

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

January 2008

### Meet Our Employees

This month's featured officer is M. Garrett Carlyle.

#### Officer Carlyle



One of several new employees at the Yorkville Police Department is a local boy from Newark, Illinois. Officer Carlyle grew up going to the local schools and working on his family's farm. Officer Carlyle continued his schooling at Northern Illinois University and acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology.

Officer Carlyle's career choice was influenced by his grandfather who retired from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). He also has an uncle who is a lieutenant at King County, North Carolina. He aspired to emulate these family members while growing up.

Officer Carlyle would like to work toward several different aspects of law enforcement including bike patrol, evidence technician (ET), and the Special Response Team (SRT). Officer Carlyle is very excited about his appointment and is looking forward to starting his career in his hometown area.

Officer Carlyle is newly married and continues to work on his family farm during his off time. His hobbies consist of childhood pastimes, including fishing and hunting.

### Snow Deposits on Streets

There have been several incidences of residents cleaning their drive off into the street. Doing this could create a hazard that could lead to not only criminal charges, but also to civil litigation.

Usually when the resident is cleaning their driveway the streets have already been plowed so new snow applied may not be cleaned off.

The following is ordinance 2004-27, *Snow Deposits on Streets* (Section 7-1-3).

- A. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow onto the streets while removing snow from driveways and sidewalks.
- B. Violation of this section shall result in a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine per occurrence.
- C. Any United City of Yorkville inspector, employee, officer or citizen observing a violation of said section may file a complaint by notifying the United City of Yorkville Police Department.

Please help the City and keep your area clear of any debris.



### Parking After Snowfall

There are hundreds of ordinances that have been written and adopted by the United City of Yorkville. These laws have been enacted to help make our city safe for all involved.

One particular ordinance addresses parking on the roadway after the snow has arrived. The following is Ordinance 2002-33, *Parking After Snowfall* (Section 6-2-3G).

1. There shall be no parking on any streets in the United City of Yorkville, except for emergency vehicles during emergencies, after a snowfall of more than two inches (2").
2. There shall be no parking on any city street in the United City of Yorkville after a two inch (2") snowfall for twenty four (24) hours after the snowfall has ended.
3. The Public Works Department is directed to prepare and install signs throughout the community regarding this subsection G.
4. Violation of this subsection G shall result in a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine per occurrence.
5. Additionally, the City shall further be allowed the right to tow any illegally parked vehicle and to assess to the owner or driver of said vehicle any and all reasonable towing charges as are billed to the city.

During our last snowfall the police department had to tow several vehicles, which is an added expense to the owner and very time consuming project for the police department.



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### Kendall County Corrections Release Status

We would like to warn the residents directly located near the Kendall County Corrections facility to take extra precautions when letting a stranger into your residence. In fact we suggest that you not allow any stranger to enter your residence.

There are no traveling stipulations as to the release of a prisoner from Kendall County Corrections. When a prisoner is released and does not have any traveling arrangements made, they basically start walking.

You may have noticed signs on Route 34 stating not to pick up hitchhikers. These signs are placed there to remind drivers that it is illegal to pick up hitchhikers and that as they are near a corrections facility, prior inmates could be the ones looking for a ride.

This informational notice is not intended to alarm or place any undue stress on any residents near this correctional facility; it is simply a reminder to use common sense when dealing with someone you are not familiar with.

If someone you do not recognize comes to your door requiring assistance, advise them you will call the police so that they can obtain the assistance that is needed.

### Illinois Liquor Control Commission Award



The Yorkville Police Department has been involved in training our liquor licensees for over five years through Beverage Alcohol Seller Server Education Training (BASSET), which is a six-hour state curriculum.

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission named Sergeant Barry Groesch the BASSET Trainer-of-the-Quarter for his continued work in teaching local liquor establishments the proper techniques of selling alcohol.

The class is designed to motivate the student to ask questions and interact with their knowledge on the subject. All waiters, waitresses, bartenders or anyone else who serves alcohol is invited to attend. The class is free and a meal is provided by the Yorkville Chamber of Commerce.

The class is taught in five modules that include the Scope of the Alcohol Problem, Characteristics of Alcohol, Dram Shop Act, Preventing Underage Sales, and Alcohol Management. Another aspect of our class discusses city ordinance issues and compliance check general orders.

Please contact Sgt. Barry Groesch at (630) 553-8511 if you are interested in attending one of the future BASSET classes that are held in Yorkville.

### Resident Park Patrol

The Superintendent of Parks, Scott Sleezer, is requesting some help from all Neighborhood Watch participants. During the winter months many of the parks are not being used due to weather conditions, but damage and misuse can still happen. In fact, because the parks are more desolate, some older kids may hang out and misuse and damage the equipment.

If you see anyone abusing your parks, please contact the police. Also, if you notice any damage due to a tree falling or other nature-related cause, please call the Parks Department at (630) 553-4370.

Remember no matter what time of the year it is the parks close at dusk. Thanks for your help in this matter.

### On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:  
[www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us)

Illinois Laws:  
[www.legis.state.il.us](http://www.legis.state.il.us)

Secretary of State:  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)