



YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

August 2010

National Night Out - Thanks

We would like to extend our thanks to our National Night Out partners:

- 7-Eleven
- Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District
- Grand Rental Station
- Home Plate Hot Dogs
- Reserve at Fox River Apartments
- Rush-Copley Hospital
- Target
- Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Alumni
- Yorkville Community Band
- Yorkville Parks & Recreation Department
- Yorkville Spinal Health Rehab

Yorkville Police Department Switches From D.A.R.E. to G.R.E.A.T. In Schools

What is G.R.E.A.T.? G.R.E.A.T. stands for **G**ang **R**esistance **E**ducation **A**nd **T**raining. In 1991, the G.R.E.A.T. Program was developed through a combined effort of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Phoenix Police Department.



The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization

against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. The G.R.E.A.T. Program offers a continuum of components for students and their families.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program consists of four (4) interrelated components. Each component is designed to target different audiences. Each component has outlined lessons to fit the target group's needs and skills and satisfy age-appropriate goals. Each component can stand alone to teach the necessary skills and attitudes that will help youth resist the pressures to become involved in gang behavior and avoid situations that could lead to violence. The ultimate goal of each component is to create positive behavior changes.

The middle school component is the core curriculum and the foundation of the G.R.E.A.T. Program. The middle school component must be taught in each jurisdiction where the G.R.E.A.T. Program is implemented.

Since its inception in 1991, over 12,000 law enforcement officers have been certified as G.R.E.A.T. instructors and close to 6 million students have graduated from the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

Yorkville Police Department Officer Behr Pfizenmaier will be

attending G.R.E.A.T. training in August and will be teaching the curriculum for the coming school year. Officer Pfizenmaier will also be the School Resource Officer for the Yorkville Middle School. If you have any questions about the G.R.E.A.T. program, please feel free to contact Officer Pfizenmaier at (630) 553-4340.

Funeral Processions: Who has the right-of way?

Have you ever seen a funeral procession coming down the road and wondered who has the right-of-way? Or, have you ever been in a funeral procession and wondered what you can and cannot do?

Illinois law gives funeral processions the right-of-way at intersections when headlights are lit. The lead vehicle must comply with stop signs and traffic lights, but once it has done so, all the following vehicles can proceed without stopping, provided they exercise due caution. Also, the procession must yield to an approaching emergency vehicle or when directed by a police officer. Vehicles not in the procession cannot enter it unless directed by a police officer and other vehicles cannot join the procession and turn on their headlights in order to gain the right-of-way granted to the procession. Other vehicles cannot pass a vehicle in an organized funeral procession, except where a passing lane has been specifically provided. (625 ILCS 5/11-1420)

School Bus Safety

With school returning to session soon, we would like to remind residents of bus safety and the importance of being aware of kids at or near area bus stops.

What is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride? The bus stop! Children are at greatest risk when they are getting on or off the school bus. Most of the children killed in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, five to seven years old, who are getting on or off the bus. They are hit by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. In neighborhoods, near schools, and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care because children do not behave like adults.



When a school bus is traveling on a **two-lane roadway** and is stopped to pick up or drop off pupils, the vehicles in all lanes of traffic **must stop**. Vehicles should stop at least 20 feet before reaching the school bus to allow pupils to cross the roadway safely.

Car Burglaries

The Yorkville Police Department has been investigating a recent rash of car burglaries in Fox Hill Subdivision. Police are asking residents to be vigilant in reporting any suspicious person(s) or behavior. In addition, police are reminding **ALL** residents to limit the opportunities for criminals by locking the doors to their vehicles.

Preventing a car break-in:

- **Lock your car doors.** This is as simple as it sounds, but you would be surprised at how much is stolen from cars with unlocked doors. Of course, locked doors don't do much good if you leave the windows down, so roll up windows also.
- **Don't leave anything of value in the car.** The purse or golf clubs that are visible through the window make an inviting target. If you have to leave items in the car, at least put them out of sight in the trunk. Always take these personal items into your home when you park for the evening.
- **Use safety features if you have them.** Activating your car alarm.
- **Park in a well-lit area that is visible to others.** If your car is broken into, it is important that you report this to the police department. The suspect's fingerprints might be found on your car, or other evidence might be discovered.
- **Other measures.** If you are a victim, notify the police and make a report. Notify neighbors, neighborhood groups such as Neighborhood Watch or the business or apartment management.

Hot Weather!

With the fun of hot summer days, spent splashing in the pool, upon us, it is also important to remember the dangers associated with hot weather. People should be aware some of these dangers, such as heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt contained in sweat. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure and people working

or exercising in a hot environment. Warning signs of heat exhaustion include:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness and weakness
- Dizziness or fainting
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting

What to do when you notice these signs:

- Rest in a cool, preferably air-conditioned, area.
- Loosen clothing.
- Cool down with a shower, bath or sponge bath
- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic and caffeine-free beverages.
- Seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

Area Cooling Centers can be found at the following locations:

Beecher Community Center

(630) 553-5777

908 Game Farm Road, Yorkville

Senior Service Associates

(630) 553-5777

908 Game Farm Road, Yorkville

Cross Lutheran Church

(630) 553-7335

8609 Rt. 47, Yorkville

Fox Valley Y.M.C.A.

(630) 552-4100

3875 Eldamain Road, Plano

Grace Community Church

(630) 553-0700

Rt. 126 & Mill Road, Yorkville

Kendall County Health

Department

(630) 553-9100

811 W. John Street, Yorkville

Kendall County Public Safety Center

(24 hour availability)

(630) 553-7500

1102 Cornell Road, Yorkville

Yorkville Public Library

(630) 553-4354

902 Game Farm Road, Yorkville