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## From Mayor Art Prochaska City Moves Forward with Downtown TIF

What's the next step for the downtown TIF district?
Defined as Tax Increment
Financing, a TIF is a special financial tool that can generate money for

economic development in a specific geographic district. With the passage and filing of the required ordinances, the TIF district becomes official. This means that as redevelopment begins to occur in the designated area, revenue stream will be created for use only in that district to encourage, stimulate, and directly finance continued improvements.

#### How is this revenue created?

During the initial creation of the TIF district, the base equalized assessed value (EAV) for each property is established at whatever the value was at the time the base was created. Taxes paid on that base will continue to be shared with all of the taxing bodies. As redevelopment of a property occurs its EAV increases to meet the new value of the property. Also, properties in the TIF district will have a

#### Construction on dam begins

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has begun construction on the Glen Palmer Dam in Yorkville. The project began a few days before the scheduled date of Tuesday, June 13.

The reconstruction of the dam will occur in two phases and will address both safety and environmental issues. Planned improvements include a four-step spillway, a construction of a fish ladder and a canoe chute. The chute's primary function will allow individuals in kayaks and canoes to bypass the dam while traveling downstream.

natural increase in value as is common throughout the city. The taxes paid on the base EAV is then subtracted from the taxes paid on the new EAV, and that difference or increment is the amount that is available to be used as revenue for approved TIF expenditures. At the end of the TIF period all of the taxing bodies will again share in the total revenue, but at the higher EAV. Also, it is important to point out that during the TIF Period the ordinance allows taxing districts (school district, fire protection district, etc.) to be reimbursed for actual costs that are directly caused by the projects within the TIF district.

#### What are approved TIF expenditures?

Generally, TIF funds may be used for infrastructure improvements such as streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer improvements. They may be used to provide additional parking, purchase land, and provide for additional items such as landscaping. What they cannot be used for is to construct office buildings such as a new city hall, except to (continued on page 3)

In phase one, the drop will be replaced with an "underwater staircase." When completed, the four-step spillway will provide a gradual drop to make the area around the dam safer. Also, phase one calls for the installation of a "fish ladder" which will allow fish that forge over the dam to swim back up stream.

In phase two, a recreational bypass for canoes and kayaks to safely bypass the dam will be created.

"The city stands ready as always to cooperate as it has throughout this project with IDNR to get these safety concerns addressed as quickly as possible," said Mayor Art Prochaska.

## News Watch—News you could use

## City receives special census results

Yorkville population over 11,000.

The official population of the United City of Yorkville according to a November special census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau is 11,204. The official tally was recently released to the City. A preliminary census that was released to the City in March showed the city's population at 11,179.

Yorkville's last census (conducted in 2003) resulted in a population count of 8,789. Before the final tabulation of the recent census, it was predicted that the population would exceed 11,000 residents. The city's housing counts totaled 4,443.

City officials approved the census last April. According to Yorkville's Mayor Art Prochaska the census was necessary. "It is important for our community because a majority of the dollars that come from the state are population based," Prochaska said.

The city is expected to gain approximately \$100 in revenues for each additional resident. The revenue generated from the census will help the city to maintain its services to the community and hold the line on property tax bills.

#### **County holds tire recycling**

All tires, including automobile, semi, tractor, bicycle and motorcycle will be collected from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 at Yorkville High School, 797 Game Farm Road. Commercial businesses are not allowed to participate. Information is available at 630.553.9100, ext. 8068.

### Optimists form new club in Yorkville

Bringing out the best in KIDS!



The United City of Yorkville's first **Optimist Club** is currently seeking new members. Optimist Clubs are formed by people who want to reach out to help youth and the community.

The club's primary focus is to provide a positive approach, an upbeat outlook and a commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids.

From sponsoring youth athletic leagues, weatherizing the homes of the elderly, to conducting oratorical contests for young people—Optimist Clubs are responding to the special needs of local communities throughout the United States and beyond. Making a difference in the lives of others is the primary goal of an Optimist Club. Members of an Optimist Club usually live or work in the community. Members join together to serve others and to promote Optimism as a way of life.

Each Optimist Club is chartered as a Member of Optimist International. This gives individual clubs the right to use the Optimist name and provides each club with services and programs offered by Optimist International. Local Optimist Clubs operate independently from each other. They choose their own activities, elect their own officers and raise their own funds. A Club's service activities are based on the needs of the community.

For additional information or meeting dates contact Connie or Jerry Emery at 630.554.0650 or con3em@sbcglobal.net.

## City Hall holiday schedule

City Hall offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of

Independence
Day and on
Monday,
September 4
in observance
of Labor Day.
Additional
information is
available by co



available by contacting City Hall at 630.553.4350.

#### **City enforces Handicapped Parking laws**

The United City of Yorkville will enforce the restricted handicapped parking laws. If a vehicle parks in a designated handicapped parking space and it does not have a handicapped license plate or a current State of Illinois issued placard, the illegally parked vehicle will be issued a \$250 ticket. Zero tolerance will be enforced.

## News Watch—News you could use

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replace only those public offices removed because of redevelopment. For instance, if one or two offices are affected, the funds can be used to provide for those offices only.

The funds can also be used to help relocate business or residents that are displaced and for the purpose of attracting business into the area. TIF funds may be used for private development; however, that use is limited. Prior to any funds being given, there are issues that need to be taken into account such as the revenue to be generated compared to the dollars requested and to determine if the expenditures of requested funds are allowable under our ordinance and the TIF Act. The project must also be within the scope of the redevelopment plan. In these cases, a development agreement will be created.

#### What about eminent domain?

In the Downtown Yorkville Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, there is a clause that states that eminent domain will not be used except for life safety issues. Some have asked if this isn't a

watering down of the resolution passed earlier by the City Council. The answer is no. First, the city must

always look out for the safety and welfare of our citizens and there are specific definitions for "life safety" through case law that limits its use. The resolution passed earlier this year still allows for the use of eminent domain for public purposes, whereas this ordinance affirms that eminent domain will not be used for any purpose except life safety issues.

#### When will all of this happen?

Redevelopment of the downtown will be done through a number of projects by various property owners and developers over the coming years. There are two projects that have already begun the process. Both are for mixed use buildings. One is at the southwest corner of South Main Street and Hydraulic Street, and the other is at the southwest corner of Bridge Street and Hydraulic. There has also been a number of inquiries and interest shown by property owners and developers, so it would appear that the City will continue to see more projects come forward.

The use of a TIF as a financing tool is to redevelop and encourage private investment into an area adding value to that area. In the case of our downtown area, I believe there is more to it. While the TIF will allow property owners to maximize their opportunities if they choose to, it



also allows for the redevelopment of the center of our community. It will encourage new businesses and existing businesses to expand in the area, create unique residential and commercial opportunities and recreate the downtown as a central gathering place for the people of Yorkville. I believe that the greatest opportunity is for the revitalization of the heart of our community, which will prove to be of great benefit to all of us.

A Town Hall meeting will be scheduled in July to explain and discuss the processes involved in requesting TIF funds for redevelopment purposes.

Please have a safe and happy summer, and remember to support the many wonderful and generous businesses in our community. They provide excellent services to all of us here in the United City of Yorkville, and do a great deal to support the programs and events that we all will enjoy over the coming months.



The United City of Yorkville City Council has approved the names of **Dr. Frederic Michael Groner, Richard Jerry Groner** and **Winfred (Win) Prickett** as historical street names in the United City of Yorkville. Yorkville's

Historical Street Naming Program honors citizens and major contributors of Yorkville who have shaped the history of the city.

The community project was developed in 2003 by the city's Human Resource Commission which currently manages the project. The program was established to pay tribute to residents in the community—both past and present—who have contributed to the development of the city. Due to the continued growth within the City, many new streets will need to be named. The Human Resource Commission is honoring those individuals who have dedicated their time and

commitment in serving the community by naming a street in their honor. If you know of such an individual for this distinguished honor, you can request a nomination form by calling 630.553.8564. When submitting the form, please feel free to send in any additional newspaper articles, commendations or other information that would aid the Commission in making their decision.

## Community Events—a summer of fun

## Coffee with the Mayor

Join United City of Yorkville Mayor, Art Prochaska, for coffee and conversation on Saturday mornings. When you see the "Coffee with the Mayor Sign" at various locations throughout the City, you are invited to stop by, have refreshments and visit with the mayor. Locations and times are also listed in the Kendall County Record Newspaper, on WSPY radio 107.1 FM, on the City's Web site at www.yorkville.il.us and FVTV channel 17 bulletin board.

If you are a business or organization that would like to host a Coffee with the Mayor on a Saturday morning, you can call (630) 553-8532.

July 8—9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **GIANNIS** 1411 Cannonball Trail, Yorkville

July 15—9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **PANERA BREAD** 1206 N. Bridge St., Yorkville

August 5 — 10 a.m. - Noon **WILLIAM RYAN HOMES**2343 Sumac Drive (Whispering Meadows, off Alan Dale), Yorkville

August 19—9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **FARMERS MARKET** Town Square Park (Main and

Route 47), Yorkville

September 9—9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE** 110 E. Countryside, Yorkville

### Yorkville's 15th Annual Hometown Days

# GET READY! 15TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN DAYS FESTIVAL

Labor Day Weekend • September 1 - 3
Beecher Community Park • 908 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville
Friday, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m • Saturday, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
and Sunday Noon - 10 p.m.

Musical entertainment day and evening • main stage headliners
• carnival rides • magic shows • family activities • food • baby contest
• demonstrations • performances • craft show • booth exhibitors
• Pride and Joy Car Show • dance performances • American Legion
Big Band and more! For a complete list of activities, times and
locations, see page 5.

Exhibitor and vendor space is available by calling 630.553.8564.

For volunteer or sponsorship opportunities call 630.553.4341 or

www.yorkville.il.us

## "ROLLING ON THE RIVER" ILLINOIS' RIDE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Labor Day Weekend • Sept. 1-3 Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville

Ride the Fox River roads • camping • canoeing & kayaking • Nordic walking

• one-day rides (10, 25, 45, 62, 100 mi)

An event for the whole family!

Be a part of this exciting Labor Day benefit for Illinois' environment. Come for one day of cycling or a full weekend of outdoor fun. Premier rides on rural roads in the scenic Fox River valley, near Silver Springs State Park. Weekend packages include cycling, canoeing, kayaking, environmental expo, Nordic walking, on-site camping and other family friendly outdoor activities. Great fundraising incentives and rewards. Team and family discounts. Kids free. Yorkville Hometown Days Festival going on September 1-3. It's a great opportunity to stay the weekend!

For more information and to register online, visit rollingriverride.com or call 217.429.1870.



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### Community Events—a summer of fun

## HOMETOWN DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY SEPT. 1— 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

5:00-6:00 p.m

Stephan Bores, Main Stage

5:00-11:00 p.m.

Carnival

Hole in One Golf

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Paul the Stilt Walker

7:30-10:00 p.m.

Big John Howell and the Born to Boogie Band

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.

9:00-10:00a.m.

Pet Parade

Dog Frisbee Demo

9:00-4:00 p.m.

Craft Show

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Baby Contest

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Pom Squad

Noon-10:00 p.m.

**Golf Contest** 

Noon-4:00 p.m.

Petting Farm Climbing Wall

Noon-11:00 p.m.

Carnival

1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Gold Star Dancers** 

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Steve's Magic Show

4:30-6:30 p.m.

British Exports

Main Stage

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Fabulous Janes Main Stage

Sunday, Sept. 3 Noon - 10:00 p.m.

Noon-4:00 p.m.

Pride and Joy Car Show Climbing Wall Race Track Petting Farm

Noon-10:00 p.m.

Carnival

**Golf Contest** 

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Mike the Juggler

2:00-4:00 p.m.

American Legion Big Band

Duck Race

2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Empower Karate Demo** 

4:00-4:45 p.m.

Face Painting

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Broken Vegas

Main Stage

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Hot Air Balloon Rides

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Hi Infidelity

#### National Night Out-Tuesday, August I

United City of Yorkville celebrates community spirit

On Tuesday, August 1, neighborhoods throughout the United City of Yorkville are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "23rd Annual National Night Out," a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

On August 1, From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Yorkville Police Department is asking residents to lock their doors, turn on their outside light and come down to the Beecher Center, 908 Game Farm Road, Yorkville. There will be something for everyone—Games, food, refreshments and free crime prevention tips.

This is a night for the United City of Yorkville to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer community.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out involves over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Nationwide, over 34 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 1.

This event is locally sponsored by the Yorkville Police Department, the Yorkville Citizens Police Academy and the Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department.

Additional information is available by calling 630.553.4340.

## More Summer Community Events

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

**City Council meetings**—
The second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole— The first and third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Administration Committee**— The first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Development**— The fourth Thursday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

Fire and Police Commission— Meetings are held quarterly. Please call City Hall at 630.553.4350 for next meeting date.

**Human Resource Commission**— The third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m.

**Library Board**—The second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Park Board**—The second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Park Planning**—The fourth Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.

**Plan Commission**—Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Police Pension Board**—Meetings are held quarterly.

**Public Safety**—The second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

**Public Works**—Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

#### Summer and fall fun in Yorkville

Months of fun from Yorkville Parks and Recreation.

#### MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Town Square Park (Rt. 47) Friday nights • 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A schedule of your favorite music! July 14—Fox Valley Concert Band

July 28—Roots Rock Society (reggae)
August 11—Crossfyre (country)

**August 25**—The New British Invaders

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies begin at dusk Beecher Community Park 908 Game Farm Road

Don't worry about the popcorn, the concession stand is always open. All movies are G, PG or PG-13 rating. The movie schedule is as follows:

July 21—Casablanca August 18—Madagascar Sept. 15—Herbie Fully Loaded

Overnight camping will also be available on July 21 and August 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$5 per site. If you would like to camp out, you must pre-register by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 630.553.4357.

# "To market to market"—Yorkville Farmers Market opens for season.

Head on over to Town Square Park (Rt. 47) on Saturday mornings. Fresh produce, plants, jewelry, fresh baked

good, garden crafts and more. The Yorkville Farmer's Market runs from June 10 to October 28, 8 a.m. to noon. If you would like to sell your items at the market, please contact the recreation office at 630.553.4357.

## Mark your calendars for the **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WALK**

Saturday, Oct. 28 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce

When you see the Halloween Trick or Treat sign in the window of a participating Yorkville business, you are invited to stop in between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for an assortment of sweet treats! Surprises, prizes and fun for all! Free activities for the entire family.

This Halloween we're offering free transportation to and from your favorite Yorkville business or businesses. Trolleys will be available during the entire event. Just stand at the designated stop and we'll be sure to pick you up. See you there!

Additional information is available through the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce at 630.553.6853.



## City Hall Welcomes New Employees

#### CITY HALL DEPARTMENTS AND CONTACTS

**BUILDING & SAFETY** 553-8545

CITY HALL

553-4350

Mayor's Office

**ADMINISTRATOR** 

CLERK'S OFFICE

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** 

553-8564

**E**NGINEERING

553-8528

FIRE DEPT. (NON-EMERGENCY)

553-6186

LIBRARY

553-4354

PARKS & RECREATION

553-4357

POLICE DEPARTMENT

553-4340

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

553-4370

#### Office Hours:

CITY HALL:

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### LIBRARY:

Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tue. & Thurs., Noon - 8:30 p.m. Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun., 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tues., 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wed., 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - Noon

#### **Bart Olson**

#### **Assistant City Administrator**



Administrative Intern for the City on an undergraduate and graduate level from May to August 2003 and from May 2004 to March 2006. He was born and raised in Yorkville. He graduated from Yorkville High School in 2000. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University.

#### Susan Mika

#### **Finance Director**

Susan was hired as the city's new Finance Director. Previously, Mika was employed as the Budget Coordinator for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and prior to that she served as a financial analyst for DuPage County. She received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Communications from Elmhurst College. She has also just completed her master's certificate in Leadership Studies from North Central College.

#### **Lynsey Johnson**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Lynsey is originally from Stevens Point, Wisc., but completed her undergraduate work in Public Administration and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She has a master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. While a graduate student at NIU, Johnson served as the Community Development Intern for the City of DeKalb.

#### **Angela Alwood**

#### **Recreation Coordinator**

**Angela** joins the city as a **Recreation Coordinator** for the Parks and Recreation Department. She recently moved to Plainfield from Chicago with her husband Jamey, and her 3-year-old daughter, Maddy. Prior to her position for the city, Alwood worked for several park districts, including LaGrange, Chicago and Oak Lawn.

#### Laura Haake **Park Designer**

Laura Haake started in May as the city's Park Designer, a newly created position in the Community Development Department. Haake will be working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department as she works on site design, construction drawings, bid preparation, and project management. She earned a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, also at the U of I. Haake resides in Yorkville.

#### **Durk Henne Electrician**

Durk was hired in April and functions as an electrician for the City's streets department. He has 15 years of electrical street maintenance and lighting experience. Henne graduated from Aurora University with a computer science/electronics degree.

#### Jacob Bledsoe **Patrol Officer**

Officer Bledsoe is an alumnus of Western Illinois University (WIU) with a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Bledsoe joined the United City of Yorkville in April. Prior to his position in Yorkville, Bledsoe completed a mandatory internship through WIU at the Joliet Police Department.

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### Public Works News

#### **Utility Billing Rates**

#### **Water Rates:**

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

#### **Sewer Maintenance Fee:**

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

#### **Refuse Fee:**

\$10.90/60 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:

(treatment of wastewater)
Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Government—
0-6919 Cu. Ft.-\$76.11 min. 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 \$116.95.

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

#### **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 be doing 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: \$40.84. (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 which services Grande Reserve is as follows:

- Accounts with a billing history will be billed on an average from previous usage.
- 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 630.892.4378. 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 6919 cu. ft. Any usage over 6919 will be billed at \$1.10 per cu.ft.

## From the Water Department

The United City of Yorkville utility bills (water, sewer maintenance, Yorkville Bristol Sanitary District, garbage bills) 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.

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 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 read due to the lag time in the meter

#### **Utility billing e-pay**

The Utility Billing Department is participating in an Internet payment service that is available to Yorkville residents. The E-Pay program was launched by State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's office. 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. You can visit the city Web site and follow the link, or call City Hall at (630) 553-4350 with any questions.



reading/billing process.

#### **Senior Citizen Discount Rate:**

A qualified senior citizen (age 65 or older) bi-monthly refuse fee is \$1 for single family or duplex unit per utility billing cycle. Proof of age is required. For information, (630) 553-4350.

#### **Please note:**

For your convenience, there is a drop box located in front of City Hall by the entrance to the parking lot for making your utility bill payments after business hours.

#### Direct debit available

Direct debit payment is available and it 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, 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, 60560.

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#### United City of Yorkville schedules refuse pick ups, hydrant flushing

#### Refuse pick-up

Weekly Waste Management Refuse pick-up is as follows:

Monday: South of the river, west of Rt. 47, Bristol Bay, Greenbriar, Prairie Gardens, Rivers Edge, Sunflower Estates, and White Oak Estates.

Tuesday: South of the river and east of Rt. 47, Cannonball Estates, Country Hills, Crooked Creek, Briarwood, Fox Highlands, Kylyn's, Raintree Village, Whispering Meadows, Wildwood and Windett Ridge.

Wednesday: Blackberry Creek, Grande Reserve, and Prairie Meadows Friday: North of the river, Cimmeron Ridge, Fox Hill, Countryside Center, Heartland, Longford Lakes.

Each residence covered under the city's agreement may put out one 64-gallon Waste Management refuse cart, one 35-gallon recycle cart and one large household item on the regular pick-up date.

Please have your garbage out by 6 a.m. Waste stickers are available for any extra items or additional refuse for \$1 at City Hall, Pride Pantry and Jewel. Extra recyclables do not require a sticker.

Yard waste pick-up happens from April 1 through November 29. There is no yard waste pick-up from November 30 through March 30. No stickers are required on yard waste, but it must be in brown kraft bags. When holidays fall on a regular refuse pick-up day, the pick-up will be made one day later. Holidays observed during 2006 by Waste Management are as follows: New Year's

Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **Refuse, recycling and yard waste are collected by different trucks on different routes.** However, if you home is missed, please call Waste Management at 800-796-9696. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (630) 553-4350.

#### Yard waste pick up

Yard waste is collected from April 1 through November 29. Stickers are not required for yard waste but waste must be in brown kraft bags to be collected. Note: No sod

#### Brush pick up

The United City of Yorkville provides brush pick up (see schedule below) from April through October. Brush must be placed parallel to the curb in neat stacks no longer than six feet in length and no wider than three inches in diameter. Brush must be placed on the parkway no later than 7 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.

#### Brush pick up-northside

June 19-23 August 21-25 October 23-27

Brush pick up-southside July 24-28 September 18-22 October 23-27

#### **Explanation of YBSD charges**

The United City of Yorkville bills and collects the Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District's (YBSD) "user charges" bi-monthly. This fee includes four services the people of Yorkville pay for. The four services are water, refuse pick-up, sewer maintenance and wastewater treatment.

To meet the stricter standards mandated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and to provide service to the area, the YBSD 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 YBSD also has an existing debt incurred in 1991 of \$3.5 million. The dedicated source of revenue to pay these debts are part of the YBSD "user charge." 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 cubic feet of flow, providing that the user pay a minimum bi-monthly fee of \$76.11 of which \$45.55 is dedicated to Debt Service for the repayment of the IEPA Act Loan. The debit service fee is \$45.55 and \$30.56 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.

—prepared by Ralph Pfister, Executive Director, 630.553.7657.

#### A reminder from the water department...

Please trim shrubs and trees around your water meter to insure easy access for meter readers. Thank you.

## Yorkville Water Conservation ordinance in effect

The United City of Yorkville's **Water Conservation** ordinance is in effect from May 1 - Sept. 30. The ordinance for outside water usage permits landscape watering and pool filling between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and/or 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

Water may be used for landscape watering or the filling of swimming pools only as follows:

- •All properties with even-numbered street numbers may use water only on even-numbered calendar dates during permitted hours of water usage.
- All properties with odd-numbered street numbers may use water only on odd-numbered calendar dates during permitted hours of water usage.

There is no restriction of the watering of flowers, shrubs, trees and gardens using a handheld hose or watering device. Also permitted using a handheld watering device is the filling of pools containing 50 gallons of water or less, the automatic watering of trees and shrubs by means of an automatic root-feed or drip-irrigation system and vehicle and equipment washing.

Individuals violating the provisions of the ordinance will be fined \$50 for the first offense, \$125 for a second offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense.

A sod water permit is required for any resident watering between May 1 and June 30 and September 1 through September 30. Permits may be obtained at City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information or if you have additional questions, contact the Public Works department at 630.553.4370.

#### **Radium update**

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 a 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 pico curies (pCiL) and combined radium over the past year was 19 pico curries per liter (pCiL).

#### Q. What should I do?

**A.** You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled water) supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### O. What does this mean?

**A.** 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?

**A.** The United City of Yorkville is currently designing and constructing Ion Exchange Treatment Facilities, which will remove the radium below the 5



pico curies per liter (pCi/L) level. We anticipate the treatment plant to be online by spring 2007.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may have not 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. This notice is being sent to you by the United City of Yorkville Public Water System ID# 0930250. For information, contact Joe Moore at (630) 553-4350 or write to 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560. (Distributed July 2006)

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## From the Department of Building and Safety

#### **Exterior Lawn Maintenance**

Yorkville's ordinances requires that all premises and exterior property be main-

tained free from weeds or grasses in excess of 10 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited. Please report any areas left uncut to the **Department** 

of Building



**Safety** at 630.553.8545. Let's all try to keep the City of Yorkville looking good!

If your project requires the unloading of materials, such as dirt, mulch, sand or stone, please be advised that it cannot be placed on any City street as it may become a road hazard. Please keep all materials stored on your property

#### **Lawn sprinklers**

A permit is required for all lawn sprinklers. Please fill out a permit application and provide a plat of survey indicating the location of the sprinkler heads. Sprinkler heads are not allowed in the parkway. A copy of the contracting plumber's Illinois license must also accompany the application. Installation work must be performed by a state licensed plumber.

The following are required inspections:

- •Backflow prevention.
- •Supply test results of backflow at site and sent to water prevailer.

You can call 630.553.8545 for an application.

## Standards for Mailbox Placement changes

The following are standards for **mailbox placement** in the United City of Yorkville:

- Mailbox height is 42" measured from the bottom of the mailbox to street level.
- The front of the mailbox shall be vertically-aligned with the back of the curb
- •The front of the mailbox may not extend over the front of the curb, and shall not be set back from the back of the curb.

For more information or additional questions call 630.553.8545.

## Ask the Department of Building and Safety

If you are considering improvements to your home or property, you should know that virtually every enhancement requires a building permit.

Whether the improvement is to finish your basement, a fence, swimming pool, shed, driveway or retaining wall, it requires a permit. Please contact the **Yorkville Department of Building Safety** at 630.553.8545 for more information. Our staff will determine if your project requires a permit and help you complete the necessary paperwork. Various handouts to help you with your project are also available.



## Register today for in-house soccer

The Yorkville Parks and Recreation

Department is still accepting registration for its in-house recreation soccer league for participants ages 4-12. Practices are held during the week and games are played on Saturdays. Cost is \$68 for residents and \$78 for nonresidents. The fall soccer season begins towards the end of August and runs until the end of October. For information on the in-house recreation league or any travel teams, please contact the Recreation office at 630,553,4357.

## Resident informational packets available

The **United City of Yorkville** has informational packets available for both new and existing residents. The packets include a city map, United City of Yorkville guide book, a guide of summer activities, a city magnet and information about water rates, refuse pick-up, volunteer information and much more. To request a packet call **Community Relations** at 630.553.8564.

#### **City enforces Handicapped Parking laws**

The United City of Yorkville will enforce the restricted handicapped parking laws. If a vehicle parks in a designated handicapped parking space and it does not have a handicapped license plate or a current State of Illinois issued placard, the illegally parked vehicle will be issued a \$250 ticket. Zero tolerance will be enforced.

## Community Services

#### KENDALL COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

In order to assist those less fortunate than us, we would like to encourage you to donate blankets, bath and dish towels, bed linens, sugar, oil, juices, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, canned meat products, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, detergents (dish/laundry), personal items (deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc.) to the Kendall County Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry serves over 75 families on a regular basis. This includes over 40 families that have five or more individuals. It is not uncommon for over 150 families to require the needs of the Food Pantry.

The **Food Pantry** is located in downtown Yorkville at the Farm Bureau Building, 111 E. Van Emmon. The hours to drop off any donation to the Food Pantry are from 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Mondays, and from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Please note, if you would like to drop off donations before the regularly scheduled hours, you may call 630.553.7259 and make prior arrangements to come as early as 7:30 a.m. Please remember the many individuals that are less fortunate.

#### FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency offering legal 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.

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. provides legal assistance to seniors in many different areas including: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, pension, consumer problems, housing concern, living wills, power of attorney, elder abuse



and exploitation. For assistance call Lawrence Neff, senior outreach worker for Kendall County at (630) 554-0245.

## Break the Silence ... Report Elder Abuse

**Elder abuse** is a term referring to any negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Illinois law defines abuse, neglect and exploitation as: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, confinement, passive neglect, self-neglect, willful deprivation, and financial exploitation.

In 2004, more than 8,300 reports of elder abuse were made in Illinois. These reports are helping to break the silence of elder abuse.

Your report can make a difference. Reporting elder abuse gives victims the opportunity to receive the help they need to stop the abuse, and can reduce their risk in the future.

Voluntary Reporters. If you suspect elder abuse, any person can voluntarily report it. By law, anyone making an elder abuse report in good faith has civil and criminal immunity from liability and professional disciplinary action. All reports are kept confidential and anonymous reports are accepted.

Mandated Reporters. Certain professionals are required by law to report suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation of

persons age 60 years and over whom live in the community and "because of dysfunction are unable to report for themselves." Among those required to report suspected abuse are: doctors, nurses, psychologists, dentists, social service workers and law enforcement personnel.

No matter who reports, the identity of the reporter is not disclosed without the written permission of the reporter or by order of a court.

TO REPORT ELDER ABUSE ... DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL the Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The after hours Elder Abuse Hotline is 1-800-279-0400 (after hours, weekends and holidays).

#### **SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE**

**Survivors of Suicide** is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a relative or a friend through suicide. Survivors of suicide need a safe place to explore their feelings of grief and anger, to raise questions and doubts. Your common trauma will be shared.

The group meets on the third Monday evening each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Advent Christian Church, 905 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora. For more information or directions, please call Stephanie Weber at Suicide Prevention Services 630.482.9699 or call the Depression Hotline at 630.482.9696.

#### KENDALL COUNTY OLDER MEN'S GROUP

This group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kendall County Health Department, 811 W. John Street, Yorkville. The group focuses on those individuals who are recently retired or who have questions regarding family members or spouses. For additional information contact Keight at 630.553.9100, ext. 8028.

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Kendall County Paratransit Working Group
2006 Citizen Survey

\*Please return completed survey to the Kendall County Office of Administrative Services located at 111 Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois 60560 or via fax 630-553-4214.

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## Community Development

#### **Changes to the Planned Unit Development Ordinance**

Following recommendations by staff and the City Plan Commission, the City Council approved modifications to the Planned Unit Development Ordinance. The new PUD Ordinance was approved May 9, 2006.

The City Zoning Ordinance has always allowed Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) as an alternative zoning procedure but lacked certain requirements to ensure long-term City benefit from this development approach. The new ordinance will provide a mechanism for innovative developments that are demonstrated to provide value to the community over and above the conventional zoning district regulation. The modified regulations are designed with more incentives encouraging this approach with hopes of encouraging the most imaginative and best possible design of building forms and site planning for tracts of land that best adapt to the natural features of such sites. Under this procedure, well planned residential, industrial, commercial and other types of land use, individually or in combination, may be developed with design flexibility.

The PUD should be unique. The previous PUD ordinance merely provided a tool for applicants to request several variances and special approvals without necessarily providing the City with many benefits in return. The new regulations require a PUD to provide attributes in excess of conventional zoning such as special architectural standards, incorporating natural or historically significant site elements and providing a mix of land uses within developments where appropriate.

#### Yorkville Represented at **National Planning** Conference

Community Development Director, Travis Miller joined more than 6,000 urban, rural, and regional planners, city officials, and community leaders in San Antonio, Texas in April for the American Planning Association's 2006 National Planning Conference.

Miller had the opportunity to learn about and discuss a broad range of planning topics with professionals nationwide on topics relevant to current planning initiatives in Yorkville planning related issues. According to Miller, some of the highlights of the conference included gathering information on innovative zoning techniques, creative financing mechanisms for project implementation, traffic modeling and learning from commercial retailers first hand what they consider when selecting sites for future stores. Miller plans on applying this knowledge to future ordinance revisions and ongoing planning initiatives.

The following is a list of Yorkville city parks.

> Beecher Community Park Bicentennial Riverfront Park Cannonball Park Cobb Park Crawford Park **Emily Sleezer Park** Fox Hill East and Fox Hill West Gilbert Park Grand Reserve Park D **Javcee Pond** Kiwanis Park Prairie Park Price Park Purcell Park Rice Park Rotary Park Steven G. Bridge

Van Emmon Memorial Park

Sunflower Park

Town Park

#### Enjoy a Yorkville park this summer

The United City of Yorkville has over 20 parks for you and your family to enjoy this summer. Have a picnic or enjoy one of many park activities including "Music **Under the Stars**" and "Movies in the Park" and many other recreational activities.



### Passed Ordinances

The following is a list of ordinances passed by the United City of Yorkville City Council February, 14 - May 23. Access to the United City of Yorkville Code Book is available online at our Web site at www.yorkville.il.us - via a link to Sterling Codifers.

#### 2006-009 2/14/06

Ordinance Abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2005 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System - EEI Contracts B.2 & B.3)

#### 2006-010 2/14/06

Ordinance Abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2005 to pay the principal of and interest on \$11,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Rob Roy Creek Interceptor)

#### 2006-011 2/28/06

Ordinance Amending City Ordinance with Regard to Payment of Coordination Fee

#### 2006-012 2/28/06

Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Corneils Crossing)

#### 2006-013 2/28/06

Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory (Corneils Crossing)

#### 2006-014 2/28/06

Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property in furtherance of an Annexation Agreement (Corneils Crossing)

#### 2006-015 2/28/06

Ordinance Approving Revision of the 2005-2006 Fiscal Budget

#### 2006-016 3/14/06

Ordinance Approving Variances Increasing the Maximum Allowable Area of the Ground Sign for 7131 Route 47 (Saravanos Properties, LLC)

#### 2006-017 3/14/06

Ordinance Establishing Special Service Area Number 2005-109 (Bristol Bay I)

#### 2006-018 3/14/06

Ordinance Providing for Issuance of Special Service Area Number 2005-109 Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006 (Bristol Bay I)

2006-019 3/14/06

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1990-24 an Ordinance Setting Forth Standards and Regulation for Payment for Development and Extension of Utility Costs to Provide for an Increase in the Municipal Buildings Fee

#### 2006-020 3/14/06

Ordinance Granting Rezoning for Kiddie Campus from "O" Office District to "O" Office District Special Use for a Day Care Center

#### 2006-021 3/28/06

Ordinance for the Addition to the City Street System, a portion of former IL 126, to serve as a Frontage Road to Newly Realigned Rt. 126 Located in the NW Quadrant of the Relocated 71 & 126 Intersection

#### 2006-022 3/28/06

Ordinance for Appropriation of Funds for Roadway Lighting and Utility Casing at Illinois 126 & 71 Intersections

#### 2006-023 3/28/06

Ordinance Regulating Parking in the Vicinity of the Illinois 71 and 126 Intersection

#### 2006-024 3/28/06

Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right of Way - Route 126 Relocation at Route 71

#### 2006-025 3/28/06

Ordinance Establishing Special Service Area Number 2005-108 (Autumn Creek)

#### 2006-026 3/28/06

Ordinance Providing for Issuance of Special Service Area Number 2005-108 Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006 (Autumn Creek)

#### 2006-027 3/28/06

Ordinance to set a Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Downtown TIF Redevelopment Project Area and to Approve a Public Hearing Notice for the Hearing

#### 2006-028 3/28/06

Ordinance Amending City Code, Title 3, Business; Chapter 3 Liquor Control Re: New Classification (Gift Basket Sales)

#### 2006-029 3/28/06

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 1 -Administration, Chapter 6 - Municipal Officers and Employees Regarding Section 1-6-5, Salaries

#### 2006-030 3/28/06

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 1 -Administration, Chapter 6 - Municipal Officers and Employees Regarding Appointment of Officers and City Departments

#### 2006-031 4/11/06

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 10 -Zoning, Chapter 8A - M-1 Limited Manufacturing District Regarding Zoning for Contractor's Offices

#### 2006-032 4/25/06

Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2003-79 and Repealing Ordinance 2005-40 Establishing Water Connection Fees

#### 2006-033 4/25/06

Ordinance Approving the Preliminary PUD Plan (Westbury South Village) 2006-034 4/25/06

Ordinance Amending PUD Agreement (Westbury East Village)

#### 2006-035 4/25/06

Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Woodstone)

#### 2006-036 4/25/06

Ordinance Annexing the Property (Woodstone)

#### 2006-037 4/25/06

Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property in Furtherance of an Annexation Agreement (Woodstone)

#### 2006-038 4/25/06

Ordinance Approving the 2006-2007 Fiscal Budget

#### 2006-039 5/9/06

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 6 -Traffic, Section 6-2-6 Repealing the Prohibition of Overnight Parking

#### 2006-040 5/23/06

Ordinance Amending City Code Title 10 -Zoning, Chapter 13 - Planned Unit Development

#### 2006-041 5/23/06

Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Recapture Agreement for River's Edge Subdivision

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Rose Spears Ioe Besco

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William Powell

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

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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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