

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Pedestrian Crosswalk

Yorkville's Mayor Valerie Burd is paving the way for a pedestrian friendly community. As more residents and visitors use walking as a primary mode of relaxation and transportation, the marking of popular pedestrian crosswalks are becoming a primary focus for Burd and Yorkville's Police Department

To ensure public safety at two of the city's major intersections, Yorkville police have added bright green yield signs as an additional warning to drivers that

stopping for pedestrians is the law. One such sign has been placed on Route 47 and Main Street



adjacent to the city's popular Town Square Park and the other is in the center of the downtown area located at Route 47 and Hydraulic.

Currently both areas are marked with the appropriate wide white stripings, an indication that it is a designated pedestrian crosswalk. But safety at these intersections has been a challenge because of Route 47 and their central locations.

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.

The issue for Burd is the safety of people who are on foot, children and the elderly. "There's a lot of people out there who are driving and don't know that they need to stop for people who are walking across the street in these intersections," Burd said. "I have received several calls from individuals who are elderly and really just need the extra time to get across without being pressured. I also see a lot of people running across the street in these intersections just to beat the traffic. There really isn't any need for that."

Yorkville's Police Chief Harold Martin confirms that there will be constant and consistent monitoring of the signs and crosswalks.

"The Yorkville Police Department will make a concerted effort to reduce the amount of violations taking place at our pedestrian crosswalks," Martin said. "We have placed warning signs at those crosswalks that we have deemed to be used consistently by our citizen pedestrians. Those that are found to be violating the warning signs and state law will be ticketed. This law pertains to any pedestrian that is physically in the crosswalk."

During the school year the Police Department places the signs at Rt. 47 and Washington Street, Rt. 126 and Mill Street, at Somonauk and Kings Streets, and on Game Farm Road in front of Yorkville High School and City Hall and where children are present and directly across from schools.

Citizens Police Academy XIV Graduation

The Yorkville Police Department would like to congratulate our fourteenth basic Citizens Police Academy for completing the thirteen-session training in the summer of 2009. The participants have had dialog with numerous county officials including the States Attorney Eric Weis, Deputy Coroner Jacquie Marcellis, Special Response Team Commander Rich Hart, and Kencom Dispatcher Heather just to name a few. They also received training from our Canine Officer Andy Jeleniewski, Kendall County Corrections, Sgt. Hawkins, and from the Cooperative Police Assistance Team past inspectors Sgt. Dave Delaney and Sgt. Larry Hilt. The training also allows three field trips that include the Kendall County Corrections, Ken Com Dispatch Center, and the Kendall County Coroners Office. This program benefits all parties involved, it helps the student comprehend the judicial process and it keeps the presenter attuned to the public's perception. Our class allows you to meet and understand what each respective representative's job is and gives you the opportunity to build a rapport with that person. If you want to take your knowledge a little further, after graduation there is an opportunity to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni. The alumni meet monthly and help the police department in all areas of policing.

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Get Your Credit Report

Order a copy of your credit report from the three nationwide consumer reporting companies every year to check on their accuracy and whether they include only those debts and loans you've incurred. This could be very important if you're considering a major purchase, such as a house or a car. An Amendment to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the major nationwide consumer reporting companies to provide you with a free copy of your credit reports, at your request, once every 12 months.

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4th of July Cross Walk

Our 4th of July activities held at the Town Square Park this year were a little damp, but a great success.

We have continued to assist citizens across the rather busy Route 47 highway at two locations; Main Street and at Center Street. Each year we try to make it safer and easier for pedestrians to cross and I think we have found a winning combination by having two officers at each intersection. By having two officers there are more eyes on traffic and the families who are looking to get across.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank our officers who were out in the rain for four hours completing an outstanding job for our citizens.



The following are those officers:

Officer Pat McMahon

Officer Jeff Johnson

Officer Jordan Poulos

Officer Dale Arentsen

Officer Dale Page

Cadet Jordan Kurtz

Thanks for a job well done.

Yorkville Water Rules

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

- All properties with even-numbered street numbers may use water only on even-numbered calendar dates during permitted hours of water usage.
- All properties with odd-numbered street numbers may use water only on odd-numbered calendar dates during permitted hours of water usage.
- Hours permitted are 5:00 am to 9:00 am and/or 9:00 pm to midnight.

Please use your water wisely.



Cooling Centers

We have cooling centers in Yorkville if the heat is getting too much for you. Anyone can visit the Beecher Community Center at 908 Game Farm Road 8:00AM – 4:00 PM or the Kendall County Health Department at 811 W. John Street from 8:00AM - 9:00PM (MTW) and 8:00AM-4:30PM (TF).

On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:

www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:

www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com