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We are working through a bad recession. People who have lost jobs or whose homes have been foreclosed know things are bad. Money is tight and unfortunately, these hard times are also hitting your City government.

In 2004-06, the City issued bonds to extend water and sewer lines for new construction, and to pay for removing radium from our water, something that was mandated, but not paid for, by the State of Illinois. Many of the homes were never built, because of the recession. As a result, the City did not get the anticipated revenue in to make the payment on these bonds, beginning in 2009. At the beginning of this fiscal year, the City was \$1 million in deficit in our Water Fund and we were looking at a \$1.8 million deficit by the end of the fiscal year.

The Water Fund is an enterprise fund. It is supposed to be completely self-sufficient, based on revenue coming in from tap-on fees paid for by new residents, and from our water bill payments. Cuts were made in the department that operates water services, but it wasn't possible to cut enough to eliminate the deficit to make the bond payments. To meet the City's obligations, the **City Council** voted on May 25 to increase your water rate by 5 percent to \$12.54 up to 350 cubic feet of usage, and to apply an \$8.25 infrastructure surcharge per month until April 30, 2011. It was not something that any of the members of the City Council wanted to do. No one could come up with any other solution.

The City Administrator has estimated that if there are 200 tap-on fees coming into



Yorkville's Mayor Valerie Burd explains the current water rate and amusement tax increases.

the City this fiscal year, we can abolish the surcharge. That is why the Council is open to discussing extending the freeze that Pulte was given in 2005 on building fees, when the economy was still going strong. Consequently, if building stops because **Pulte** can't compete, the City won't get any fees. One hundred percent of nothing is nothing. The freeze was also extended for **Crestview Builders**, which purchased the Blackberry Oaks development.

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U.S. Census Bureau names Kendall County fastest growing in the country

Kendall County was once again named the fastest growing county in the United States, according to an article that appeared on CNNMoney.com in June.

The U.S. **Census Bureau** states that Kendall County grew nearly 100 percent in the last nine years. The county went from a population of 54,563 on April 1, 2000, to an estimated 104,821 last July 1.

The article says that one of the reasons for the boom during the nine year time period was the county's transition from an agricultural area to a bedroom community. Sixty percent of the 300-square-mile county is still zoned for agriculture.

However, the population growth has slowed since the economic downturn to 3.3 percent from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009.

*Thank you
to our sponsors*

The Yorkville Garden Club once again would like to thank the generosity of its sponsors for this year's **Hanging Basket Project.**

These baskets are a great visual to both our downtown area and Town Square Park and, would not be a reality without the support of businesses and individuals in our community.

A great big thank you goes out to the following...
Kendall County Record, Ground Effects, Chicago Advertising and Marketing, Mr. D Building and Remodeling, GRW Enterprises, the Schumann family, Yorkville Jr. Women's Club, Castle Bank, Nancy Kolowski, Alyce Ann Frey, Mary McCracken, the Law Offices of Dallas C. Ingemunson, the Law Offices of Daniel J. Kramer, Dale and Jane Henriksen, Cheryl Durland, OJ's Tap, Joan and Jack Pool, Yorkville Garden Club, Bridge Street Cafe, Martin Plumbing, Susan and Dennis Morganegg, Leslie and Brenda Kimmell, Earl Bushnell, Ronald Morris, Old Second Bank, Krueger Appraisal Service and Kendall Lodge #471.



TWO GREAT EVENTS IN ONE EVENING!!! Music Under the Stars and River Night



The United City of Yorkville and Yorkville's Area Chamber of Commerce are combining events this year to offer a musical evening for the entire family to enjoy! Grab your friends for an evening of Music Under the Stars and River Night.

- Live music from local favorites
EPIC – Great Rock and Roll from the 80s beginning at 7 p.m.
- Beer, wine and soft drinks
- Food by Stonefire Restaurant
- Bags game tournament
- No general admission fee
- \$1 drink wristbands (over 21)

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Friday, August 13
5:30-10 p.m.
Riverfront Park, 131 E. Hydraulic

YORKVILLE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FIND ONE-OF-KIND ITEMS AT FIRST COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Antiques and treasures galore were found on the corner of Route 34 and 47 on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19 in the **United City of Yorkville** as part of the city's first attempt to participate in **More on Rt. 34**, a perpetual trail of garage sales, flea markets, and events.

Starting in Galesburg or Aurora, depending on where you began, **More on Rt. 34** covered over 140 miles with the communities of **Wataga, Oneida, Altona, Galva, Kewanee, Neponset, Sheffield, Wyanet, Dover, Princeton, LaMoille, Mendota, Earlville,**

Somonauk, Sandwich, Plano, Yorkville and Aurora setting the route for the avid garage sale aficionado to the weekend enthusiast with sales, events and activities all weekend long!

Yorkville's Community Yard Sale provided residents and visitors with a mix of new, used and old items from Tastefully Simple gourmet food products, to antiques to used baby clothing and equipment, and everything in between!

Cathy Foes, director of **Henry County's Visitors Bureau** and the coordinator of **More on Rt. 34**, declared

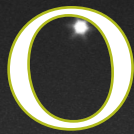


the event a huge success after attending many of the communities during a celebratory Father's Day weekend.

Foes visited Yorkville on Saturday and spoke to several vendors who reported that they would come back next year if the event were to take place again.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and we'll see you next year!

*** Holiday Under the Stars ***



OUR FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS FESTIVAL IS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER! JOIN THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE FOR A MAGICAL START TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES * A TRADITIONAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY * ALL WEATHER ICE SKATING * MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, GIVEAWAYS * HOT CHOCOLATE
* A SANTA'S WORKSHOP * A RIDE ON THE POLAR EXPRESS * A TRACKLESS TRAIN * A VISIT FROM YOU-KNOW-WHO * YORKVILLE'S HIGH SCHOOL MADRIGALS * THE LAMPLIGHT SINGERS
* THE POLAR EXPRESS AND A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES ALL WEEKEND LONG!!

NOTE: RIDE THE TRACKLESS TRAIN, HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDE AND ICE SKATE FOR \$5 PER FAMILY ALL NIGHT LONG!

NEW! KRIS KRINGLE MARKET-A VARIETY OF KIOSKS FEATURING CRAFTS, GIFTS, ONE-OF-A-KIND ITEMS AND MORE TO GET YOU STARTED WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. VENDOR BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE FOR \$25 ALL EVENING! CALL 630.553.8564 FOR INFO.

*Friday, November 19 * 5 to 9 p.m. * Town Square Park and downtown Yorkville*

Seasons of Happenings

WWW.YORKVILLE.IL.US

National Night Out-Tuesday, August 3, 6-8 p.m. Town Square, Rt. 47 and Main Street. This national tribute to neighborhood crime solving is celebrated every year by communities throughout the U.S. The Yorkville Police Department, the Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Alumni (CPAA) and the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a variety of games, demonstrations, music food, and fun! Don't forget to enjoy a free showing of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" starting at dusk at Beecher Community Park, 908 Game Farm Rd. For information call 630.553.4340 or 630.553.4357.

Music Under the Stars and River Night-Friday, August 13, 5:30-10 p.m. at Riverfront Bicentennial Park, 131 E. Hydraulic. Food, fun and musical entertainment by headliners EPIC. FREE! Beer and wine available for individuals over

21; \$1 wristbands. Hosted by the United City of Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department and the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to our sponsors including Kendall Pub, Chiro-One Wellness Centers and Sam Paisley of New York Life Insurance Co. For information call 630.553.4357.

18th Annual Hometown Days Festival-Thursdays, September 2 - Sunday, September 5-NEW! Family Fun Night on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 5-9 p.m. All carnival rides \$1 per ride on Thursday evening. Also, featuring Circus Boy from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with free admission. Then, join us all weekend long for a final tribute to summer for a variety of headliner musical entertainment, food, and carnival rides. Admission: \$2 after 5 p.m.; children 5 and under are free! Beecher Community Park, 908 Game Farm Rd. 630.553.4357

Northern Illinois Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days-Saturday and Sunday, September 25 & 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Silver Springs State Park, 13608 Fox Street. Over 75 vendors, food court, climbing wall, hands on childrens' activities, fly tying, fly casting,

fishing ponds, casting demonstrations; hunting, fishing, and dog training seminars. For information go to www.huntingandfishingdays.org.

Brat Fest and Playful City Celebration-Saturday, Sept. 25 at Riverfront Bicentennial Park, 131 E. Hydraulic Ave. After Hunting and Fishing days enjoy Yorkville's beautiful Riverfront! Brats, hotdogs and beer are on tap! **Playful City** celebration from 2-5 p.m., musical favorites **Frank and Dave** from 5-8 p.m. Food, games, and more. For information call 630.553.4357 or www.yorkville.il.us.

Farmers' Market-Saturday mornings, 8 a.m. to noon. Farm fresh produce, handmade crafts, homemade baked goods and more through Saturday, October 23 at Town Square Park, Rt. 47 and Main Street. 630.553.4357

Patriots Walk-Saturday, September 11, 9 a.m. Join Mayor Valerie Burd, Yorkville's American Legion Post #489, and local boy and girl scout organizations to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11. Meet at City Hall, 800 Game Farm Rd. and walk to Town Square Park. 630.553.8564



FROM OUR ALDERMEN

From the desk of...Rose Spears, Ward 4 Alderperson
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The largest senior lifestyle expo in the Chicago area!!
15th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo

Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to noon
Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane, OakBrook Terrace

Attractions day of show include:

100+ product and service exhibitors * Health and wellness area * Educational and fun seminars * Interactive game show challenge * Main stage entertainment
* Senior idol competition and much, much more!

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Tickets are \$2 in advance for groups of 10 or more; \$3 at the door. Receive a \$1 off your admission by visiting www.seniorlifestyleexpo.org. For more information, contact Connie Kobitter at 630.293.5990 or ckobitter@ageguide.org.

Vote Today!!
PEPSI REFRESH PROJECT

This August, the **Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (NIAAA)** is participating in the **Pepsi Refresh Project** for the chance to win a \$50,000 grant aimed to **INFORM, RALLY & REFRESH** all around aging by producing a live production to help spread the word about aging in our communities.

The NIAAA has submitted a proposal to support the production of the play **"Zero Hour"**. With the \$50,000 grant, the NIAAA intends to produce the play for public performances that will include seniors, baby boomers, and students, in addition to promoting issues on care giving through a public campaign. **"Zero Hour"** will engage audiences to think about aging and will also provide a panel of experts to answer questions following performances.

Voting begins on Sunday, Aug. 1 and continues through Aug. 31. Grants will be awarded to the top 10 ideas competing for the \$50,000 grant. We need your help to make us one of those recipients!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

VOTE TODAY AND VOTE OFTEN AT
WWW.REFRESHEVERYTHING.COM.
THANK YOU!!

"A Suburban A Fare"
Celebrity Chefs Brunch

Sunday, Nov. 7 * 10:45 a.m.
Drury Lane Theatre * 100 Drury Ln.,
OakBrook Terrace

Join **Andy Avalos**, NBC5 morning meteorologist, for his fourth year hosting this year's **Celebrity Chefs Brunch** with the theme **"Rip Roaring 20s to Rid Hunger!"**

Avalos will be leading everyone in a day of bidding and eating in addition to a silent and live auction, multiple raffles, and delicious creations by talented chefs.

Tickets are \$100 per person (\$90 tax-deductible) or \$900 for a table of 10. All proceeds go directly to provide holiday and weekend nutritious meals for our senior neighbors in need.

Due to increasing demand and insufficient funding, the publicly funded Meals-on-Wheels program is limited to only one hot meal per day, Monday through Friday. Many elders must choose between food, medicine and other necessities of daily living! Receiving no federal or state monies, Holiday Meals-on-Wheels survives on special events, private and corporate donations, and the community.

From the desk of...George Gilson, Jr. Ward 1 Alderman

First, I am being contacted by residents regarding flooding in many of the developments and communities throughout Yorkville. If you feel that your property is flooding as a result of a poor drainage design or inadequate stormwater runoff mitigation, please contact your alderman.

The Council has also recently voted to raise your water rates, impose an amusement tax on businesses, and institute an infrastructure fee to your water bills of \$8.25 per billing cycle starting July 1 in order to pay for bonds due to be paid for capital projects. A few aldermen voted against these increases in fees and taxes, and furthermore stated that they did not feel it was the right time or economy for these measures to be taken. Once again, those aldermen were in the minority. Therefore, you will see all instituted and by now have likely to have seen these increases and fees on your current water bills.

Our City is starting to sporadically see some requests from builders and developers to resume pulling permits and building homes. It is my belief that this growth should be controlled, as we have been burned by developers in the past who have not paid their fees and debts.

Please feel free to contact me with all issues related to the City and particularly Ward 1. I will respond in a timely manner and do my best to address the issues at hand. —George Gilson, Jr.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor

Valerie Burd

City Clerk

Jackie Milschewski

Ward 1

Wally Werderich; George Gilson, Jr.

Ward II

Gary Golinski; Arden Joseph Plocher

Ward III

Marty Munns; Robyn Sutcliff

Ward IV

Rose Spears; Diane Teeling

City Treasurer

William Powell

For more information go to the city's website at www.yorkville.il.us.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City welcomes new Community Development director

The United City of Yorkville welcomed **Krysti Barksdale-Noble**, of Plainfield, as the City's new Community Development director on May 3, 2010.

In her role as the City's Community Development director, Barksdale-Noble will coordinate the City's development review process for new development or redevelopment including planned unit developments, rezoning, special uses, preliminary and final plats of subdivision, land use variations, and zoning variations. She will also analyze issues and provide recommendations and interpretations to the Mayor, City Council and Plan Commission.

Barksdale-Noble is excited to continue her career with the United City of Yorkville and is looking forward to working collaboratively with elected and appointed officials.

"I want to guide development in

Yorkville to make it viable, dynamic and an attractive City with a variety of housing, recreational, and business opportunities, yet be able to maintain its small town livability," she said.

Barksdale-Noble came to the United City of Yorkville at a time when development has slowed due to the economy, but she views the current economic situation as a challenge that can be overcome.

"The economy is a concern for communities all over the country," she said. "I'm looking forward to addressing the development slow-down in a creative and effective way."

Another challenge Barksdale-Noble sees is addressing the need for improved transportation infrastructure in a continually growing area such as Kendall County.

In addition to the City's challenges, Barksdale-Noble also sees a lot of potential.

"Yorkville is in a unique time in its development where it can successfully balance its future growth to include



Krysti Barksdale-Noble joined the City on May 3 as the new Community Development director.

not just residential or commercial development but recreational open space land uses which can also boost tourism in our area," she said.

Previously Barksdale-Noble was employed by **Allen L. Kracower & Associates** in Buffalo Grove as vice president of Planning & Litigation Services.

She was also employed by the **Village of Lincolnshire** as the village's planner for six years from 2001 to 2007.

Welcome Krysti!

CHILI CHASE 5K RUN/WALK SUNDAY, NOV. 21

Registration 7 a.m.
Race 8:30 a.m.
@ Yorkville American
Legion Post #489
9054 Veterans Pkwy.

Gather up your family
and friends for Yorkville's
Parks and Recreation
CHILI CHASE!

After the race warm up
with a hot bowl of chili!
Pre-registration fee is
\$20; day of race \$25.

Proceeds benefit
Special Recreation
programs.

www.yorkville.il.us
630.553.4357

PARKS AND RECREATION

18th Annual Hometown Days

Thursday, Sept. 2 - Sunday, Sept. 5

Beecher Community Park, 908 Game Farm Rd.

Admission: Thursday FREE!! Friday-Sunday \$2 after
5 p.m. Carnival Ride Specials! (Thursday special \$1 per
ride; Friday-Sunday Mega Pass and Pay One Price)



Headliner Entertainment: Mike and Joe * Hairbanger's Ball * hi-Infidelity
and much more including...food, carnival rides, the pride and Joy Car show, baby
contest, bags tournament, pet parade, Jr. Women's Club Craft show, free family
activities, kids Fox Trot run fun, bingo, dance performances, pizza eating contest,
battle of the bands, and much, much more!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION 630.553.4357 OR WWW.YORKVILLE.IL.US

LIVING GREEN IN YORKVILLE

GREEN TEEN AWARD WINNER TAYLOR COFFEY

On Tuesday, June 22, **Mayor Valerie Burd** and the **United City of Yorkville City Council** honored Yorkville High School graduating senior **Taylor Coffey** with the first-ever **Green Teen** award.

The city's Green Committee recommended Coffey for the commendation because of his dedication and commitment to educate other teens through Yorkville High's **Students Acting For the Environment (S.A.F.E.)** Club.

The Green Committee also recognized Coffey in May during the school's Honors Night.

Coffey said he was surprised to receive the award. "It was quite an honor to receive it (the Green Teen award) in front of my peers, some of whom were not aware of my efforts in the school," Coffey said. "My parents were just as shocked and were very proud. It was very nice to be recognized, because I honestly did not think anyone even noticed what I had done."

But many people did notice the difference that his efforts were making including the city's Green Committee and many of his fellow club members.

His progression in making a difference, he admits, was slow. He joined S.A.F.E. as a sophomore but on a limited basis. In his junior year, Coffey became more active since he was able to drive, and made a conscious decision to attend more meetings and organize a few of the club's events. At the end of his junior year he was appointed as the group's vice president and ran the club during his senior year.

"One of the first things I suggested to the group was to have a fundraiser," Coffey said. "We decided that we would promote the use of reusable water bottles by selling them at school. Unfortunately, the school board denied our request due to the fact that the water bottles were not clear."

At that point, Coffey said, the group's enthusiasm was low, so he decided to organize an education committee. "The goal of the education committee was to advertise



Yorkville High School graduating senior Taylor Coffey accepts the "Green Teen" award from Mayor Valerie Burd during the June 22 City Council meeting.

both the mission of S.A.F.E. and to promote environmentalism around the school," Coffey commented.

To ensure the committee's goal would be met, the group designed billboards and posters promoting environmentalism that were hung in classrooms and the school's corridors. "We even decided to add another officer position to the club to head the education committee," Coffey said.

According to Coffey, the primary reason that the S.A.F.E. Club existed was because of the school's recycling program. "The club has always been responsible for going around each Friday afternoon to collect the paper recycling bins," Coffey said.

But this year, the school's administration made a decision to expand the recycling program to include all recyclable materials.

To keep S.A.F.E. members involved and engaged Coffey organized small events throughout the year including the clearing of invasive honeysuckle behind Yorkville High, creating bird feeders and giving them as gifts to members of Yorkville's senior community, helping to clean and refurbish parts of the Hoover Forest Preserve, and organizing and coordinating Earth Week events to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

"The best part of Earth Week was the cafeteria staff revealing that it would be switching to reusable food trays, as opposed to Styrofoam," Coffey said excitedly.

Coffey will be attending **Loyola University in Chicago** in the fall and will study biology and psychology with plans to share his education with others.

SHARE AND CARE RECYCLING DAY Saturday, Oct. 16

PITCH IN!!!

Recycle, reuse and reduce during the third annual **Share and Care Recycling Day** on Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kendall County Fairgrounds, Rt. 71 and E. Highpoint Rd.

Recycle or share a multitude of items including: Electronics, clothing, athletic wear, eye glasses, medications, radios, televisions, books, toys and more!

For a complete list of acceptable items, please call 630.553.4350.

This event is hosted by the **United City of Yorkville Green Committee** and the **Kendall County Health Department**.

For information call 630.553.4350, 630.553.9100 or www.yorkville.il.us or www.co.kendall.il.us/health.



LIVING GREEN IN YORKVILLE

Yorkville receives grant funds to add recycling cans to city parks

The **United City of Yorkville** has received a grant from the **Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity** to purchase recycling cans to be placed in the City's parks.

The City received \$5,897 to expand recycling collection in Yorkville's parks to capture additional recyclable commodities. The City will be responsible for \$787.79, with a total cost of \$6,684.79.

Twenty parks throughout the City will receive a large 32-gallon waste receptacle for disposing of recyclable items. These cans will be placed adjacent to the trash cans and will be clearly labeled for recycling of paper, plastics, and metals.

The City is required to collect these recyclables and report on the tonnage of material diverted from the waste stream. Without designated recycling cans, currently all of the trash ends up in landfills. A large amount of paper, metals, and especially plastics from water bottles and sports drinks can now be separated from the waste stream and recycled.

These recycling cans are made from post-consumer recycled plastic lumber with each pound of lumber containing eight to 10 recycled milk jugs.

Scott Sleezer, Yorkville's superintendent of Parks, anticipates that the new recycling cans will be in the parks by the end of August.

Yorkville's **Civil Engineer, Jackie Dearborn**, says that, "Recycling is about more than just the environmental benefits. It also benefits the economy by creating jobs throughout the state."

Kudos to both the **Green Committee** and Dearborn who have boosted Yorkville's efforts to recycle, reduce, and reuse in our community.

Dearborn submitted the grant application on behalf of the City's Green Committee.

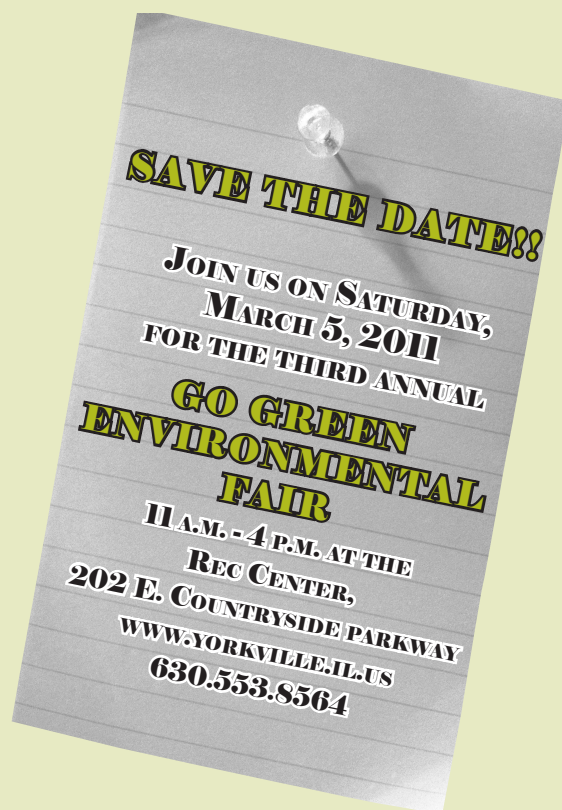
Please help us in our efforts to keep our City parks clean and green. Thank you!!



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED...

FOR YORKVILLE'S GREEN COMMITTEE

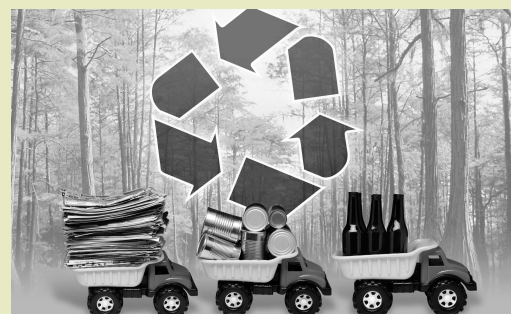
All are welcome to join the **Green Committee** on the fourth Monday evening of the month at 7 p.m. in the Yorkville Public Library, 902 Game Farm Road. The committee's next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 23. For information call 630.553.4350.



did you know??

SEARCH THE WEB FOR THESE RECYCLED PRODUCTS...

- Cuff links from circuit boards, typewriter key necklace, stop sign table, sprocket desk clock and many more unfamiliar and rare items at www.uncommongoods.com.
- Thousands of products such as lumber, jewelry, patio furniture and more at www.ecomall.com.
- Paper products from recycled paper and environmentally friendly cleaning products at www.treecycle.com.
- Recycle toner cartridges at www.tonercycler.com.
- Picture frames of bicycle tires, recycled glass wind chimes, glass sun catchers and molded recycled crayons are just a few of the items you can purchase at www.amazingrecycled.com.



YORKVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Clean-up Schedule

CITY BRUSH PICK UP SUMMER AND FALL 2010

August 23-27

City wide pick up

October 25-29

City wide pick up

•When placing brush out on your curb, please refer to the diagram on the city's website at www.yorkville.il.us under the Public Works Department for the proper procedures, or call 630.553.4370 with any questions.

STREET SWEEPING

August 30-September 3

November 8-11

(Following leaf pick up)

November 15-19

(Following leaf pick up)

LEAF PICK UP

Nov. 8-11

South of the Fox River

Nov. 15-19

North of the Fox River

HYDRANT FLUSHING

October 4-8

October 11-15

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL BRUSH PICK UP

Veolia Environmental provides weekly brush pick up on regular service days in conjunction with yard waste pick up which runs Apr. 1 through Nov. 30. Please adhere to Veolia's guidelines for bundled brush as follows:

- Must not exceed four (4) feet in length; weight must not exceed 50 lbs.;

Brush must be tied with biodegradable fiber twine only (no plastic or wire)

VEOLIA WHITE GOODS

PICK UP

October 18-22

For information regarding Veolia Environmental Services call 630.587.8282 or visit www.veoliaes-sw.com.

Council Amends City's Burning Ordinance

On June 8 the **United City of Yorkville City Council** amended the city's burning ordinance as follows:

1. The open or outside burning of any materials, including plastic coated, treated paper, paper materials, leaves or plant materials within the City limits is expressly prohibited.

2. Burning of campfires in connection with camping outings by organized groups; or recreational campfires by individuals are permitted, provided that the fires are conducted in such a manner so as to constitute a hazard or nuisance to persons or property.

3. Untreated paper, paper products, untreated wood, stumps, and logs may be burned provided; a. Such burning is not conducted within 20 feet of any neighboring building or structure; b. Such burning is continuously controlled and supervised by an adult with adequate fire suppression devices immediately available.

All campfires shall be extinguished properly to avoid any reigniting; c. Such fires shall be contained within an adequate fixture or suitable retention device so as to prevent embers from carrying to neighboring properties; and d. Wind conditions do not exceed 10 miles per hour.

4. The discharge into the outdoor atmosphere of fumes, smoke, gas or vapors or any combination from the burning of any materials other than untreated paper and paper products and wood as provided above shall be, for the purposes of this section, declared air pollution and a public nuisance.

5. Controlled fires started and attended to by the personnel of the United City of Yorkville in order to control the growth of prairie grass or other vegetation to benefit the public health, safety or welfare shall be permitted.

To read the ordinance in its entirety you can access the United City of Yorkville Code Book at www.yorkville.il.us via a link to Sterling Codifiers.

2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report... All residents in the United City of Yorkville received the **2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report** in the mail. If you did not receive one, please call City Hall at 630.553.4350 or the Public Works Department at 630.553.4370. You can also review the report online on the City's website at www.yorkville.il.us.

Come to Order

City Council and Committee Meetings are open to the public.

Administration-Meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of each month, 6 p.m., in City Hall.

City Council-Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

Fire and Police Commission-The next scheduled meeting is Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Police Dept. Conference Rm.

Economic Development Committee-Meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of each month, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

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

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

Park Board-Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, 7 p.m., 201 W. Hydraulic.

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

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

Public Works-Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Police Pension Board-Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 9, 5 p.m. in the Police Dept. Conference Rm.

Green Committee-Meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m., Yorkville Public Library.

Senior Ad Hoc Committee-Meetings are held on the fourth Monday morning of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Beecher Community Center, 908 Game Farm Rd.

FOR UP-TO-DATE MEETING INFORMATION
AND CANCELLATIONS VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT
WWW.YORKVILLE.IL.US.

WATER, REFUSE INFORMATION

SEASONAL REMINDERS...

Water Conservation

Ordinance

The United City of Yorkville's **Water Conservation**

Ordinance is in effect from May 1 through September 30. The ordinance permits lawn sprinkling between the hours of 5 a.m.-9 a.m. and/or 9 p.m. and 12 p.m. (midnight) for landscaping watering or the filling of swimming pools only as follows:

- Even numbered addresses on even numbered calendar days only during permitted hours of water use;
- Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered calendar days only during permitted hours of water use. Go to <http://www.yorkville.il.us/waterrest.php> for a list of nonrestrictions.

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 is not eligible. 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 incident. A temporary mailbox will be installed until it is determined if 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 it determined that the City is responsible, the homeowner is eligible for reimbursement of up to \$75 for replacement
- 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.



CURRENT WATER, REFUSE AND UTILITY RATES IN THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

REFUSE FEE:

\$41.74/60 days-per single family or duplex unit effective as of May 1, 2010.

Senior Discount Refuse Fee:

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

WATER RATES:

Bi-monthly Minimum User Charge up to 350 Cu. Ft. is \$12.54; additional use over 350 Cu. Ft. is \$2.28 per 100 Cu. Ft.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE FEE:

The water infrastructure fee in the United City of Yorkville is \$8.25/30 days; \$16.50/60 days

SEWER MAINTENANCE FEE

The United City of Yorkville residential, commercial, industrial and government fee is \$18/60 days per unit.

YORKVILLE-BRISTOL SANITARY DISTRICT (YBSD)

Residential, commercial, industrial, and government fees for the treatment of waste water is as follows:
0-6919 Cu. Ft. - \$76.11 minimum fee
Over 6919 Cu. Ft. - \$1.10 per 100 Cu. Ft.
The minimum utility bill for a two-month period is \$164.89. The minimum utility bill for a two-month period for Grand Reserve residents is \$88.78. The minimum utility bill for a two-month period for senior citizens is \$124.15.

FOX METRO RATES/GRANDE RESERVE

The Fox Metro rates for Grande Reserve residential, commercial, industrial, and government are as follows:
\$5.25 minimum for 350 Cu. Ft. usage
\$2 per 1,000 gallons (134 Cu. Ft.)
1,000 Cu. Ft. usage=\$15
1 Cubic Foot=7.48 gallons

Please note: *The Fox Metro Sanitary District bills directly for their services.*

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

WHITE GOODS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Veolia Environmental Services will conduct their fall White Goods pick up the week of October 18-22. Items consist of refrigerators/freezers, water heaters, stoves, air conditioners, humidifiers, clothes dryers, washers, microwaves,

dishwashers, heat pumps, furnaces and boilers. White Good items must be on the curb by 6 a.m. The following materials will not be accepted: auto parts, large construction waste, swimming pools, decks, sheds, chemicals, paints or drums.

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The refuse collection for your area is listed below.

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

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

Wednesday: Countryside Center, Cimmeron Ridge, Fox Hill, Kylyn'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.

WHO DO I CALL IF I AM MISSED?

If you are missed on your regular pick up day, contact Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282. Their office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A direct link to the United City of Yorkville refuse information is available on Veolia's website at www.veoliaes-sw.com.

VEOLIA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Veolia Environmental Services observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Refuse service is delayed one day following the holidays listed above.

VEOLIA RECYCLING

Each home is provided with one, navy blue 65-gallon cart for recycling. Additional recycling carts are available for rental for \$5 per month by contacting Veolia. All recycling should be placed out for collection by 6 a.m. on the designated collection day.

Call Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282 for additional information.

PUBLIC SAFETY



Pedestrian safety reminders from the Yorkville Police Department

The **Yorkville Police Department** would like to remind residents to keep their sidewalks clear of obstructions. In addition to Yorkville's local ordinance stating that, *"no person, on any sidewalk shall do any unnecessary act or thing thereon so as to obstruct its free and quiet use and passage"* (5-3-2-4), Illinois law also prohibits *"the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on sidewalks."* [625 ILCS 5/11-1303(a)(1)(b)]

Pedestrians use sidewalks for taking the family pet for a walk, recreational walking or going for an early morning run. Vehicles parked over the sidewalk often force people to walk out into the street to get around them.

According to Yorkville's Police **Chief Rich Hart**, vehicles parking over sidewalks are an important public safety concern.

"As recent as last year we had an elderly person break a hip while walking around a vehicle that was blocking a sidewalk," Hart said.

The Police Department's ultimate goal is to provide for safe pedestrian traffic in accordance with state and local laws.

"Parking over the sidewalk tickets are not a money maker for the City," Hart said. "We write very few tickets for parking over a sidewalk and most of the tickets issued are generated from citizen complaints."

Hart also asks that residents keep their sidewalks clear of toys, lawn equipment and other items that can interfere with pedestrian right-of-way.

"In the winter accumulated snow and ice can become hazards as well," Hart added. "Please take a moment each day to make sure the sidewalk in front of your residence is clear. Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts."

Vehicle owners violating this law are typically issued an ordinance citation with a fine of \$25.

Also... Please remember even though school is out of session there are many pedestrians walking to festivals, riding bikes and walking for recreation this summer. Illinois state law mandates that you must yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk when driving a motorized vehicle. Please help us keep our visitors and residents safe!! Thank you!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT • TUESDAY, AUG. 3 6-8 P.M. TOWN SQUARE, RT. 47 AND MAIN

This annual celebration honors neighborhoods throughout the U.S. and promotes spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

**GAMES • FOOD • BRISTOL-KENDALL FIRE TRUCK AND AMBULANCE • YORKVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT SQUAD CAR • MCGRUFF • K9 O'NEAL • RIDES • INFLATABLES
• ROOT BEER FLOATS FOR SALE BY THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI
• 7-11 AND TARGET AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CITIZENS
POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI AND YORKVILLE'S PARKS AND RECREATION.
FOR INFORMATION CALL 630.553.4340, 630.553.4357 OR WWW.YORKVILLE.IL.US.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Silver Beat Educational Awareness Program

*From the desk of
Ward 4 Alderperson,
Rose Spears*

Attorney General Lisa Madigan created the **Silver Beat Educational Training Program** to ensure that seniors, as well as all age groups, have the knowledge and tools needed to guard themselves from con artists and deceptive business practices.

Last year there were over 31,000 consumer fraud complaints with a tremendous increase in debt settlement and identity theft.

Typically in spring, law enforcement agencies and the Attorney General's office are flooded with the popular home repair fraud scams where people go door-to-door throughout an entire neighborhood and offer to repair roofs or sealcoat driveways at a minimum cost. These

people typically ask for and receive a deposit and they never return to complete the work.

One of the newest rapidly increasing scam is called "spoofing". A spoofing card device purchased on the Internet results in spoofing fishing that allows a con artist to falsify the phone number displayed on an individual's caller ID. With this spoofing device, the call appears to come from a legitimate source.

Some con artists have gone to the extreme of spoofing the contact information of a state or federal government agency to deceive consumers. The con artists also leave messages on answering machines requesting a return call. Unfortunately, individuals verify their caller ID information and return the call

believing it is a legitimate business or government agency.

The purpose of spoofing is to obtain personal information such as social security numbers, date of birth, maiden names and other personal information that would lead to identity theft.

Another rapidly growing scam is the "Grandparents Scam." Scam artists claiming to be attorneys, paralegals or law enforcement officers frantically call a senior citizen saying that a grandchild is in trouble and requests the grandparent immediately wire a large sum of money to assist their grandchild.

Upon investigation by the attorney general's office, it appears the seniors are targeted by family member information appearing on **Facebook** pages and/or in obituaries.

PASSED ORDINANCES

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Listed below are ordinances passed by the United City of Yorkville City Council from March 3, 2010 to June 22, 2010. To read any ordinance in its entirety you can access the **United City of Yorkville Code Book** on the city's website at www.yorkville.il.us via a link to Sterling Codifiers.

3 /9 /2010

2010-011 Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit Application for Pam Kleinwachter dba We Grow Kids, Inc. Daycare at 101 Garden Street

2010-012 Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the United City of Yorkville and the Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District for Fire Prevention Code Enforcement.

2010-013 Ordinance Adopting a Stormwater Management Program Plan

2010-014 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Providing for a Payment Plan Option for Delinquent Water Bills

3/23/2010

2010-015 Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for the Purchase of Certain

Property -111 W. Madison Street (Old Jail)

4 /13/2010

2010-016 Ordinance Approving a Variance for Esmer Capital Management, LLC at 1201 N. Bridge Street

2010-017 Ordinance Approving a Variance for Yorkville Hospitality, LLC at 310 E. Countryside Parkway

2010-018 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Providing for the Regulation of Signs

4/27/2010

2010-019 Ordinance approving the 2010/2011 fiscal budget

5/25/2010

2010-020 Ordinance Amending City Code Title 6 - Traffic, Chapter 3 - Traffic Schedules (John Street and Sycamore Road)

2010-021 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Providing for New Water Service Rates and a Water Infrastructure Improvement and Maintenance Fee

2010-022 Ordinance Approving the First Amendment to the Amended Annexation Agreement and Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement (Blackberry Woods)

2010-023 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Amending the Building Department Fee Schedule

6 /8 /2010

2010-024 Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Muellner Construction, Inc.

2010-025 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Amending the Definition and Duration of Banners and Providing for a Deposit for Temporary Banner Signs

2010-026 Ordinance Approving the Relocation of Specific Signs Impacted by the Widening of Illinois Route 47

2010-027 Ordinance Re-Approving a Development Agreement with and Approving Rezoning to B-2 General Business District for River Oaks Property Development, LLC

2010-028 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Providing for the Regulation of Open Burning

6/22/2010

2010-029 Ordinance Declaring Compliance with Illinois Prevailing Wage Act

2010-030 Ordinance Regarding a Policy and Procedure to Create

a Funding Mechanism for Sidewalk, Trails and Paths

2010-031 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to the Annexation & PUD Agreement (Autumn Creek Subdivision)

2010-032 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement Dated April 26, 2005 Pertaining to the Bristol Bay Subdivision

2010-033 Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement Dated April 26, 2005 Pertaining to the Bristol Bay Subdivision (Standard Redevelopment, Inc.)

2010-034 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Providing for an Amusement Tax

(...Mayor's message continued from page 1)

If the recession hadn't hit, these developments probably would have been completed. It makes sense to me to encourage them to go ahead and finish what was started, so that we don't have as many vacant lots that need to be maintained, and so that new residents can help alleviate the burden of the bond payments for infrastructure improvements.

The City Council also recently implemented a 3 percent amusement tax, to go into effect on Oct. 1.

Raging Waves already had agreed in an annexation agreement to pay a 5 percent tax. The new tax will be levied on services, such as bowling or pool,

that are not currently taxed—30 cents on every \$10. The **City of Oswego** recently raised its sales tax one percent across the board on all businesses. The amusement tax is less invasive, and an average 50 percent of it will be paid by people coming into our community from the outside, instead of entirely by our residents. This tax will not be levied on food in restaurants, or on any other service that is already taxed. Hopefully, if the new sports complex comes in on the City's north side, we will be able to get revenue in to help pay for infrastructure costs that growth has brought.

If we could have found any other way to pay our bond payments, we would have taken that path. We could

not cut enough employee jobs or services to eliminate our Water Fund deficit.

The former City Council had thought that new growth was going to pay its own way. Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way. The recession hit. Growth all but disappeared. But we all are still responsible for these bond payments.

—Mayor Valerie Burd



Yorkville's hanging baskets grace the City's downtown area from late spring to early fall.

NEW! SENIOR AD HOC COMMITTEE

Join us and voice your opinion at the next Senior Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The committee's goal is to enhance senior services throughout the community. Meetings are on the fourth Monday morning of every month, 8:30 a.m. at the Beecher Community Center, 908 Game Farm, Rd. We'll see you there!

SENIOR NEWS, UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS...

For additional information regarding any items listed below, please contact Senior Services Associates, Inc. at 630.553.5777.

NEW! Register for **Parks and Recreation** senior classes on **Friday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Beecher Community Center.** Classes available for seniors at the REC Center, 202 E. Countryside Parkway include **Silver Sneakers, Senior Fit, Aqua Aerobics** and more!

NEW! **Who's Knocking on Your Door, Thursday, Oct. 21, 9-11 a.m. at the Hampton Inn, 310 E. Countryside Parkway.** Join the **Kendall County Triad and Senior Services Associates, Inc.** for a fashion show dedicated to service personnel. Learn how you can identify individuals who come to your door by knowing their uniforms, how to check for identification, and more! **FREE.** 630.553.5777

NEW! **Thanksgiving luncheon, Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** -Just in time for the holidays! Register for a free Thanksgiving meal at the Beecher Community Center, 902 Game Farm Rd., courtesy of the **Knights of Columbus.** Sign up sheet available at Senior Services. **FREE.** 630.553.5777

NEW! **Wednesday afternoon movies, 1 p.m. at the Beecher Community Center, every other month.** Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 25 for "*The Blind Side*," Wednesday, Oct. 27, "*The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*" and on Wednesday, Dec. 15 join Senior Services Associates, Inc. for the Christmas classic "*White Christmas*." Free movie and popcorn.

SPECIAL EVENT PARTY CALENDAR

AUGUST-Summer Salad Luncheon, Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment by **Steve Askins.**

Cost is \$6 for Senior Services members, \$7 for nonmembers.

SEPTEMBER-Last Fling of Summer, Friday, Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment by **Kym Frankovelgia.** Cost is \$4 for Senior Services members, \$5 for nonmembers.

OCTOBER-Spooktacular Halloween Party and Costume Contest, Friday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment by **Beauty School Drop Outs.** Cost is \$5 for Senior Services members, \$6 for nonmembers.

NOVEMBER-Thanksgiving Celebration, Wednesday, November 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment by **Johnny Gray.** Cost is \$5 for Senior Services members, \$6 for nonmembers. And on **Friday, Nov. 19 Knights of Columbus** free Thanksgiving dinner.

CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

The United City of Yorkville supported the **Senior Services Associates, Inc. Congregate Meal Program** in the 2010/2011 budget by allocating \$5,000 in the general fund. Nutritious, hot meals are served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11 a.m. Meal donations accepted.

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

Mayor's Office, Administration,
Clerk's Office

630.553.4350; Fax: 630.553.7575

Building Safety

630.553.8545

Community Development

630.553.8545

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



HOURS OF OPERATION:

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

630.553.4357

The REC Center

202 E. Countryside Parkway, Yorkville, IL 60560

630.553.2582

• Fall hours effective after Labor Day weekend.

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

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

Saturday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Yorkville Police Department

804 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL, 60560

630.553.4340

• Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Yorkville Public Works

610 Tower Lane, Yorkville, IL 60560

630.553-4370

• Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Yorkville Public Library

902 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL 60560

630.553.4354

• 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: LABOR DAY, SEPT. 6; VETERAN'S DAY, NOV. 11; AND THANKSGIVING, NOV. 25-26.