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## Mayor Valerie Burd addresses City's priorities

The 2009 elections are over and two new aldermen will be joining our City Council – **Diane Teeling** from Ward 4 and **George Gilson Jr.** from Ward 1. Two incumbents – **Gary Golinski** from Ward 2 and **Marty Munns** from Ward 3 – also were elected.

I would like to congratulate the successful candidates and also thank those who did not win, but cared enough about our City to take the time and put in the effort to run for an elected office.

I look forward to working with the newly elected aldermen and the City's other four aldermen who were not up for election—**Rose Spears, Arden Joe Plocher, Wally Werderich** and **Robyn Sutcliff**—in resolving the many issues facing our City.

The first priority continues to be a balanced budget for 2009/2010. The budget will be voted on before the new Council is seated in May. During the next year the City's administration and the Council members will have to keep a close eye on spending and the City's revenues to make sure they are coming in as projected.

Another priority will be finding ways to retain existing businesses and to encourage new businesses to locate in Yorkville. We will need to strengthen our ties to the **Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce** and to the **Yorkville Economic Development Corporation** to help us realize these goals, as well as developing the Council's "**Shop Yorkville**" campaign and aiding the

newly formed downtown business committee in its efforts to regenerate our downtown.

We have had a rocky two years financially, but I believe that by working together on our problems, the City staff and Council will find the best solutions to get us through these tough years. Once again, I encourage all residents who have questions or suggestions to contact me or any of the aldermen. We are here to serve you.

**-Mayor Valerie Burd**



*Sign up for the Parks and Recreation new e-mail list to receive instant updates!*

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## Parks and Rec new e-mail list provides latest information

Receive all the latest news and updates from the **Parks and Recreation Department** through the City's e-mail list!

To sign up, simply navigate to the "**E-mail Alerts**" link on the left side of the City's home page at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us), provide your e-mail address, check the box for Parks and

Recreation announcements and click subscribe.

Signing up for the e-mail list will give you instant access to new programs as soon as they are offered and will keep you in touch with all the latest information on Hometown Days, Music Under the Stars, the REC Center, park openings and

so much more. Typically the e-mail blasts are sent twice a month but may occur more frequently when new information needs to be conveyed immediately.

You can be in the know by signing up today!

# It's All About Community!

## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ISABEL BEGITSKE



*Yorkville's Mayor Valerie Burd congratulates Heritage Woods resident Isabel Begitske during her 100th birthday party. Residents of Heritage Woods, her family, along with fellow residents and staff were on hand as she celebrated with a luncheon in her honor and a large birthday cake. Congratulations Isabel we wish you many, many more! It was a special occasion for both as Mayor Burd also was celebrating her birthday.*

## YORKVILLE BROWNIE TROOP OPENS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DURING GIRL SCOUT WEEK



*Brownie Troop #385 opened the March 10 City Council meeting with a flag ceremony, a song, and the Girl Scout Promise. Mayor Valerie Burd and the City Council presented the girls with a special certificate for their efforts and community spirit.*

## Community Calendar

**Friday, June 5, 5:30 p.m. Green's Filling Station Park dedication,** Autumn Creek subdivision, Autumn Creek Boulevard. Free

**Saturday, June 6, 1 p.m. Bristol-Kendall Firefighters Association Commemorative Plaza dedication ceremony at Riemenschneider Park,** Prairie Meadows subdivision located on Hayden Drive. Free.

**Sunday, June 7, 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District's 39th Annual Pancake Breakfast,** 103 E. Beaver Street. Cost: \$5 single; \$15 per family; \$4 for children under 12 and for seniors; kids under 6 are free.

**Saturday, June 6, 6:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 4th Annual Walter Payton 5K & 8K Sweetness run/walk,** race begins at Yorkville High School, 797 Game Farm Road, Yorkville. Call 847.605.0034 for registration or more information. Pre-registration fee is \$25; \$34 day of race. Save \$9 by signing up before race day!

**Friday evenings, June 12-Aug. 28, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., 12th Annual Music Under the Stars,** Town Square Park, Rt. 47 & Main St. Free.

**6/12-Yorkville Big Band  
6/26-61 Beale Street  
7/10-EPIC  
7/24-Piano Man  
8/14-Smokin' Guns  
8/28 Lazy Maybes**

**Saturdays, June 13-Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-Noon, Yorkville Farmers' Market,** Town Square, Rt. 47 & Main St.

**Friday evenings, June 19-Aug. 21, Movie Night,** movies begin at dusk. Free.  
**Fri., June 19-The Great Outdoors,** Beecher Community Park, 908 Game Farm Road  
**Fri., July 17-Journey to the Center of the Earth,** Beecher Community Park.  
**Fri., Aug. 21-Wall-E,** Bridge Park, Corner of Kennedy and Galena Rds.

**Saturday, July 4, 9 a.m., Annual 4th of July Celebration** sponsored by the Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District. A parade, music and fun! Festivities throughout the day. Call 630.553.6186. Free.

**Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 5th Annual Friends & Family Fundraiser,** at the Yorkville American Legion, Veterans Parkway/Rt. 34. Sponsored by the Special Olympics of Kendall County. Poker run, classic car show, lunch, games and more! Free.

**Saturday, July 18, 5 p.m. & 7 p.m., Theater in the Park,** Riverfront Bicentennial Park, Rt. 47 and E. Hydraulic, Yorkville. The Fox Country Players perform an outdoor melodrama. Bring a lawn chair, picnic basket and enjoy! Sponsored by the City of Yorkville. Free.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., National Night Out,** Town Square, Rt. 47. Games, prizes childrens' activities. Free.





*The United City of Yorkville's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Hometown Days Festival**  
**Fri., Sept. 4 - Sun. Sept. 6**

**Beecher Community Park**

**908 Game Farm Road • Yorkville, IL**

**Admission: FREE Friday, \$2 after 5 p.m. on Sat. & Sun.**  
**Carnival Ride Specials! (Mega Pass & Pay One Price)**



\*\*\* **Schedule of Events** \*\*\*

*Dates, times, and locations subject to change*

**Friday, Sept. 4**  
**5 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

- 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Carnival
- 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Free Family Activities  
Comfort Station (Jacob's Well)
- 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Music by *Send in the Clones*
- 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Music by *Mike & Joe*



**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
**8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

- 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.  
2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk  
(YYBSA)
- 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast (Trinity Church)
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Junior Women's Club Craft Show  
@ Town Square Park
- 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Pet Parade

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friends of the Library Used  
Book Sale @ the Yorkville Public Library
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Baby Contest
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bags Tournament  
(Exchange Club)
- Noon - 1 p.m.  
Yorkville High School Pom Poms  
Dance Performance
- Noon - 6 p.m.  
Free Family Activities  
Comfort Station (Jacob's Well)
- Noon - 10 p.m.  
Carnival (\$20 Wrist Bands from 1-5 p.m.)
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Gold Star Academy of Dance  
Dance Performance
- 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
REC Center Fitness Demos
- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Music by *Michael Heaton Band*
- 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Music by *American English*

**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
**8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

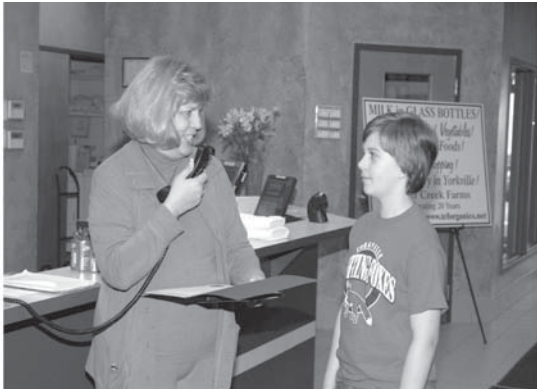
- 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast (Trinity Church)
- 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Non-denominational Church Service

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Pride & Joy Car Show
- 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo (Exchange Club)
- Noon - 6 p.m.  
Free Family Activities  
Comfort Station (Jacob's Well)
- Noon-10 p.m.  
Carnival (\$20 Wrist Bands 1 - 5 p.m.)
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friends of the Library Used  
Book Sale @ the Yorkville Public Library
- 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Empower Martial Arts Demo
- 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Music by the *Yorkville Big Band*
- 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Pizza Eating Contest (Rosati's)
- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Music by *61 Beale St.*
- 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Music by *hi-Infidelity*
- 10:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Fireworks Finale



# Yorkville's first "Go Green" Environmental Fair

*Demonstrations, presentations and giveaways were all part of learning how to conserve, reuse and reduce at Yorkville's first environmental fair.*



*Left photo: Mayor Valerie Burd congratulates logo contest winner Billie Koutny, a seventh grader at Yorkville Middle School, during the March 21 "Go Green" Environmental Fair.*

*Right photo: Over 40 eco-friendly vendors and exhibitors were on hand to demonstrate green products and services.*

On Sat., March 21, the United City of **Yorkville's Green Committee** and **Yorkville Chamber of Commerce** welcomed over 500 visitors to the first annual **"Go Green" Environmental Fair** at the REC Center, 202 E. Countryside Parkway in Yorkville.

According to **Cheryl Lee**, a member of the Green Committee and this year's event organizer, the fair was a huge success! "I am very

pleased with both the turnout by our residents and by the number of vendors and exhibitors who came out for the day," Lee said. "I also feel that the fair had tremendous support from the City, Chamber of Commerce and the Green Committee. Thank you to all who helped."

Yorkville's **Mayor Valerie Burd** agreed.

"The participation by our community exceeded my expectations," Burd said. She also praised the Green Committee for all of their hard work. "The committee has only been in existence for about a year and a half and they have done good things for our community in just a short time period."

The free fair was designed to inform the Yorkville community on how to live a "Green" lifestyle. Highlights included family activities, eco-friendly exhibitors, informational seminars, and much more. Over 40 vendors, speakers, and organizations shared their eco-friendly products, ideas natural foods and services.

Mayor Burd congratulated and presented Billie Koutny with a certificate and two free passes to Raging Waves Water Park. Billie is shown in the photo above explaining how he designed the first place entry.

The committee is currently hard at work planning next year's event!



## GREEN TIPS for you!

### RECYCLE YOUR MAGAZINES

Next time you visit **Yorkville's Public Library**, don't forget to look in the used magazine basket to your left as you enter the library. The basket is always filled with a variety of magazines—from *Scientific Today* to *National Geographic* and much more! It's your choice. And don't forget to share your recycled treasures the next time you visit the library.

### A GREAT WEB SITE

**Earth911.com** is a user-friendly Web site that provides a multitude of informational tips and guidelines all related to recycling, reducing and reusing.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Over three billion dry cell batteries are sold each year in the U.S. **Earth911.com** is currently featuring an entire section on why, how and where you can recycle household batteries, the types of batteries and the opportunity to purchase a disposable kit online. Check it out today!



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## WIND ENERGY TOPIC AT REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM MEETING

Thirty-two attendees gathered valuable information on wind energy systems at the March 18 **Kendall County Planning Consortium** hosted by the city of Joliet.



The evening's guest speaker, **Jim Griffin**, a member of the **Illinois Wind Working Group**, explained that wind turbines can be used for urban or single turbine uses. A benefit of wind turbines, according to

Griffin, is that they can generate property taxes without the need to offer a lot of services.

The United City of Yorkville is currently preparing a wind turbine ordinance which will include provisions for the following: Zoning districts, road usage agreements (vehicle weights for transportation of turbine pieces) and decommissioning, or tear-down of turbines no longer being used.

Cities can include provisions in their ordinances to help protect residents and neighboring municipalities from air stream

interference and noise. The Illinois Pollution Control Board is the best regulator of noise complaints.

Generally, individual manufacturers of turbines are not mandated by a city. In addition, wind farms may be a deterrent to development because the units may appear to be unsightly to residents in the community. A turbine permit fee would be determined by the Department of Building, Zoning and Safety.

To date there has been no reported problems with ice formation on turbines, or injury by breakage of a turbine to the ground.

Yorkville's Plan Commission chairman, **Anne Lucietto**, and the Community Development Department host the consortium meetings bi-monthly. City and county elected officials, plan commission and staff members, and interested citizens of Yorkville, and 14 surrounding communities are invited to attend.

The **Village of Minooka** will be hosting the May consortium meeting. We are currently looking for speakers and topics for future meetings. Please call the Community Development Department at 630.553.8532 with suggestions.



## Integrated Transportation Plan Open House, May 14

The **Integrated Transportation Plan** has two major components: The Shared-use Trail and the Downtown Streetscape Plan. Both components will be explained and showcased at the Public Open House.

**The Shared Use Plan:** After receiving input from our residents, Task Force Committee members, City leaders, and staff, the project's team began the process of drafting the master plan. It will be available for viewing on May 14.

**Downtown Streetscape Plan:** Exhibits and information will be on view during the Open House including a theme and character study, results of the Visual Preference Survey, and the Pedestrian System Analysis-a map demonstrating current and future pedestrian circulation in the downtown area. Mark your calendars!

## INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The City is finishing up work on the **Integrated Transportation Plan** (ITP). This project will enhance the bicycle and pedestrian environment throughout Yorkville by the development of a comprehensive trail network and downtown streetscape plan.

## AND YOU'RE INVITED...

To a **Public Open House** on Tuesday, May 14 from 4-7 p.m. at the Yorkville Parks and Recreation Building, 201 W. Hydraulic. At 5:30 p.m. join us for a draft presentation of the **Integrated Transportation Plan**. All are welcome to attend! Public input is encouraged. Contact 630.553.8549 for more information.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

If you want to keep up-to-date on all of the latest news about the **ITP Plan**, then go to the home page of the City's Web site at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us) and download your copy of **Connections**, a newsletter printed exclusively to keep you in the loop on this important City project. **Connections**, outlines the progress and the results of each of the public input meetings. Read it today!

## BRIEF REMINDERS...

### •Conservation Ordinance

The United City of Yorkville **Water Conservation Ordinance** is effective May 1 through September 30. The permitted hours of water usage are as follows:

Even/odd (even numbered street addresses/even calendar dates; odd numbered street addresses/odd numbered calendar dates) permitted watering hours are as follows:  
Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between the hours of 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight) each day

### •Mailbox Replacement Policy

Only mailboxes that are struck directly by a city vehicle or piece of equipment will be eligible for replacement. Damage caused by snow will not be eligible for replacement. Below are a list of procedures to follow if your mailbox is damaged by a City vehicle.

- You must notify the **Public Works Department** within three days of the occurrence. A temporary mailbox will be installed until a determination can be made as to whether the City is responsible.
- A Public Works representative will inspect your mailbox and determine if it was properly installed, the material was in good condition, and if it was struck by a City vehicle.
- If determined that the City was responsible, the homeowner is eligible for reimbursement of up to \$75 to replace the mailbox.
- Reimbursement may be submitted to the City after the homeowner installs a new mailbox and it is inspected by a Public Works representative.
- The homeowner is responsible for the replacement of the mailbox in all instances when the City was not at fault. To report an incident call Public Works at 630.553.4370.



*The United City of Yorkville was recognized by the Illinois Department of Public Health for maintaining perfect compliance for 12 consecutive months in accordance with the state of Illinois Fluoridation Law. Yorkville's Public Works employee, Joe Moore, pictured on the right, accepts the award on behalf of the City.*

## PUBLIC WORKS PICK UP SCHEDULES

### SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

April 13-17 north of the Fox River  
April 20-24 south of the Fox River

### FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

Oct. 12-16 north of the Fox River  
Oct. 19-23 south of the Fox River

### SPRING/SUMMER BRUSH PICK UP

April 20-24 north of the Fox River  
May 25-29 south of the Fox River  
June 22-26 north of the Fox River  
July 20-24 south of the Fox River

### FALL BRUSH PICK UP

Aug. 24-28 north of the Fox River  
Sept. 21-25 south of the Fox River

### CITY-WIDE BRUSH PICK UP

October 26-30

### WHITE GOODS PICK UP

October 19-23

### STREET SWEEPING

April 27-May 8  
June 29-July 3  
August 31-September 4

### YARD WASTE PICK UP

Yard waste is collected from April 1 through Nov. 30. Landscape waste includes grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, flowers, twigs, brush and tree limbs less than 4 inches in diameter

and not longer than 4 feet in length. All brush and branches need to be properly contained—bagged, bundled or tied for easy handling.

### NEW! VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The refuse collection for your area is listed below. If you have additional questions concerning refuse collection, contact Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282.

**Monday:** S.E. of the river, S.W. of the river, Greenbriar, White Oak Estates, River's Edge, Prairie Gardens, Cornerstone

**Tuesday:** County Hills, Crooked Creek, Fox Highlands, Raintree Village, Wildwood, Windett Ridge, Sunflower Estates

**Wednesday:** Countryside Center, Cimmeron Ridge, Fox Hill, Kyn's, Whispering Meadows

**Thursday:** Autumn Creek, Blackberry Creek, Cannonball Estates, Grande Reserve, Prairie Meadows, Bristol Bay, Caledonia

**Friday:** Heartland, Longford Lakes, N.E. of the river south of Rt. 34, N.W. of the river south of Rt. 34.

Call the Public Works Department at 630.553.4370 or Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282 with questions.



## GO GREEN—PLANT A TREE

NEW COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAM MAKES IT EASY



The United City of Yorkville's new **50/50 Parkway Tree** program allows residents to choose right-of-way trees for city streets and corridors for a fraction of the cost. This cost-share program allows the City to give residents a great price for the purchase of the tree. The City's share of the program is to plant, mulch and water the tree. The city will only water the tree when it is planted.

The trees, according to **Laura Haake**, the City's park designer, are purchased by the City at wholesale prices. "It's a great price, and we are able to pass that price along to the homeowner," says Haake.

Residents can choose from several different species such as the Callery Pear, Catalpa,

Elm, Ginkgo, Common Hackberry, Kentucky Coffeetree, Linden, Oak, Red and Sugar Maple, Thornless Honeylocust and Turkish Filbert. And the selection doesn't end there. Each species offers several different varieties. Prices range from \$108 to \$197. The caliper of each tree is a minimum of 2.5 inches in diameter. No guarantee of viability will be provided.

This year a total of 36 trees are available for purchase. Trees purchased this year, with the exception of Oak trees, will be planted in the fall. Residents who purchase Oaks can expect the trees to be planted in the spring of 2010.

Trees purchased through the program are required to be planted within the area of the right-of-way in

front of or on the sides of a homeowner's property.

According to Haake the available right-of-way area varies and depends on the platting of the property and the width of the right-of-way. Generally, that area is eight to 10 feet from the edge of the curb.

The City will work with the homeowner to locate the tree. Exact placement is essential.

"Trees must be located a minimum distance of 50 feet from any other tree in the parkway and not conflict with existing utilities," explains Haake.

In addition, the trees must be located at least 20 feet from an overhead light or fire hydrant and 30 feet from any intersection.

After the tree is watered by the City when planted, *(Continued on last page)*

## NEW! E-Waste Recycling

Yorkville's Public Works facility now accepts recycled electronics through a new agreement with Com2 Computers and Technologies LLC. Under the agreement, Yorkville residents will be able to dispose of electronic products and materials by dropping off items in the plastic box located at the city's Public Works facility, 610 Tower Lane, Yorkville.

### Acceptable items:

Items accepted at no additional charge to residents include the following: Calculators, cell phones, portable music players, mp3 players, CD and tape players, radios, boom boxes, speakers, computer laptops, computer notebooks, desktop computers, printers, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, telephones, microwaves, and other standard household electronic devices.

### Items that require a service charge:

A fee of \$5 will be charged for CRT monitors and terminals. Residents dropping off televisions will be charged a rate of \$1 per diagonal inch of TV screen, up to a maximum of \$50.

### Facility hours and payment guidelines:

For all items that do not require a service charge, residents may simply drop off the materials at the Public Works facility during the hours of 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For items that require a service charge, residents must first pay the fee at City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road, during the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Residents will receive a paid receipt that must accompany the item prior to drop off at the Public Works facility. Call the city's Public Works Dept. at 630.553.4370 for more information.

# NEWS FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS

## From the Department of Building, Safety and Zoning

Are you planning a home improvement project this summer? If you answered YES, don't forget the first step in any home improvement project—permits. Before you begin, call the City's Department of Building, Safety and Zoning and check on the permits that are needed. Obtaining the appropriate permits are important for many reasons. Work completed under the proper permits and inspections provides reasonable assurance that the work has been performed safely and accurately.

### Why are permits needed?

- It's the law. City Building Code requires that permits be obtained for certain types of work.
- Permits protect you, your family, home, businesses and financial investment.
- Permits are designed to help ensure that licensed contractors do the work, if required.
- Permitted work requires inspection approval from a certified inspector.
- Inspections ensure that work is done safely and meets the minimum code requirements. Incorrect installations

can result in home fires, flood damage and/or structural problems.

- Minor problems that could lead to costly repairs, liability and life/safety issues can also be detected during permit inspections and brought to your attention before the situation worsens.
- When selling a property or home, the buyer, realtor and lender may require that un-permitted work be corrected, properly permitted and inspected before closing. This leaves you in the position of scrambling to get your work legal.

### Who can do the work?

As the owner of a single-family home, you may hire a building, electrical, plumbing or mechanical contractor to do the work or in most cases, you can do it yourself. This means that you, the owner, will be responsible for doing the work. Permit requirements for you doing your own work are the same as those for a contractor doing the work. You must, however, be the owner and occupant of the house if you are doing any electrical or plumbing work yourself.

Please contact 630.553.8545 with any questions regarding the proper use of permits.



## NEW! RECYCLED ELECTRONICS PROGRAM BENEFITS YOUTH AND SENIORS IN KENDALL COUNTY



The **Kendall County Youth Service Board** and the **Kendall County Triad** is accepting used cell phones, PDA's, laptops, and digital cameras for recycling.

Proceeds from the collection of these electronics will be used to assist in promoting and enhancing community based youth programs.

Seniors will also benefit. Program organizers will provide the recycled cell phones to seniors for emergency uses that they might otherwise not be able to afford on a fixed income.

Drop off sites are located at local libraries, police stations, the **Kendall County Health Department**, and the **University of Illinois Extension Office**. You can also contact the Kendall County Youth Service Board or Kendall County Triad for more information.

The Youth Service Board oversees the distribution of funds to local agencies that contribute to the development of youth in Kendall County. For more information on the **Cells for Seniors** program visit the Web site at [www.kendallcountyysb.org](http://www.kendallcountyysb.org) or call Sgt. Barry Groesch at 630.553.8511.

## Yorkville Police Dept. Sponsored Programs

### •Senior Well-Being Check

Do you know an elderly person that lives alone?

The **Senior Well-Being Check** program, managed by the **Kendall County Triad**, a group of individuals and businesses in Kendall County, has implemented a free system to check up on seniors living alone. The device uses a voice over system instead of a computer generated voice to call seniors on a daily basis. The date and time of each call is recorded. When the call is made, seniors respond that everything is well by pressing the number one. If they do not pick up, the program generates a phone call to the next person on the senior's application. If that person picks up the Well-Being Check is complete. This program can contact up to four other numbers the applicant submits. The Well-Being Check is free to the user and can be

turned off for a day, week, or month. If you want to ensure the health and safety of a loved one, contact **Sgt. Barry Groesch** at 630.553.8511 for more information.

### •Knox-Box Program

Also supported by the Kendall Triad, this program is providing 100 Knox-Boxes to Kendall County seniors. A Knox-Box is a security box that contains keys to a senior's residence in which fire personnel can access in case of an emergency. Each fire department in Kendall County is registered with the Knox-Box Corporation, with access to their own security key. Those who apply and are accepted in the program only need to supply a key to their front door, which will be placed into the Knox-Box and then permanently mounted to the residence.

To pick up an application packet or for more information call the Yorkville Police Dept. at 630.553.8511 or Senior Services at 630.553.5777.



# FROM OUR ALDERMEN

## Come to Order

**City Council and Committee Meetings are open to the public. For meeting locations call 630.553.4350.**

**Administration**-Meetings are held on the second Thursday evening of each month, 6:30 p.m.

**City Council**-Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7 p.m.

**Fire and Police Commission**-Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Development Committee**-The EDC meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

**Human Resource Commission**-The HRC meets on the third Wednesday evening of each month, 6:30 p.m.

**Library Board**-The Library Board meets on the second Monday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

**Park Board**-Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, 7 p.m.

**Plan Commission**-Meetings are held on the second Wednesday evening of each month, 7 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee**-Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month, 6 p.m.

**Public Works**-Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month, 6 p.m.

**Police Pension Board**-Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 5 p.m.

**Green Committee**-Meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m.

## FROM ALDERWOMAN ROSE SPEARS, WARD FOUR

For the past 12 years, informative, open, and direct communication with constituents has been my top priority. As a result, three years ago I created an electronic contact list to inform residents of pertinent City business and events. My list initially began with Ward 4 residents; however, many residents throughout the City (as well as non-residents) requested to be included on the electronic mailings. I am pleased with the success of this communication tool. If you would like to be included on this electronic list, please contact me at RoseA00@aol.com.

In February I suggested the City adopt an ordinance to ensure when passing an item out of committee, that may have a major impact on residents and/or surrounding neighbors, the item should first be listed on the City Council agenda under the committee report section as being a first reading. This would give notice to the public that a substantial change is being contemplated and the City Council will be taking input and considering the item at the next scheduled council meeting. This notice of reading would allow the public two weeks to prepare for a public forum as well as encourage the public to provide input to assist the Council in the decision making process. On March 24, 2009 the City Council approved the first reading (allowing a public forum to be conducted) to be an amendment to the Governing Ordinance.

In order to assure an honest transparent local government, in December 2008, I proposed that the City pass a resolution adopting the provisions of the **Illinois Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act**. Governor Quinn first proposed the Illinois Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act in 1991, when he served as state treasurer. As initially passed, the Act protected Illinois taxpayers and state employees from official retribution when they blew the whistle on fraud and corruption in state government.

The law also entitles the state to collect up to three times the amount lost to fraud, along with fines up to \$10,000, and provides for the whistleblower to receive up

to 30 percent of the amount recovered. The Act has been amended to include electors of any school district, public community college district, municipality, municipal corporation or unit of local government. Any of these entities may pass, by initiative petition and referendum a binding ordinance adopting the provisions of the act. I would encourage any individual of the opinion a violation of a law or regulation exists with any local electors, and you have evidence to go to [www.whistleblower.org](http://www.whistleblower.org) for additional information.

### Seasonal Public Safety Issues:

I would like to remind residents to place raked leaves and tree branches on their parkways. Placing the leaves/branches in the street is a City code violation and creates a dangerous public safety issue.

As a reminder, the City has adopted a **Fireworks Code of Ordinance (S-31-11)** that has been adopted for the safety of our citizens. Please view the ordinance on the City's Web site.

The **Regulation of Animals City Ordinance** requires restraint of an animal (confined by a fence of sufficient height and security which may be an electronic invisible fence system) to prevent it from leaving the encompassed area, on a leash under the control of a responsible person, or on a leash securely fastened to an inanimate object and length which prevents it from leaving the property of its owner or keeper.

The **Solicitors, Hawkers and Itinerant Merchants City Code (Chapter 7)** requires solicitors, hawkers and itinerant merchants to complete an application for certificate, submit a photo as well as fingerprinting for registration with the Police Department. Upon approval, a photo ID is issued and required to be clearly displayed while soliciting. Soliciting is not permitted before 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; or, prior to 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. on Saturday. Soliciting is not permitted on Sundays or state and national holidays. Contact the Police Department immediately if a solicitor is in violation of City Code-Chapter 7.

Please feel free to contact me at RoseA00@aol.com or 630.553.8371 with any comments or suggestions.

# COMMUNITY NETWORK

*The information for Community Network is provided by Alderwoman Rose Spears, Ward 1. For additional information call 630.553.8371 or RoseA00@aol.com.*



## •KENDALL COUNTY SENIOR PROVIDERS

The many programs offered by the Kendall County Senior Providers program include the **Senior Companion Program, Comprehensive Care Coordinator Services, Nursing Home Ombudsman Services** and **Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.** Below is a brief summary of each program. For information on any of the programs listed below call 630.553.5777.

### Senior Companion Program

Volunteers are needed for this worthwhile program that builds friendships and connects eligible seniors (residents of Kendall County, 60 or older) with carefully screened volunteers to provide needed support through many life transitions. For additional information on the qualifications to become a volunteer; or, if you are interested in participating in this program and would like a friendly visit from a volunteer once a week, contact the informational phone number provided above.

### Comprehensive Care Coordinator Services

Comprehensive Care Coordinators assess the need for an overall plan of care and development and follow-up to assure that you or your loved one is receiving the service needed. The coordinators of this program also assist with obtaining

home delivered nutritional meals; in-home services such as housekeeping, maintenance, and personal care; energy assistance; outreach to the home bound to assist with applying for benefits; information and referral; financial assistance; transportation to grocery stores, doctor appointments; and, free legal services.

### Nursing Home Ombudsman Services

As a citizen's representative, an Ombudsman is an advocate who resolves complaints on behalf of individuals 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, investigate complaints and abuse allegations and much more. The **Illinois Department on Aging** program strives to protect and promote the rights and quality of life for those who reside in long-term facilities.

### Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.

This agency offers legal services to individuals 60 or older who have serious civil legal problems and require assistance. If you need legal advice on government income benefits, health related benefits, housing rights or more call 630.553.5777 for an appointment.

## Area agency provides multitude of services and events for area seniors

In existence since 1974 the **Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA)** is a non-profit organization that coordinates much needed services for individuals 60 years of age or older in Kendall, DuPage, Will, Kane, Kankakee, McHenry and Lake Counties.

NIAAA invites all to this year's **Senior Lifestyle Expo**. Details below.

### •14th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo

**Wed., Sept. 2 & Thurs., Sept. 3  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Admission: \$2  
if purchased in advance; \$3 if  
purchased the day of the event.**

As the largest senior lifestyle expo in the Chicago area, this 14th annual event will be held at the Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace.

- Over 100 local exhibitors
- Health screenings
- Senior Idol Contest
- Educational seminars including Learning to Avoid Costly Mistakes When Investing Your Retirement Assets, Smart Choices for Retirement and much more!
- Entertainment
- Giveaways (shopping bags allowed)
- Prizes (Grand prize-Southwest Airlines tickets)
- Used hearing aids and eyeglasses will be collected by the Lions Club
- Cell phones will be collected and recycled by the DuPage County Sheriff's Dept. for 911 uses.

*Get a \$1 coupon off your admission by going to [www.seniorlifestyleexpo.org](http://www.seniorlifestyleexpo.org).*



# COMMUNITY NETWORK CONTINUED

## •CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A spouse, parent, adult, child, sibling or a friend can be a caregiver. Caring for a loved one can be fulfilling, yet exhausting and stressful. This group provides support, intervention and education to address the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of caregivers throughout Kendall County. You can join this group on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kendall County Health Department, 811 W. John Street, Yorkville.

## •KENDALL COUNTY OLDER MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Recently retired males, 60 years of age or older who have little extra time on their hands and are looking to keep busy are invited to join this group that meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Kendall County Health Department, 811 W. John Street. For additional information or to register, contact **Keith Bielema** at 630.553.9100, ext. 8028.

## •TRANSITIONS

The Kendall County Health Department's **Transitions** program has been offering counseling, caregiver support, education and assistance in accessing resources for seniors and their families since 1997. Services are offered at low or no cost to clients through the support of the senior tax levy and NIAAA. The goal of the program is to provide support to seniors as they adjust

to the transitions that aging brings in addition to addressing both physical and emotional issues that occur when facing changes in health, support systems or loss of friends or a spouse. For additional information on this program call 630.553.9100, ext. 8028.

## •KENDALL COUNTY TRAVEL CLINIC

In existence since 2005, this program provides pre-travel counseling and immunizations for any destination. The type of counseling and preventive measures received are based on the recommendations of the **Centers for Disease Control** and the **World Health Organization**. The **Travel Clinic** will also tailor their services to a location and time that is convenient for groups of travelers such as missionary or students travelers. Kendall County is the only travel clinic in the state to provide this service. To speak to the nurse or to make an appointment call 630.553.9100.

## •HELP STOP ELDER ABUSE

If you are aware of an elderly individual who is experience abuse and or/neglect, please contact the Illinois Department on Aging Elder Abuse hotline at 1.800.252.8966 Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To report an abusive situation after hours, on weekends or holidays call 1.800.279.0400.



## Kendall County Congregate Meal Program

**Community Nutrition Network** (CNN) needs volunteer drivers to deliver hot meals to senior citizens and frail individuals residing in Yorkville and Plano. Assigned routes begin at 11 a.m. and take approximately one-half hour. Individuals may volunteer to delivery meals daily, once or twice a week, or once a month.

The Community Nutrition Network and **Senior Services Association** is a non-profit organization that coordinates and manage approximately 80 luncheon meals that are prepared and delivered five days a week, Monday through Friday, from Yorkville's Beecher Community Center throughout the county. For information on the program and how you can get involved call CNN at 630.553.2316.



## City Hall

Phone: 630.553.4350

Fax: 630.553.7575

United City of Yorkville elected officials:

### Mayor

Valerie Burd

### City Clerk

Jackie Milschewski

### Ward 1

Wally Werderich

Robert Allen

### Ward II

Gary Golinski

Arden Joseph Plocher

### Ward III

Marty Munns

Robyn Sutcliff

### Ward IV

Rose Spears

Joe Besco

### City Treasurer

William Powell

If you are unsure of the Ward that you reside in, please call City Hall at 630.553.4350 or check the City's Web site at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us).

The United City of Yorkville publishes this newsletter quarterly. Questions or comments can be directed to 630.553.8564 or [gspies@yorkville.il.us](mailto:gspies@yorkville.il.us).

The United City of Yorkville Web site provides up to the minute information on many City events and programs. If you have a question on an event, refuse collection or need a phone number for a City department go to [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us).

# PASSED ORDINANCES

Listed below are ordinances passed by the United City of Yorkville City Council from January 13 to March 24. To read the ordinance in its entirety you can access the United City of Yorkville Code Book at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us) via a link to Sterling Codifiers.

## 01/13/2009

**2009-01** Ordinance Amending City Code regarding Removal of Graffiti **2009-02** Ordinance Amending City Code regarding Cannabis

**2009-03** Ordinance Amending City Code regarding Retail Theft (Shoplifting)

## 01/27/2009

**2009-04** Ordinance Amending City Code regarding the Term of Liquor Licenses

**2009-05** Ordinance Abating \$2,020,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 - Rob Roy Creek Refinancing

**2009-06** Ordinance Amending City Code Declaring Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer as Nuisances

**2009-07** Ordinance Approving a Permanent Trail Easement Agreement with Raintree Village Homeowner's Association

## 2/10/2009

**2009-08** Ordinance Amending City Code Providing for the Regulation of Animals

**2009-09A** Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement of Hinsbrook Bank Trust #03-008 (Laniosz Commercial Property, Route 71)

## 2/24/2009

**2009-09B** Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Nos. 2004-18 and 2008-85 and Amending City Code to Provide for Regulating Development in Floodplain Areas

**2009-10A** Ordinance Amending City Code regarding Signs

**2009-10B** Ordinance Establishing a Zoning Commission

**2009-11** Ordinance Approving the Revision of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Budget

## 3/24/2009

**2009-12** Ordinance Approving a Variance for 604 and 620 W. Veterans Parkway

**2009-13** An Amended Ordinance Establishing a Zoning Commission

**2009-14** An Amended Ordinance Authorizing the City Council to Retain Independent Legislative Counsel

**2009-15** An Amended Ordinance Designating Countryside Center Business District and Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax Therein

**2009-16** An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Governing Ordinance

## UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE OFFICES AND HOURS OF OPERATION

### Mayor's Office, Administration, Clerk's Office

630.553.4350; Fax: 630.553.7575

### Building Safety

630.553.8545

### Community Development

630.553.8532

### Community Relations

630.553.8564

### Finance

630.553.8534

### Engineering

630.553.8545

### Parks and Recreation

630.553.4357 or 630.553.2582 (REC Center)

### Police Department

630.553.4340

### Public Works

630.553.4370

### Yorkville Public Library

630.553.4354

### City Hall

800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Parks and Recreation Administrative Office

201 W. Hydraulic, Yorkville, IL 60560

Monday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. &  
1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### The REC Center (Summer hours)

202 E. Countryside Parkway, Yorkville, IL 60560

Monday-Thursday: 5 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday: 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Yorkville Police Department

804 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL, 60560

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Yorkville Public Library

902 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

### CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE

FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS: Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day; Friday, July 3 for Independence Day and Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

*(50/50 Parkway Tree program...continued from page 7)*

the care for the tree is the responsibility of the homeowner.

To purchase a tree, residents can go to the City's Web site at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us) under the Public Works Department Link to the Public Works/5050 Parkway Tree Program to view a photo of the species and varieties of available trees. An order form is also available on the city's Web site. All orders must be received by Monday, Aug. 24, 2009. Additional information is available by calling the City's Community Development Department at 630.553.8574.