

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### Meet Our Employees

*Officer Sarah Cernekee*



Officer Cernekee started her law enforcement career with the Yorkville Police Department four years ago. Prior to that time Officer Cernekee contemplated a career in teaching and acquired a Bachelors degree from Augustana College. Her major was secondary education with a minor in history. Sarah befriended several officers during her physical activities in Ironman triathlon competitions and became interested in a criminal justice profession.

While working at the Yorkville Police Department, she has become involved in several aspects of the field, including community policing, traffic enforcement, bike patrol, senior citizen assistance and field training officer. Officer Cernekee has also written several articles for this publication including "Traffic Corner." Her certifications include Bike Officer, Elder Service Officer, Juvenile Officer, Truck Enforcement Officer, DUI Enforcement Officer, and a Breath Alcohol Content Instrument Operator.

Officer Cernekee enjoys, running, biking, swimming, and working out.

### Kendall Transit

#### *Countywide Transit Services*

Is this a possibility in Kendall County? Yes! It is not just a possibility but may be a reality in the near future.

To fund the proposed countywide transit system, the Voluntary Action Center of DeKalb estimated that roughly \$500,000 is needed. Kendall County is pursuing a Rural and Small Urban Areas (5311) Grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation that could provide 80% of the required funding. The County is also preparing submissions for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Initiative (NFI) grants administered by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The potential State and Federal grant programs require a 20% local match.

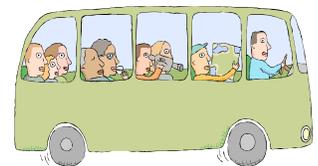
Because all organizations have limited budgets and the proposed countywide transit program will provide transportation for all residents, the Working Group is proposing that a combination of local governments commit as primary local match partners. The collective resources of all will create an "economy of scale" and allow the community to fund a program that meets the needs of its residents.

This project has been in the works since 2005 and if everything continues as scheduled, Kendall Transit could be up and running during the summer of 2008.

The different communities within Kendall County are

meeting and a financial equation is being negotiated. The vision of the Working Group would be to use shuttle bus size vehicles along with several smaller type vehicles, such as mini vans. There would be several standard routes along with flexible and demand response routes. The flexible route would be defined as a hybrid of fixed and demand-response services. While a bus or van passes along fixed stops and keeps to a timetable, the bus or van can deviate its course between two stops to go to a specific location for a pre-scheduled request, often used to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities.

A demand response route is a system of transporting individuals that is specifically adapted to meet the travel needs of the individual. Users are able to schedule rides with specific pick-up/drop-off times and locations.



The recommendations and schedule are still in the design stages. This information is only highlights of the current draft. As the program is developed, we will provide you updates in the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.

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### Identity Theft

Identity theft is a complex crime that is growing. Detective Mott has gone through an investigative class and the following are some tidbits of information.

#### Statistics & Data

- Identity theft victims spend an average of 175 hours and \$800 in out of pocket expenses to clear their names.
- Identity theft is the #1 fraud complaint to the Federal Trade Commission
- There was over \$53 Billion in losses last year from ID theft.
- ID theft affects 1 in 5 Americans.

#### How It Is Done

ID thieves steal personal information. Then they open accounts in the victim's name and run up charges on that account or they use the personal information to charge goods and services to the victim's account. In other cases, they may work, or even be arrested, while using the victim's name.

If you are interested in learning more, let's set up a session for your Neighborhood Watch group. Please call Barry Groesch at 630 553-8511.



### TrAIL

*Tracking Alcohol in IL Program*

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**Tracking Alcohol in IL**

This is a new pilot program administered through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC).

The goal of TrAIL is to hold accountable those who provide alcohol to minors, with a secondary goal of tracking injuries caused by underage drinking.

We at the Yorkville Police Department are excited about this program because it will support our investigation of these cases. The ILCC will be empowering their special agents to serve as TrAIL investigators. These investigators will have the power of the ILCC behind them and the resources to interview and examine these specific crimes, which will give them an added investigative edge to unravel these offenses.

The partnerships that we build with other agencies are imperative to the future safety of our citizens. Whatever we can do to accommodate programs like this only helps us in safeguarding the public.

For more information regarding this program please visit their web site at [www.state.il.us/lcc](http://www.state.il.us/lcc).

### Traffic Corner

The topic for this month is pedestrian-centered laws. According to the Illinois Vehicle Code, a vehicle approaching an intersection must stop before entering into the crosswalk section. This is to ensure that the pedestrians are able to cross the intersection safely. Also, it is stated in the law that a vehicle must yield to pedestrians with disabilities or those waiting to cross at a crosswalk. Pedestrians should, whenever possible, walk on the right side of the crosswalk, just like driving a car in the street.



A pedestrian can also be ticketed for being under the influence of drugs or alcohol while walking on a highway. A pedestrian cannot solicit a ride or business while standing in the roadway. This presents a danger to those standing in the roadway as well as those trying to drive around the individual.

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