Beginning October 31, the United City of Yorkville utility bills will have a new format. The city is replacing the printed postcards with letter size utility bills that will arrive in envelopes in resident mailboxes.

The decision to change the format was due to increasing the privacy of Yorkville residents, complying with a potential new law that would require all utility bills to be enclosed, and the ability to communicate city news to residents via utility bills without additional costs.

Glory Spies, the city's Community Relations officer, said the benefit of the new format is that it will aid city staff in communicating important messages to residents. Spies said that residents

should look at the bottom of their bill during each billing cycle for important up-to-date information.

In addition to water-related information, the city plans to use the new format to convey information about city events, meetings and any procedural changes that may occur.

"It's a great communication tool that will aid us in letting Yorkville residents know in advance what is coming up," Spies said. "It provides us with another avenue for communication."

For more information or questions contact City Hall at 630.553.4350.



5 EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

1. By Mail

You can mail your bill by the payment date to the United City of Yorkville at 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560.

2. Walk In

You can walk into the City Hall offices between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. before the payment date and pay your bill by cash or check at 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL.

3. Drop Box

An after hours drop box is available for your convenience. The box is located under the flagpole before you enter City Hall. You can drop your bill in the drop box at your convenience before the payment date.

4. Direct Debit Payment

Direct debit payment is auto-deducted from your checking or savings account on the day the bill is

due. Applications are available at City Hall or on the city's Web site at www.yorkville.il.us. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to City Hall: **Attn: Judy Dyon, Utility Billing Clerk,** United City of Yorkville, 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560. More information is available by calling 630.553.8522.

5. <u>E-Pay</u>

This Internet Payment program is available through the State of Illinois to Yorkville residents. Payments can be made with a variety of credit cards including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and E-check. A user fee of \$3.50 per transaction is added to the payment amount for the convenience of Internet service; however, this fee is not charged or collected by the city. For more information about the E-Pay program you can go to the city's Web site at www.yorkville.il.us or call City Hall at 630.553.4350.

The City of Yorkville now has the ability to communicate messages via the water bill. Please look at the bottom of your bill for important up-to-date information each billing cycle.

For more information about the city's mail-box replacement policy contact the Public Works Department at 630.553.4370 or visit the city's Web site at www.yorkville.il.us.

Refuse Pick-up:

Weekly Veolia Environmental refuse pick-up is as follows:

Monday – Cornerstone, Greenbriar, Prairie Gardens, Sunflower Estates, south of the river and east of Rt. 47.

Tuesday – Country Hills, Crooked Creek, Fox Highlands, Raintree Village, Wildwood, Windett Ridge and south of Rt. 126 and east of Rt. 47

Wednesday – Bristol Bay, Caledonia, Cimmeron Ridge, Countryside Center, Fox Hill, Kylyn's, River's Edge, White Oak Estates, Whispering Meadows, and west of Rt. 47 down to Elizabeth Street excluding Greenbriar

Thursday – Autumn Creek, Blackberry Creek, Cannonball Estates, Grande Reserve, Prairie Meadows and east of Rt. 47 and north of Rt. 34

Friday – Heartland, Longford Lakes, north of the river south of Rt. 34 and east of Rt. 47

All refuse should be placed out for collection by 6:00 a.m. on the designated collection day. Veolia Environmental Services have co-collect trucks that accommodate both refuse and recycling items and are not combining recycling with refuse.

A \$1.00 pre-paid sticker is required for each bag or 32-gallon container outside the cart. Pre-paid refuse stickers are sold at the following locations: Ace Hardware, 9620 Rt. 34, Yorkville; Jewel-Osco, 234 Veterans Parkway, Yorkville; Pride Pantry, 302 Bridge Street, Yorkville; United City of Yorkville City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville.

Veolia will observe the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please note that service will be delayed one day following any of the holidays listed above.

Veolia Environmental Services

The United City of Yorkville is contracting refuse service with Veolia Environmental Services. The current refuse rate is \$10.93 per month. The senior citizen discount is 50¢ per month (\$1.00 per billing cycle).

Under the city's refuse agreement with Veolia Environmental Services, each residence is allowed to put out one 65-gallon Veolia Environmental refuse cart (green), one 65-gallon recycling cart (blue), and one large household item on the regular pick up day only (such as a couch, chair, or mattress) to be collected weekly without a pre-paid sticker. Carts are provided by Veolia Environmental Services. Residents may exchange their 65-gallon refuse cart for 95-gallon refuse cart at an additional cost of \$5.00 per month billed directly to the residents by Veolia.

If You Are Missed:

If you are missed on your regular pick up day, contact Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282. Veolia Environmental Services office hours are Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional information is available on their Web site at www.OnyxWasteServices.com. A direct link to the United City of Yorkville refuse information via Veolia Environmental Services is available there.

White Goods Pick Up Guidelines

Veolia Environmental Services will conduct one White Goods pick up day in the spring and one in the fall. The spring White Goods pick up will be the third week in April each year, and in fall the White Goods pick up will be the third week in October on your regular pick up day only. White Good items consist of refrigerators/freezers, water heaters, stoves, air conditioners, humidifiers, clothes dryers, washers, microwaves, dishwashers, heat pumps, furnaces, and boilers. Please note that all White Goods items must be on the curb by

6:00 a.m. Only one pass will be made. The following materials will not be accepted: auto parts, large construction waste, swimming pools, decks, sheds, chemicals, paint, or drums.

Additional Guidelines

Additional refuse containers may not exceed 32-gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight. Carpeting is considered a bulk item, however, it must be cut and rolled into 4-foot lengths. Each roll must be tied and not weigh more than 50 pounds. Up to 4 bulk rolls will be accepted as one bulk item. Construction materials, large automotive parts, tires, white goods, hazardous wastes and materials from floods, fires, and evictions will not be accepted during weekly collection.

Yorkville Public Works announces fall brush pick up schedule, hydrant flushing

Hydrant flushing

Fall hydrant flushing will take place the week of October 14 north of the Fox River and during the week of October 21 south of the Fox River. If you experience rust in your water during this process, please let your water run clear and use caution when doing laundry on days that hydrant flushing is scheduled. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Yorkville Public Works Department at 630.553.4370.

Hydrant flushing north of the river October 14-20

Hydrant flushing south of the river October 21-27

Yard waste pick up

Yard waste is collected from April 1 through November 29. Yard waste must be placed in 33-gallon kraft paper bags that can be purchased at local retail stores. All yard waste material must be placed out for collection by 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day.

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Brush and/or branches (less than 4 inches in diameter) must be cut into 4-foot lengths, bundled with string or twine and not exceed 50 pounds.

Brush pick up

The City's Public Works Department provides brush pick up from April through October. Brush must be placed parallel to the curb in neat stacks no longer than 6 feet in length and no wider than three inches in diameter. Brush must be placed on the parkway no later than 6:00 a.m. Monday morning. Brush crews will not return for special pick-ups. Once the street is completed, brush will not be picked up again until the next scheduled date for your area. Please note that yard waste, lumber, whole bushes or trees will not be accepted.

Brush pick up north of the river October 22-26 (city-wide)

Brush pick up south of the river October 22-26 (city-wide)

Leaf pick up

All leaves must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the first scheduled morning of pick-up. No yard waste or brush will be accepted. Return trips will not be made.

Leaf pick up north of the river November 5-9

<u>Leaf pick up south of the river</u> November 12-16

White Goods pick up

White good items will be picked up during the third week in October beginning on Monday, October 22. Please note that the fall White Goods pick up will always be the third week in October. Items to be put out include two bulk items, four tires (no rims) and two bags.

Only one pass will be made. Please make sure all items are out on your curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regular pick-up day. Items classified as White Goods include refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, stoves, clothes

dryers, washers, microwaves, dishwashers, heat pumps, furnaces and boilers.

NEW! Christmas tree collection

Veolia Environmental Services will collect Christmas trees free of charge during the first two weeks in January. Please place your tree on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your designated collection day.

Winter ordinances remind residents of snow shoveling and parking prohibitions

As winter approaches, residents should be aware of the city's snow shoveling ordinance and parking prohibitions in the event of snowfall.

Please remember that when shoveling it is unlawful to deposit snow on to City streets when removing snow from driveways and sidewalks. Violation of the ordinance may result in a \$50 fine per occurrence.

When shoveling your driveway or walkway, if there is a fire hydrant in front of your house, please take the time to shovel the area around the hydrant. We appreciate your effort in helping us keep the City's property clear of snow during the winter months.

Parking on City streets in the United City of Yorkville is prohibited except for emergency vehicles during emergencies, after a snowfall of more than two inches. In addition, residents are reminded that parking is prohibited on any City street after a two-inch snowfall for 24 hours after the snowfall has ended. Please note that the City has the right to tow any illegally parked vehicle and to assess to the owner or driver of the vehicle any and all reasonable towing charges as billed to the City.

Snowbird Policy

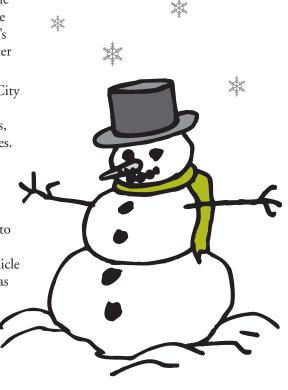
If you are away this winter...the City's **Snowbird Policy** lets you waive your utility charges for water, sewer and refuse in your absence. You must be absent from your residence for a period of 60 consecutive days.

If you wish to have your water shut off at the curb box during your vacancy, you will be charged a \$25 shut off fee that must be paid prior to the shut off date.

The Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District wastewater treatment charge of \$76.11 per unit will be reduced to the debt service loan portion of the current rate of \$25.45. The operation and maintenance fee will be waived.

Please note that it is your responsibility to inform the City of your return.

An application form is available on the City's Web site at www.yorkville.il.us or by contacting City Hall at 630.553.4350. The application form can be mailed to City Hall at 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560 or faxed to 630.553.7575.



Public Works

City's water now compliant with IEPA standards

The United City of Yorkville is now radium compliant. As mandated by the IEPA, we are required to print the information listed below for one year after compliance. If you have a question, please call the city's Public Works Department at 630.553.4370.

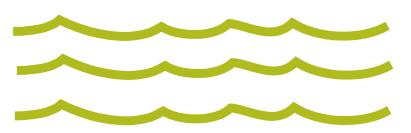
The United City of Yorkville Public Water System has levels of gross alpha and combined radium above drinking water standards.

Our water system has violated a drinking standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminant. Quarterly samples taken over the past year show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for gross alpha and combined radium. The standard for gross alpha is 15 pico curies per liter (pCiL) and 5 pico curies of combined radium. The average level of gross alpha is 33 pCiL and combined radium over the past year was 19 pCiL per liter.

Q. What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled water) supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

Q. What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some



people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Q. What happened? What is being done? The United City of Yorkville has designed and constructed Ion Exchange Treatment Facilities, which will remove the radium below the 5 pico curies per liter level. The treatment plant is currently online.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. The United City of Yorkville Public Water System ID #0930250 is sending this notice to you. For more information, contact Joe Moore at 630.553.4370 or write to 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560. Distributed September 2007 by the United City of Yorkville.

From our Engineering Department...

Periodically we will publish topics relating to storm water in an effort to highlight community awareness and the impact that we all have on the environment, either directly or indirectly. In this edition of the city newsletter we are highlighting storm sewers.

Did you know that there are numerous types of sewers? For example, storm sewers are curb drains in the street and the grated sewers in your yard or in a parking lot. Many think that the water going down these drains lead to a facility where the water will be treated and cleaned. This is not the case. Where does the water go? You may be surprised.

Storm sewers drain to an open water source—a creek, river, or pond. In the city of Yorkville, they drain to the Fox River, and the Blackberry and Rob Roy Creeks, in addition to numerous retention basins and ponds. They are designed to assist in the natural path of rain water and melting snow as well as minimize flooding in low lying residential and commercial areas such as roadways, parking lots and residential yards.

Storm drains are not the proper way to dispose of household chemicals such as motor oil and paint. There are resources and drop off recycling centers available to assist you in the proper disposal of household and automotive wastes, most of which are free of charge.

One such facility is the Household Hazardous waste drop off in the city of Naperville located at 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. most weekends. Please contact the facility for hours of operation by calling 630.420.4190.

You can also reduce or minimize the amount of chemicals that find their way into the storm sewers from your home by reducing the number of times you wash your car in your driveway, repair or contain automobile fluid leads, in addition to refraining from cleaning paint brushes and motorized equipment directly onto your driveway.

Additional questions concerning storm water management can be directed to the city's Engineering Department at 630.553.8528.



Senior Services

There are many services, programs, events and activities that are offered locally by numerous organizations. In order to keep you informed, the following is an updated listing of services in and around our community. If you have any questions or would like additional details, please do not hesitate to call **Senior Services Associates, Inc.** at 630.553.5777 or **Rose Spears**, Alderwoman/ward 4; Liaison, Senior Service Providers; advisory Council, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging at 630.553.8371 or rspears@yorkville.il.us.

Senior Services Associates, Inc. (SSA)

Senior Services Associates, inc. offers numerous state and federal programs for individuals 60+. The Yorkville **Senior Services Associates, Inc.** is located in the Beecher Building, 908 Game Farm Road, Yorkville. Call 630.553.5777 for more information on any of the services, programs or activities listed below.

Case Management Services

Case managers assess the need for care and development of an overall plan and follow-up to assure that you or your loved one is receiving the service needed. Case managers also assist with other services, such as obtaining home delivered meals; in-home services (e.g., housekeeping, maintenance, personal care); energy assistance; outreach to the homebound, financial assistance and much more. You can get a complete list of available services by contacting SSA.

Information & Assistance in Kendall County

Senior Services of Kendall County has information specialists available to assist area seniors with questions regarding the Illinois Cares RX program as well as the Curcuit Breaker program and Medicare Part D. Assistance is available through SSA if you need help applying for any one of these programs. Appointments are available through SSA.

Senior Companion—A Program that Builds Friendships

The companionship of a good friend can provide needed support through many life transitions. Are you a resident of Kendall County, age 60 or older, who would like a friendly visit from a volunteer once a week? Do you know a senior citizen who would be open to meeting someone new,

and who could benefit from more positive social interaction?

The **Senior Companion** program connects eligible seniors with carefully screened volunteers forming a strong bond of friendship. To participate in this program, or to refer someone who would benefit from having a companion, please contact Bonnie Schradel at 630,553,5777.

Elder Abuse

Reporting elder abuse gives the victims the opportunity to receive the help they need to stop the abuse. It can also reduce their risk in the future. Your report can make a difference. Caller identity is confidential and is not disclosed without written permission or by order of the court. If you are aware of an elderly individual experiencing abuse and neglect, please call Senior Services at 630.553.5777, after hours, on weekends and holidays. Help us stop Elder Abuse!

Nursing Home Ombudsman Services

A long-term care **Ombudsman** is an advocate who seeks to resolve complaints on behalf of people who receive long-term care services. This program is designed to assist residents of long-term care facilities and their families by developing family councils, advocating for residents' rights under state and federal laws, investigating complaints and abuse allegations, providing consultation on how to choose a nursing home, as well as privacy rights. This Illinois Department on Aging program strives to protect and promote the rights and quality of life for those who reside in long-term care facilities.

Senior Legal Connection

Senior Services is a regular site for **Prairie State Legal Services**, **Inc.**, a not-for-profit agency offering legal advice and assistance

at NO CHARGE for senior citizens, age 60 and over, residing in Kendall County. Services are made possible through funding from the Northeast Illinois Area Agency on Aging, United Way, and a special grant from Kendall County. Legal services provided include assistance with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and more. For more information please call Veronica Martinez at 630.232.9415 or 1.800.942.4612. You may also log on to (www.pslegal.org.)

Kendall County Transportation Program

Small necessary trips to medical appointments, the grocery store and other destinations are available through the **Kendall County Transportation** program for a small fee. The fee schedule listed below was effective June 1, 2007. All Trips are Monday-Friday unless otherwise noted. If you are canceling for any reason, please call us at least a day ahead. Your cooperation will aid in keeping this service available. Transportation pick-up times are subject to change. To reserve a seat for the following trips, contact Senior Services Associates, Inc. 630.553.5777.

The following is a list of destinations and a suggested donation.

- Medical Appointments—inside Kendall County, Donation: \$8 Round Trip (\$4 one way trip).
- Medical Appointments—outside Kendall County, Donation: \$20 Round Trip (\$10 one way trip).
- Lift Van Appointments—Donation: \$25 Round Trip (\$12.50 one way trip).
 Please note wheelchair clients need a companion to accompany them.
- Grocery Shopping (Jewel/Aldi, Yorkville)
 Wednesday PM: Donation: \$3 Round Trip (\$1.50 one way trip).

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- Grocery Shopping (Jewel, Montgomery)—Friday AM, Donation: \$4 Round Trip (\$2 one way trip).
- Wal-Mart Shopping (Plano)— Friday AM, Donation: \$5 Round Trip (\$2.50 one way trip).

Beecher Center Daily Activities

Play some cards, bridge or build a friendship. All are welcome. We'll see you there!

- Duplicate Bridge—Monday at Noon
- Social Bridge—Tuesday Mornings
- Mexican Train Dominoes—Monday mornings
- Pinochle—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons
- Bingo—Tuesday & Fridays at Noon and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Cribbage—Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
- Cards—Card games of all kinds mornings Tuesday thru Friday.

Special Activities

Monthly Birthday Bingo is held on the first Friday of every month. If your birthday is in that month and you plan on playing Bingo then make sure you have signed up on the Monthly Birthday list the previous month to receive your birthday present. The cake and presents are provided by local area senior organizations or facilities, all you have to do is come for the fun.

Kendall County TRIAD Committee The Kendall County TRIAD Committee

consists of Officer Barry Groesch from the Yorkville Police Department, Senior Services staff and Kendall County Senior representatives. The purpose of the committee is to address issues and concerns of area seniors and to bring events and information to Kendall County seniors. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Officer Barry Groesch at 630.553.8511 or Patty Strahan of Senior Services at 630.553.5777.

Special Activities as part of the Kendall County TRIAD Committee

The Senior Police Academy will be held on Wednesday, October 24 in the Historic Kendall County Court House from 9a.m.-3p.m. This all day informational event is in a seminar setting with lunch provided and offers health and safety courses free for Yorkville area seniors. Sign up now, space is limited. Call 630.553.5777 for registration information.

The Super Seniors Mobile DMV unit was here last spring and it allowed area seniors to come to the Beecher Center to renew their driver's license, get a state ID and purchase license plates stickers. Area seniors were able to take their written and eye exams right on the spot and walk away with their new license once they had passed. The event is in the scheduling phase and more details will be provided once the schedule has been finalized so stay tuned. Please call 630.553.5777 for more information on either of these events.

Yorkville Police Department News

Yorkville Police Department implements Medication Disposal Program

The **Yorkville Police Department** in cooperation with the **Kendall County TRIAD** has created a committee to implement a Medication Disposal Program.

Kendall County residents can drop off expired or unwanted medications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to the Yorkville Police Department at 804 Game Farm Road, Yorkville.

Medications should be in its original container, if possible, in order to separate narcotics from over the counter medications.

This program is extremely important and assists in keeping prescription drugs off the street, helps to keep excess medications from children, and keeps our waterways cleaner.

Needles, sharps, IV bags and thermometers cannot be accepted. In addition medication containers that have been compromised or are leaking will not be accepted. This program was created for the disposal of medication for individuals and will not accept retail or wholesale business medication for disposal.

The Yorkville Police Department, Kendall County Health Department, Kendall County States Attorneys Office, Yorkville Bristol Sanitary District and Osco Drug created this program for the county.

More information regarding the Kendall County TRIAD Medication Disposal Program is available by contacting Officer Barry Groesch at 630.553.8511.

No Parking on Sidewalks, please!

As a reminder to all residents it is illegal to park on any United City of Yorkville

sidewalk including the area from the sidewalk to the curb. It is also illegal to park on sidewalks that are joined to private driveways. We do not want to force bicycles, strollers, or any citizen into the street due to a vehicle blocking a sidewalk.

The United City of Yorkville Police Department enforces this ordinance for the purpose of public safety. As a safety precaution, we will be monitoring this activity and issuing citations when a violation is sighted.

Car Hoppers

If you experience a theft to your unlocked car you may have been the victim of "Car Hopping." Youths across the nation are taking advantage of car owners who leave their vehicles unlocked. The "car hopper" will check vehicles that are parked in driveways or other unsecured locations and check to see if the car is unlocked. The

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targeted vehicle's glove box and other compartments are then checked for valuables. Anything within the interior is fair game to a car hopper.

After several interviews with youths responsible for these crimes, the number one reason they committed the offense was because they were bored. Most of these crimes are committed during the summer when school is not in session.

To protect your car and its belongings, please remember to lock your car at all times. Before leaving your car, take a minute and survey your vehicle to see what you would lose if you left it unlocked, then collect your valuables and take them into your residence. Taking a common sense approach to crime prevention could discourage many of these crimes.

City adds new officer to Police Department staff

He is not your conventional officer but he is an integral member of the police department's staff. **Officer Bandit,** a 20-month old, black, longhaired German Shepard was sworn in by the Yorkville Police Department and has already been patrolling Yorkville's city limits with partner **Officer Dan Pleckham**.

Officer Pleckham is currently training Bandit as a permanent partner. The partnership does not end at work but continues through their personal lives. Bandit lives with Officer Pleckham and his family where their personal bond strengthens their working relationship. Education for both officers is an on-going process and does not end after the initial basic training but continues on a bi-weekly basis honing both officers' skills.

Off duty, Officer Bandit enjoys spending time with his family, but based on his work performance, his true enjoyment is making sure the city's streets are safely protected.

Passed Ordinances

The following is a list of ordinances passed by the United City of Yorkville City Council June 12/2007 through July 24, 2007. Access to the United City of Yorkville Code Book is available online on our Web site at www.yorkville.il.us via a link to Sterling Codifiers.

2007-45 6/12/2007

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 1 – Administration, Section 1-6-5-C Removing City Attorney Stipend

2007-46 6/26/2007

Ordinance Approving Minor Change to Yorkville Market Square Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement

2007-47 6/26/2007

Ordinance Providing for Abatement of Taxes Levied Pursuant to Ordinance Number 2007-41 (Kendall Marketplace)

2007-48 6/26/2007

Ordinance Declaring Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage A

2007-49 6/26/2007

Amended and Restated Governing Ordinance

2007-50 7/10/2007

Amended and Restated Governing Ordinance

2007-51 7/10/2007

Ordinance Authoring the Execution of an Amended and Restated Annexation Agreement for the Development known as Wynstone Townhomes

2007-52 7/24/2007

An Ordinance Amending City Code Regarding Solicitors, Hawkers, and Itinerant Merchants

2007-53 7/24/2007

Amended and Restated Governing Ordinance

2007-54 7/24/2007

An Ordinance Amending City Code Prohibiting Left Turns at Rt. 47 & Hydraulic, and Rt. 47 and River Road

2007-55 7/24/2007

An Ordinance Amending City Code Regarding Temporary Liquor Licenses

National Night Out a big hit with Yorkville residents

Games, food and riding on a fire truck were all part of the many activities during **National Night Out (NNO)** held on Tuesday, August 7 at Beecher Community Park. This annual event, sponsored by the Yorkville Police Department in cooperation with the Kendall-Bristol Fire Department, is a unique crime and drug prevention event that takes place in communities all around the nation. The event promotes police-community partnerships and fosters neighborhood spirit. Yorkville's event is no exception. Participating residents were able to talk and meet local police and fire personnel, experience hands-on demonstrations and gather important safety information.





Beanbag toss and other games were on hand for all area children to enjoy.

During this year's National Night Out, this young resident tries his hand at playing fireman with the aid of Bristol-Kendall fire personnel standing close by.

Both photos courtesy of Neighborhoodcircle.com



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Rose Spears Joe Besco

City Treasurer

William Powell

If you are unsure of which Ward you reside in, please call City Hall at 630.553.4350

City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The **Police Department** office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Offices are closed weekends and holidays.

The United City of Yorkville newsletter is published quarterly. Questions or comments can be directed to Glory Spies at 630.553.8564 or e-mail at gspies@yorkville.il.us

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New this year! Holiday Under the Stars

We're spreading holiday cheer this year. Mark your calendar NOW for Friday, November 30 for the city's first Annual Holiday Festival in Town Square Park. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. Live reindeer, take a horse and carriage ride, watch an ice carver as he magically transforms ice into a piece of art, musical performances, food, hot drinks and oh...ho, ho, ho...a special visit from "you know who." This first United City of Yorkville holiday event will warm your spirit and kindle your heart. Hope to see you there!

For more information contact Glory Spies at 630.553.8564.

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