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Mayor updates residents on city's finances, landfill appeal and development

In October the City found itself in a situation much like a ship at sea, heading for a far port. We needed to make an adjustment in our navigation, and slightly change our direction, if we were going to reach our goal—ending the fiscal year next April with a balanced budget.

Decreasing revenues continue to drive down the amount of money the City has to spend. Although we currently aren't behind in paying our bills, and we are not in a spending deficit, the City's Finance Director **Susan Mika**, who has been closely monitoring our revenues, predicted that if we continued spending as budgeted for the rest of the fiscal year, we would end up next April owing \$550,000 more than the revenues we will receive.

For the past two years, the City's department heads have cut their budgets; they are being as frugal as they can be. We've cut benefits; we've frozen hiring of new people; we've cut some jobs. But more action was needed. We had to make more cuts and try to find other revenue sources to carry us through these hard times.

One suggestion I've brought forward is to charge a \$500 administrative fee for towing cars of people who are found guilty of driving under the influence, drug possession, or other felonies. Aurora and Oswego both charge this fee, and Oswego is projecting it will bring in \$200,000 in annual revenue to that municipality. **Alderman Golinski** has suggested we stop the leaf-pickup program and sell the equipment used by the



Mayor Valerie Burd

public works department. This could save us additional money to maintain other more important services.

I have encouraged aldermen to continue to bring forward their ideas to keep our budget balanced. If anyone in the community has any suggestions, please share them with your alderman, or call me at City Hall. We welcome your ideas.

Another fiscal problem is the City has \$1.2 million owed to us by developers
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City receives 2009 Governor's Home Town Award

The United City of Yorkville's great community effort, spirit, and dedication will be honored on Thursday, Oct. 29 when **Mayor Valerie Burd** accepts the **2009 Governor's Home Town Award** for the community's collaborative efforts in locating a new home for the **Kendall County Food Pantry**.

City officials made the announcement at the September 22 City Council meeting.

Mayor Burd will accept the award on behalf of the many sponsors, and community volunteers that made the Food Pantry's new

home at 1204A Deer Street a reality.

The former pantry was located in the Kendall County Farm Bureau building on Van Emmon.

"We should all be very proud of the award and our community," Burd said.

"This was a great group effort, and I am proud of our Human Resources Commission, and the staff members who worked on this project."

The state's **Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity** administers the awards. The City will receive a plaque and a road sign during the ceremony in honor of their efforts.

Thanks to all for a job well done!

It's all about community!

HOMETOWN DAYS—A PERFECT END TO SUMMER!

Annual Pride and Joy Car show brings out many to last day of festival.



New cars, old cars, theme cars, and pride were all on display when the city's Pride and Joy Car Show took center stage on Sunday, September 6. Car owners from all over joined in on the fun. A great time was had by all!

Although the sky was cloudy, the excitement was clear at the 9th **Annual Pride and Joy Car Show**, sponsored by **Tuffy Auto Service Center** of Yorkville. Visitors perused over 100 cars on display in the parking lot at Beecher Community Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 6. Their owners, eager to show off their prized autos, hailed from Yorkville, Oswego, Plainfield, and other nearby cities.

Richard Bee, of Aurora, could be found shining up the exterior of his car with a cloth, enjoying his very first time at the Pride and Joy show. "I've been to a show in Amboy, Ill. before," he says. His 1957 Chevy 210 four-door sedan sports a classic drive-thru tray in the window, complete with a plastic shake, and a hula dancer in the rear window.

Pride and Joy participants spent the day resting in the shade and showing off their favorite points to passersby. "This show is nice because it's nearer to fall, so it's not so hot," says **Dave Bruce**, of Plainfield. His

"Sub-lime Green" 1970 Plymouth Barracuda caught the eye of the crowd as one of the brightest paint jobs.

The pride was bubbling over for car owner **Gunner Hanson**, who inherited his red '63 Ford Falcon convertible from his uncle back in 1970. "This car has always been in the family," he says wistfully. "My uncle bought it brand new for \$1,832." For being nearly four decades old, Hanson has taken good care of it – the interior is 100 percent original. "It's unique. You just don't see these around anymore."

While he didn't make it to last year's Pride and Joy show, Hanson's cherished Falcon has been here before, as well as in numerous other locations including Geneva and St. Charles. "I have a room full of awards at home," he boasts.

While the amount of love and attention spent on each car by its owner are surely rivaled, some of the more modern cars boast more spent in perking up the interiors.

"We've got 17 monitors in here, including on the

headrests in the back and a 17" TV in the trunk, suede interior, fo-cal speakers...it's about \$65,000 worth of work alone," says **Chuck Goodenough** of he and his wife Cindy's '67 Dodge Charger. They chose to pull from a "Hotwheels" theme, and had the car painted and detailed in the "real Hotwheels orange," according to Chuck. The flame detailing even reaches inside the gas tank cover.

In addition, they even had a Playstation gaming system installed in the front.

"We won first place in a Midwest Expo in Wisconsin," he says. But it's not all about the pride, or the prizes. Sometimes the best reward is spending quality time with the ones you love.

"I mostly just enjoy spending time at car shows with my family," he says. But Chuck already has another project in the works—a truck he purchased from a friend for which he's just begun working out the details.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for next year's show!

United City of Yorkville

HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS

Friday, November 20 - 5-9 p.m.

Downtown Yorkville and Town Square Park

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This year, in addition to Town Square Park, you and your family can stroll Yorkville's Downtown. We'll have plenty of games, kids' activities, a visit from you-know-who, Victorian era carolers and plenty of holiday spirit!

Downtown Yorkville:

- *Stop in at your favorite participating downtown business for treats, giveaways and surprises!
- *Visit with Santa at Freeman's Sports
- *Ride the trackless train
- *Plano Lamplight strolling carolers
- *Food, hot drinks, popcorn, caramel apples for purchase
- *Storytelling and coloring (@131 E. Hydraulic St.)

Town Square Park:

- *Horse and carriage rides, all evening long
- *All-weather ice skating

Chapel on the Green:

- *Yorkville High School Madrigals, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- *Refreshments hosted by Boy Scout Troop #40

Parkview Christian Academy:

- *Gold Star Academy Dancers, 5:30 p.m.
- *Waubensee Community College Jazz Ensemble, 7-8:15 p.m.

Ride the train, horse and carriage, and ice skate for \$5 per family all night long! Free trolley transportation between locations!



Get into the spirit of giving by helping us collect new gloves, hats, scarves and socks to benefit those less fortunate! All donations will benefit the Kendall County Food Pantry. Donations will be collected from 5 to 9 p.m. at participating downtown businesses during the event.



Visit these participating downtown businesses:

Assoc. for Individual Development	Kendall Pub	CCBB, Inc.
Caring Hands Thrift Shop	Realty Executives	C.P.I. Home & Office Computing
Casa Santiago	Upper Crust Catering	First Midwest Insurance
Freeman's Sports	Vignettes	and many more!!
Kendall County Record	Yorkville Flower Shop	

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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HIP, HIP HOORAY! YORKVILLE'S A PLAYFUL CITY USA



It was all fun, games and a large celebration on Monday, Oct. 12 at Riemenschneider Park when Yorkville's Parks and Recreation celebrated its second year as a **Playful City USA**.

Last year, the **United City of Yorkville** was one of 67 cities around the country that received recognition from Playful City USA, a national recognition program

honoring cities and towns across the nation committed to taking action for play.

Area residents enjoyed Columbus Day off playing a variety of games, jumping in the bounce house, and celebrating Yorkville's commitment to recreation.

A great big thank you for all that attended and mark your calendars now for next year's Playful City event!



It was fun and games at Yorkville's Playful City Event. Grand prize winner Sarah DeRosa, of Yorkville, shows off her new bike. Sarah attended 18 out of 21 Playful City events throughout the year to win. Congratulations Sarah!



Mike Franklin, Jr. on the left, Brandon Tudisco in the center, and Ethan O'Brien on the right, affix the shingles on the roof of the new dugout at Beecher Community Park.

EAGLE SCOUT HITS HOME RUN WITH DUGOUT PROJECT

Our kudos to **Brandon Tudisco**, of Yorkville, for planning and building a new dugout as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Brandon, who led the project, received a lot of help along the way with a great team of volunteers who built the new dugout at Beecher Community Park for field #5 located just off of Game Farm Road.

Funds for the \$2,750 project were donated from local businesses, organizations and groups.

Great job Brandon, and a big thanks to all!

2009-2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

•**Holiday Under the Stars**
Friday, Nov. 20, 5-9 p.m., Town Square Park and Downtown Yorkville. This third annual Holiday Festival will warm your heart and get you ready for the holidays! Snacks, games, kids' activities, something for everyone! 630.553.8564

Fun for all ages on Friday night with a host of kids' activities, crafts, basketball, face painting, open swim and more. On Saturday get ready to get moving with a full morning of energized fun, exercises and classes! Free giveaways! 630.553.2582.

•**Chili Chase 5K Run/Walk**
Sunday, Nov. 22, Race at 8:30 a.m., American Legion Post #489, 9054 E. Veterans Parkway. Walk or run but you'll warm up with a hot bowl of chili afterwards! Pre-registration fee is \$20, day of race \$25. 630.553.4357

•**The Yorkville Big Band**
Friday, Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m. at the REC Center. Swing, sway and dance your heart away with musical favorites from artists such as Glen Miller, Count Basie and Harry James.

Resident fee is \$20; nonresident fee is \$25; \$30 at the door. Call the REC Center.

•**Winter OPEN HOUSE**
Friday, Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 9, 8 a.m. - Noon, The REC Center, 202 E. Countryside Parkway.



NEWS FOR YOU!

Hanging Basket Project beautifies downtown Yorkville



Chicago Advertising and Marketing, the Dale Hendrickson family, Ground Effects, Mr. D Building and Remodeling, Kendall County Record, the Kolowski family, Total Image Limousine Service, Inc., Yorkville Garden Club, Carol Batton, Ronald Clark, Ingemunson Law

Offices and Martin Plumbing.

A special thank you to the United City of Yorkville Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments for watering and fertilizing the baskets and planters throughout the season. The baskets look awesome this year thanks to this great team effort!

New sponsors are always needed to keep the baskets going and growing.

The Yorkville Garden Club is currently seeking sponsors for the 2010 hanging basket program. To sponsor a basket for \$50, please call the Yorkville Garden Club at 630.553.0529 or 630.553.5354.

Thank you all!

Yorkville Garden Club appreciates sponsors for downtown project

A great big thank you to all of the sponsors who graciously donated to the **2009 Yorkville Beautification Project**. This project has brought beautiful hanging baskets to the city's downtown area.

The United City of Yorkville partners with the Yorkville Garden Club on this great community project.

The **Yorkville Garden Club** would like to thank the following sponsors:

Ace Hardware, Castle Bank, Castle Insurance,



Yorkville City Council meetings to air on Cable Channel 10 with expanded programming

Yorkville's City Council meetings, regularly shown on **FVTV Channel 17** will now be shown on the public access station's **Government Channel 10**. In addition, Yorkville's City Council meetings will air on Thursday evening following the meeting, and on Saturday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Also, don't forget to check the station's bulletin board for up-to-date information about City events, Public Works schedules, City Council meetings and much more. For more information call, 630.553.8564.

KENDALL COUNTY CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

Submitted by Ward 4 Alderperson Rose Spears

The **Kendall County Congregate Meal Program** focuses on assisting meal recipients while helping them remain independent and in their homes as long as possible through nutritious meals, daily wellness checks and friendly interaction.

Community Nutrition Network (CNN) and Senior Services Associates, Inc. are non-profit organizations that coordinate, manage and deliver approximately 80 nutritious, hot luncheon meals prepared at Yorkville's Beecher Community Center and delivers them daily (Monday through Friday) throughout Kendall County.

Are you eligible? To receive the home-delivered meal service, one must be assessed by a Case Coordinator to determine the level of need and receive the proper services. Please contact Case Coordinator, Penny at 630.553.5777 for complete details.

CNN, supported by the **Meals on Wheels Foundation**, serves meals to homebound individuals and seniors 60 years or age and older as well as their spouses of any age.

Volunteers are needed to deliver hot meals to senior citizens and frail individuals residing in Kendall County. Assigned delivery routes begin at 11:00 a.m. and take approximately one-half hour to complete. Individuals, 18 years of age and older, may volunteer to deliver meals to coincide with their schedules (e.g. daily, twice a week, once a month) to assigned routes. Please contact **Louise Maritato**, site manager, at 630.553.2316 to volunteer your much needed services.



GOING GREEN IN YORKVILLE

REC Center sprouts new rain garden

On Thursday, September 24 United City of Yorkville staff and volunteers with “green thumbs” planted the city’s second rain garden at the REC Center located at 202 E. Countryside Parkway.

The city, along with 19 other communities, was awarded \$500 through the **Illinois Rain Garden Initiative Grant**.

Located on the south side of the REC Center, the garden will

extend approximately 60 feet long to collect water from the building’s roof.

The Illinois Rain Garden Initiative Grant is designed to encourage communities to confront local flooding concerns, restore native Illinois prairie habitats, and to learn additional solutions to storm



City staff and volunteers planted over 430 plants in the new 600 square-foot rain garden located on the south side of the REC Center.

Global Warming

*Submitted by Cheryl Lee
Yorkville's Green Committee*

Global warming is the increase in the average temperature of the Earth’s near-surface air and oceans since the mid-20th century and its projected continuation.

However, the phrase ‘climate change’ is becoming the preferred phrase instead of ‘global warming’ because it helps convey that there are climate changes in addition to rising temperatures.

The science of global warming is well understood. Certain gases, especially CO₂, absorb solar radiation that would otherwise be dissipated back into

space. Like a down comforter on your winter bed, these gases then radiate heat back to the earth. The more of these gases in the atmosphere, the more energy radiated back to earth. Consequently, the higher the percentage of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the greater the amount of the sun’s energy that is trapped on earth.

While rising sea levels threaten our shorelines, increased storm surges and extreme wind events become matters of concern.

Declining soil moisture will mean lost agricultural productivity and more frequent droughts, pests and forest fires.

•**FACT:** The levels of CO₂ have risen from 280 parts per million (ppm) in pre-industrial times to 382 ppm today.

•**FACT:** The earth’s surface temperature increased 1.33 ± 0.32 °F between 1905 and 2005.

If you are interested in making a difference at the local level or becoming a member of Yorkville’s **Green Committee**, meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of every month, 7 p.m. in the Yorkville Public Library. Call 630.553.4350 for more information or e-mail the Committee at green@yorkvill.il.us.

FOR YOU TO KNOW Green web sites to check out

(Printed from going green matters)

Eco-labels center:

www.greenerchoices.org/eco-labels

Here you’ll find out what the labels on your favorite products really mean. As the popularity of green product claims continues to grow, it’s important to know which claims you can trust and which ones you can’t.

Green non-toxic cleaning products: www.planitgreenhome.com

Want to make this New Year’s resolution of going “green and clean” with earth-friendly, non-toxic, organic products a reality, but don’t know how to begin? Start with a new one-stop shopping eco-friendly Web site www.planitgreenhome.com, designed for eco-conscious consumers, who desire leading brands of non-toxic products from around the world, shipped directly to their door, but didn’t know where to find them. Check it out, you’ll be glad you did!



Composting reminders...Securing a lid on your composting bin will eliminate unwanted animals and smells. Also, please remember when composting be aware of your property line and be considerate to your neighbors!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CITY WELCOMES NEW BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

"I plan to protect the interests of the City of Yorkville and its residents, while assisting contractors and developers with their projects," says Paul Zabel, the City's new building code official.

In late August, the United City of Yorkville welcomed **Paul Zabel** as the new Chief Building Code Official.

Born and raised on the West side of Aurora, Paul Zabel has worked a variety of jobs in the Aurora and Sandwich area. He comes to Yorkville with 10 years of experience as a building inspector with the Village of Elburn.

In the fall of 1999, Paul began his work as a building inspector for Elburn. "I utilized my construction experience and my business education to manage the department records, issue building permits, and of course perform inspections for many construction projects in Elburn," he explains.

During his 10 years with the Village of Elburn, he learned a great deal about administrative procedures in government, land development, property zoning, and property maintenance.

"I enjoy being part of the development process, whether it is a homeowner building

a brand new deck or a development company transforming farmland into a thriving commercial development," he says.

Now that he has joined the **United City of Yorkville's Community Development Department**, Paul hopes to accomplish much.

"I plan to protect the interests of the City of Yorkville and its residents, while assisting contractors and developers with their projects," he says.

He also plans to organize the department, streamline operations, and establish a positive working relationship with the contractors and developers in this area."

If all works out, he plans on working with the City of Yorkville for a long time!

Welcome aboard, Paul!



Yorkville's new Code Official, Paul Zabel

GRANTS AND PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL FOR CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

YORKVILLE'S PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM SEES FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

The **United City of Yorkville** completed its first **50/50 Parkway Tree Program** this year.

Residents were able to select and purchase a shade tree from a list at wholesale prices and have the City install the tree in their parkway. Tree prices ranged from \$108 - \$197, depending on the species. Over 25 trees were planted in late September as part of this program.

The 2010 program will be open for orders in the spring, and planting will occur in the fall.

FULL CIRCLE GRANT

The **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**, provided the city with a full circle grant for funding the tree survey project currently underway.

The funds were used to hire two interns to complete the survey and the use of a GPS (Global Positioning System) unit.

The interns are working towards completing a parkway tree survey of all existing trees in the city's limits.

Cathleen Fritts, who worked as a landscape designer,

and **Fred Anderson**, a former teacher who taught plant identification, were hired to collect information on the publicly-owned trees.

When completed, the data collected will include the tree's location with the GPS unit, species, size, and health. This data will be used for a comprehensive analysis of the species of trees in the city, and is required for Yorkville to apply to become a Tree City USA.

RAIN GARDEN GRANT

The City received an **Illinois Rain Garden Initiative** grant to help fund the installation of a rain garden on city property. The garden was planted on the south side of the REC Center building, located on Countryside Parkway. The 600 square-foot rain garden, when in full bloom, will sprout approximately 430 plants.

The new rain garden will help to absorb the roof runoff from the building by collecting rain from four gutters that empty into this area. A drainage system helps to move the water throughout the garden.

A great big thank you to our volunteers and staff!



FROM OUR ALDERMEN

Know Your City Council

City Hall:

Phone: 630.553.4350

Fax: 630.553.7575

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

WARD INFORMATION:

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.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

The United City of Yorkville publishes this newsletter quarterly. Questions or comments can be directed to 630.553.8564 or by e-mailing gspies@yorkville.il.us.

WEB SITE INFORMATION:

The United City of Yorkville Web site provides up to the minute information on many City events, meetings and programs. If you have a question on an event, refuse collection or need a phone number for a City department go to our Web site at www.yorkville.il.us. If you can't find something or have a suggestion, call 630.553.8564 for immediate help.

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

As we head into winter, I hope all the residents are finding themselves ready for the holiday season and the warmth and joy that the giving season brings to our families and community. I wish all health, happiness, and prosperity!

I would like to give all residents a quick update as to the accomplishments for Ward 1.

We as a City have made progress for the residents of Windett Ridge and Raintree. As of this point, it appears that the developers and banks have agreed to complete items of necessity that have yet to be completed due to the market conditions, lack of building and growth, and the transfer of responsibility from developers to banks and vice versa.

I would like to attribute the progress made to priority and persistence by your aldermen. Without demanding clarity, priority, and expedient answers with the emphasis on what is in the best interest of the residents that are being affected, we would not have seen the results we have to this point.

As your alderman, I feel that it is important to stand up for the residents in every aspect, despite the opposing entity. I was elected to represent you, and this is what I intend to do with vigor and my 100 percent dedication. For those that have brought forth issues to my attention, I believe that you have likely found this to be true. I have brought all issues forward for investigation and resolution if at all possible. I will remain steadfast in doing this with expediency and priority for our residents.

I currently serve on the Public Works and Administration Committees. Many good things have come from these committees. The most recent that I proposed and was passed by council was a new bond reduction policy by the city to account for costs of inflation to projects that were estimated and bonded based on today's prices. This is very important in this day and age when

projects are being delayed and the costs for completion rise over time. This new policy will assist the city in offsetting these rising costs and covering this work with a bond reduction that accounts for this issue.

Last but not least, I want all to know that I remain committed to being fiscally conservative with your tax dollars and 100 percent accountable in every aspect of City business.

—George Gilson Jr. Alderman - Ward 1

From the desk of Robyn Sutcliff Alderman, Ward 3

Anyone who travels Game Farm Road before or after school knows that it is real traffic nightmare. The good news is that the City of Yorkville has a plan for this.

The Game Farm Road/Somonauk Road improvement plans are mostly finished as far as planning and engineering is concerned. The project runs from Route 34 to Route 47 and also includes one block of Somonauk Street from Route 47 to Colton. The roads will be expanded to three lanes with a center turn lane throughout. There will also be two additional turn lanes at Yorkville Grade School and Yorkville High School.

The entire project is estimated to cost a total of \$6 million. The city of Yorkville is receiving federal grants totaling \$2,672,500 to be used toward the project.

The start date for this project is the spring of 2011

with the majority of the work to be completed by the end of that year.

The other major project I get questions about is the construction of the Glen Palmer Dam.

What seems like an endless project, has made considerable progress.

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The Glen Palmer Dam under construction.

FROM OUR ALDERMEN

The construction is to create a level 3 Whitewater Recreation Area.

The project is designed to create two routes that will allow canoeists and kayakers to safely navigate a boat through the dam site. The Moderate Waterway Route (Class 2 or less) is designed to serve both open and closed deck boats.

An inexperienced boater who enters the bypass channel will be directed to the center line of this route with little to no maneuvering required.

On the other hand, the Challenge Waterway Route is designed to serve primarily closed deck boats. It is intended to be difficult and challenging for an inexperienced boater to enter this route. Experienced boaters will be challenged with this route because it was also designed to provide moderate waves and eddies for maneuvering around and within.

There is not another attraction like this in this entire region of the country. **The Illinois Department of Natural Resources** is paying for, and performing all the work. When



Construction continues on the Glen Palmer Dam project scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2010. The possibilities are endless for the new canoe/kayak chute!

complete, the running and maintenance of the park and surrounding area will rest on the shoulders of Yorkville.

Alderman Wally Werdrich and Bart Olson, interim director of Parks and Recreation Department presented the plans at the Aurora Paddlesports Festival this summer and was met with a great deal of

enthusiasm and interest.

This kayaking activity will be open to all. I have high hopes that this regional/national draw will spur interest in the redevelopment of our historic downtown on the river.

Good things are happening in Ward 3 and the City of Yorkville.

It is important to me to stay connected to the residents. I send out regular e-mails updating residents of what is happening in our city. I encourage you to contact me with questions and concerns and send me your e-mail address to be added to my growing list. Sign up today by e-mailing me at Robyn3rdWard@sbcglobal.net.

WARD 4

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ALDERPERSON ROSE SPEARS

FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES

Due to current economic conditions I have received numerous phone calls and e-mails regarding neighboring properties that are not being maintained. I am currently in contact with Bank of America and the management firm, IBT Management, for updates regarding the Grande Reserve development. I have been providing these development updates (via e-mail) to Ward 4 residents.

Please continue to contact me and relay the code violation address and condition of the property. I will view the properties and request the management firm and/or City staff to take the appropriate actions to correct the code violations.

Please contact me at RoseA00@aol.com or 630.553.8371. Anyone interested in participating in my update to residents e-mail list, please e-mail me with your contact information.

WARD 4 MEETING

There has been discussion regarding conducting a Ward 4 meeting within the next two months in order to keep residents updated on current City issues.

I would encourage you to contact me and inform me of specific topics, services, concerns and/or issues you would like us to discuss during the meeting.

RoseA00@aol.com or
630.553.8371.

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 third Thursday evening of each month, 6 p.m.

City Council

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays evenings of the month, 7 p.m.

Fire and Police Commission

Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 27, 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, 6:30 p.m.

Police Pension Board

Meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m.

Green Committee

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

For up-to-date meeting
information and cancellations
visit the city's Web site at
www.yorkville.il.us.

SEASONAL REMINDERS...

•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.

•Snow Shoveling Restrictions

The winter season is fast approaching. Please remember that when shoveling, it is unlawful to deposit snow onto City streets when removing snow from driveways and sidewalks. Violation of the City's ordinance may result in a \$50 fine per occurrence.

•Snowfall Parking Restrictions

Parking on streets in the United City of Yorkville is prohibited after a snowfall of more than 2 inches and remains in effect for 24 hours after the snowfall has ended.

PUBLIC WORKS SCHEDULES AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING INFORMATION

LEAF PICK UP

Nov. 9-13 South of the Fox River
Nov. 16-20 North of the Fox River

YARD WASTE PICK UP

Veolia Environmental Services collects unlimited yard waste from April 1 through Nov. 30, so now's your opportunity to take advantage of this great service!

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.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The city's Public Works facility, 610 Tower Lane accepts recycled electronics during the hours of 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.

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.

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.

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** at 630.587.8282 or visit their Web site at www.OnyxWasteServices.com.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Veolia Environmental Services will collect Christmas trees free of charge during the first two weeks in January. For questions, please call Veolia at 630.587.8282.



Call the Public Works Department at 630.553.4370 or Veolia Environmental Services at 630.587.8282 with questions concerning any of the information listed above.

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Yorkville Police Dept. receives multiple grants

As of Aug. 18, the **Yorkville Police Department** has secured three separate grants for new equipment, programs, and services to benefit the community.

A \$1,000 grant awarded by **Target** has allowed the city to further their efforts on **Project Mother Nature**, which was developed in conjunction with the **Kendall County TRIAD** and assists seniors in need of lawn care and other outside chores.

The program is specifically geared toward elder abuse and used as a vehicle to monitor seniors who are unable to take care of their outside maintenance duties.

The Target grant will be used to pay a local business to cut the lawns and will also eliminate

the need for volunteers to have to borrow or own the necessary equipment.

If you or someone you know is 65 years of age or older and in need of short-term yard care maintenance such as lawn mowing or leaf raking, contact the Yorkville Police Department at 630.553.4340.

With the help of **Sgt. Dave Delaney**, the YPD has also received a grant from the **Illinois Justice Information Authority** to replace 16 worn-out handheld radios. "Some of our radios have been in service for over 10 years now," said **Chief Harold Martin**.

Since budget cuts kept the Police Department from ordering the radios, Sgt. Delaney, on behalf of the YPD, applied to the **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**, which requires only a 25 percent match for federal grant funds.

While the cost of replacing the 16 radios is approximately \$10,000, the police department's match for this grant is \$2,500, while the federal grant award is \$7,500. The YPD's portion of the cost will be funded through the city's drug seizure funds.

The Yorkville Police Dept. was also awarded a **Highway Safety IMAge Grant** from the **Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety**. The \$30,000 grant covers the enforcement of five holiday periods including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day during Oct. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2010.

The majority of the grant will be used toward nearly 500 hours of overtime for officers on-duty during these periods, primarily directed toward speeding, seatbelt enforcement, and alcohol-related traffic offenses.



Pedestrians have the Green Light at Yorkville Crosswalks

According to Illinois state law, pedestrians have the right-of-way within a marked or unmarked intersection crosswalk. Drivers of vehicles approaching a crosswalk area when a pedestrian is present are required to stop. Motorists violating the law will be ticketed.

To view the rules of the road go to www.yorkville.il.us.

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and Fox Moraine LLC, who can't or won't pay us. Because much of this money has been on the City's books since 2006, in 2008 Finance Director Mika asked the City Council to pass a bad debt policy so that we will have a better understanding of our financial situation. The passed policy requires the City to get debt off its books if it is not collected within 12 months. We need to adhere to this policy more stringently, but we also need to continue to collect as much of this money as we can. Unfortunately, that money was part of what was reported as our fund balance, or "rainy day" fund. The good news is that it isn't money we were depending on to balance our budget.

Some good news – the City has won the appeal by **Fox Moraine LLC** to the **Illinois Pollution Control Board**. The Board voted 5-0 to affirm the City's decision not to site a landfill on the Fox Moraine property west on Rt. 71. Since the City Council's 2007 decision not to site the landfill, this administration has borne the burden of leading the fight to defeat the appeal. Residents should understand how costly these legal battles have been for the City and for them – more than \$800,000 to date, right out of the City's general fund.

In addition to the appeal, the City is suing Fox Moraine for \$150,000 owed for hearing expenses it is required by ordinance to pay, fighting a de-annexation case which we won in the local court but has now been appealed, and defending

our right to issues tickets for rubbish violations. Another case supports the Attorney General's complaint. In addition, the Pollution Control Board's decision also may be appealed.

Another piece of good news -- an employee in our Engineering Department, **Jennifer Woodrick**, has identified \$400,000 in fees owed by the **Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District** to the City for properties annexed in to the District for the Countryside Interceptor. Jennifer is continuing to investigate to see if she can discover other outstanding fees still owed for other interceptors.

I know that the financial news sounds glum, but after talking to representatives from many other municipalities throughout Illinois, I realize that Yorkville is lucky. We are not millions of dollars in the red. We will be able to balance our budget this year. And we still, even in these tough financial times, have people opening businesses in Yorkville, people coming to us with ideas for exciting new projects, people who want to invest in our community.

I encourage you to "Shop Yorkville" and help the new businesses, and all of our retail establishments, keep their doors open. Working together and encouraging and supporting each other will help us get through the bad times.

—Mayor Valerie Burd

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HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS
FRIDAY, NOV. 20 * 5-9 P.M.
TOWN SQUARE & DOWNTOWN

PASSED ORDINANCES

Listed below are ordinances passed by the United City of Yorkville City Council from June 23 to September 8. 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.

6/23/2009

2009-32 Ordinance Declaring Compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act

2009-33 Ordinance Approving Regional Stormwater Management Facility Easement Agreement (Mesirow Property)

07/14/2009

2009-34 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the United City of Yorkville and the County of Kane (CMAP Full Circle Grant)

2009-35 Ordinance Amending City Code Providing for Liquor Control (BASSET Training)

2009-36 Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement for the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area (Bridge Street Development)

07/18/2009

2009-37 Ordinance Rezoning Fountainview Subdivision from B-3 Service Business District to Planned Unit Development (PUD)

08/11/2009

2009-38 Ordinance Approving a Recreational Lease Agreement for Disc Golf between the City and ComEd

2009-39 Ordinance Approving a Recreational Lease Agreement for a Shared-Use Trail between the City and ComEd

2009-40 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Haehner Property)

2009-41 Ordinance Amending City Code Providing for the Regulation of Wind Energy Systems

8/25/2009

2009-42 Ordinance Amending City Code Regarding Landscaping

2009-43 Ordinance Approving a Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan for Cannonball Trails

2009-44 Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision for Cannonball Trails

09/08/2009

2009-45 Ordinance Amending City Code Title 6 - Traffic, Chapter 3 - Traffic Schedules (Church Street & W. Main Street)

2009-46 Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2005-01 and Amending the City Code regarding Fireworks

2009-47 Ordinance Granting a Variance at 1402 North Bridge Street

2009-48 Ordinance Adopting the Integrated Transportation Plan and Fox River Water Shed

2009-49 Ordinance Amending City Code Regarding Removal from Office of Appointed Officers

2009-50 Ordinance Repealing 2008 Park Development Standards and Adopting New Park Development Standards

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE 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.-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

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.-5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.-3 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: Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observation of Veteran's Day, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27 in observation of Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 for Christmas and on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 in observance of New Year's Day.