

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

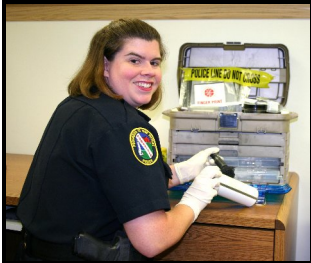
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Employee

This month's featured employee is Detective Stacey Mott.

Detective Stacey Mott



Detective Mott started her career at the Joliet Police Department but quickly acquainted herself to her much more diminutive surroundings here at the United City of Yorkville.

Detective Mott completed her Bachelor's degree at Western Illinois University in criminal justice administration with minors in psychology sociology.

Detective Mott is a certified evidence technician, equine rescue officer, juvenile officer, and breathalyzer operator. She has also been to numerous investigative classes including photography, forensic interviewing, identity theft, and investigative computer techniques.

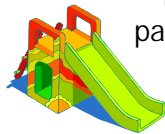
One of her passions involves domestic violence, where she was invited to attend the first Illinois Victims Assistance Academy presented by the Illinois Attorney Generals Office. She teaches at our very own Yorkville Citizens Police Academy.

Detective Mott enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and fishing in her spare time.

Yorkville Parks Watch

Yorkville Superintendent of Parks Scott Sleezer is requesting help from our Yorkville Neighborhood Watch participants.

The equipment in Yorkville parks can be very complicated and needs to be maintained by certified park employees because of the technical expertise it takes to keep them in safe condition. The staff has noticed some of the equipment has been altered by unknown person(s) removing secured bolts. The tampering of this equipment could make it hazardous to the user.



If you live near the parks or are even just driving by and observe anyone dismantling any of the playground equipment, please immediately call the Yorkville Police Department. This activity is not just some type of prank but could hurt an unsuspecting child.

Let's all be good stewards to our parks and keep an extra eye out for the safety of our children.

Dog Nuisance

We have continued to receive complaints regarding barking dogs. We would like to take some time to review information presented in last month's newsletters on how to deal with this frequent neighborhood problem.

What can you do without being known as the neighborhood demon? If you

are having a problem, your neighborhood is having a problem, and it should be addressed as the same. Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captain and give your concerns in a non-emotional but assertive manner. This issue should then be brought up at your next block meeting, along with other concerns in your neighborhood. The police department can also be contacted to have a representative at your meeting to help explain the ordinance and state laws regarding your concerns.

Your first step is to approach this problem as a neighborhood, not as an individual. By working as a team, it is possible to solve neighborhood problems without creating any hard feelings.



Kendall County Fair



The Kendall County Fair will be opening their fair gates on August 2,3,4,5. The fair is a rather new venue for Kendall County, but each year it just gets better and better.

This year they will be featuring a Demolition Derby, Truck & Tractor Pull, Professional Bull Riding, and the usual exhibits you grow to expect and enjoy.

For more information about our own Kendall County Fair please check the Internet at www.KendallCountyFair.com.

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Traffic Corner

Part of a police officer's job is to conduct traffic stops on offenders who don't obey the rules of the road. On any given road at any given time, an officer conducts a traffic stop. The officer attempts to stop an individual in an area that is safe for both the driver who is stopped and safe for the officer. At times, the stops are not always on a quiet, lightly traveled road. As a result, the motoring public needs to be conscious of the safety of those who are engaged in traffic stops. Most importantly, they need to know where and when it is safe to pass a squad car that is parked half on the shoulder and half on the road.

It is necessary to reduce your speed and move over away from the squad cars to reduce or eliminate the chance of striking an officer or his/her squad. Keep in mind that at any point, an officer might feel the need to exit the vehicle quickly if he/she feels his/her safety is compromised by actions the individuals in the stopped vehicle might be participating in.

Although it is important to reduce speed and increase distance between a traffic stop and a moving vehicle, it should be noted that slamming on brakes could cause a more dangerous situation than that of the traffic stop. Be aware of your surroundings and the drivers around you. As I have mentioned before, please also be aware of the volume level on the radio as you drive, so if

an emergency vehicle is trying to pass, you are able to hear it approaching.

It is also important to note how a driver should react when an officer is directing traffic or blocking a roadway. When there is an accident with heavy damage blocking the roadway, or one with serious injury, the roadway must be blocked for a period of time. As a result, officers must station themselves across a roadway, allowing room for other emergency vehicles to get past. The opening that is left by the police officer is not there to allow regular though traffic onto the roadway. If an officer is blocking a road, it makes for a very serious situation when numerous persons are demanding the officers attention by asking for directions or getting overly frustrated that the roadway is closed. We realize that it is frustrating for those trying to get through, but it is equally frustrating for us that we have to shut down the road for long periods of time.

In the future, when approaching a blocked road, reduce your speed and observe the direction the officer is directing you to. If there is a steady stream of cars, it is very possible those in front of you will be able to lead you to a route to circumvent the blocked road. Keep in mind that there are officers walking around, attempting to guide traffic, so be aware where they are.

Heat

With summer here the heat has hit us unusually early and hard. It is important to take the heat seriously because it can kill. Stay hydrated, try to keep cool and check up on your elderly neighbors and relatives.

National Night Out

National Night Out will be on August 7th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This year's National Night Out festivities will be held at the Beecher Community building grounds, the same location as last year.

There will be a remote by WSPY and the Bristol Kendall Fire Department and EMS will be present to showcase their equipment. Yorkville Ace Hardware will be present to explain the different CO and fire detectors that they carry in accordance with the new 2007 law.

There will be games for the kids and Home Plate Hotdogs will be present selling their meals at cost. We will also have a door prize raffle highlighting Dave's Meat Market and Paradise Car Wash.

For more information or any questions please contact Officer Groesch at 630 553-8511.

On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:

www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:

www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com