

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

July 2009

N/W Block Parties

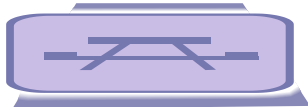
The Yorkville Police Department is implementing new rules regarding neighborhood watch block parties. Permission will need to be granted and a signed agreement will need to be obtained prior to the block party. We are also very excited about having a block party trailer that will be assigned to a Yorkville block party on a first come first serve basis.

The trailer has four picnic tables, one 55-gallon garbage drum, and two road barricades. The barricades will only be able to be utilized if your block is suitable for blocking the road otherwise the barricades will be locked to the trailer.

The person scheduling the party will be held responsible for the trailer and equipment and will have to sign all pertinent paperwork. Taking the equipment off and putting it make on the trailer will be the responsibility of the scheduler along with the garbage removal.

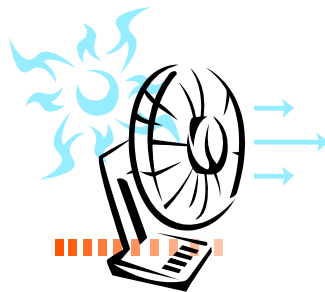
The trailer will also be used in emergency situations through the police department. If one of these situations arises the trailer would be taken out of block party duty.

If you are a registered Yorkville Neighborhood Watch group and are interested in booking the block party trailer please call Sgt. Barry Groesch at 630 553-8511.



Heat Advisory Information from the United City of Yorkville

The United City of Yorkville provides public-owned buildings as cooling centers during severe heat advisories. If you are in need of a place to keep cool during the extreme heat, please feel free to go to the cooling centers listed below located in the United City of Yorkville. If you are in need of assistance during the evening hours, or on a weekend or holiday, please call 630.553.4340



United City of Yorkville City Hall

800 Game Farm Road
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Contact number: 630.553.4350

Beecher Community Center

908 Game Farm Road
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Contact number: 630.553.5777

Yorkville Public Library

902 Game Farm Road
Hours: Monday-Thursday,
9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Contact number: 630.553.4354

2009 National Night Out

The United City of Yorkville has been involved with the nationally recognized program called National Night Out since its inception. The main purpose of this gathering is to get to know your police officer's and other emergency personnel, it is also an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to work together to solve area crime.

The Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Alumni, Yorkville Parks & Recreational Department and the Target Corporation are continuing to be very important partners with this project.

We will be conducting our National Night Out activities at the Town Square Park at Route 47 & Center Street on Tuesday, August 4th at 6-8PM. There will be several activities at the park as we have done in the past.



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These activities will include games and prizes for the kids along with some other park equipment to play on. The Kendall Bristol Fire Department will be visiting our National Night Out location with their impressive fire equipment. For further information regarding the 2009 National Night Out, watch your local newspapers.

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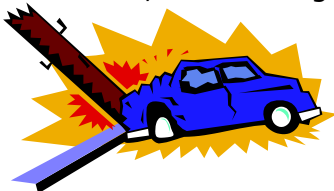
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Driver Distraction

Driver distraction occurs when a driver's attention is diverted away from driving by a secondary task that requires focusing on an object, event, or person not related to the driving task. The most frequent secondary task is conversation with passengers, followed by eating, smoking, manipulating controls, reaching inside the vehicle, and cell phone use. It has been estimated that drivers engage in potentially distracting tasks approximately 30% of the time their vehicles are in motion.

Based on separate analyses of 1995–1999 and 2000–2003 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Crash Worthiness Data System (CDS), it was estimated that over the entire time frame about 10.5% of drivers involved in crashes were distracted at the time of their crash involvement. About 70% of the distracted driver crashes involved non-collision (single-vehicle) or rear-end crashes.

The leading sources of distraction were an outside object/person/event or another vehicle occupant, followed by reaching for an object, a moving object in the vehicle, a cell phone, adjusting the radio/cassette/CD player, eating/drinking, adjusting climate control, and smoking.



In addition to mobile telephones and radio/CD players, other devices such as in-vehicle route guidance systems (i.e., GPS devices) have also become potential sources of distraction, as will future in-vehicle internet and e-mail access. The expansion of cell phone's capabilities to include these latter two options as well as text messaging, combined with the continually increasing number of cell phone users overall, suggest that their portion of the incidence of distracting activities and associated problems may increase.

Source: Ranney, T. A. (2008, April). Driver distraction: A review of the current state-of knowledge (Report No. DOT HS 810 787). Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

The seemingly never ending array of new cyber crimes is mind-boggling and continues at a relentless rate.

One of our new scams reported is a Secret Shopper scam that asks the pre-qualified applicant to secretly check on a business. A check is mailed to the individual where they are advised to immediately cash the check and take their \$300 payment and send the rest of the cash to a location through Western Union (the business that they are secretly checking).

The check eventually comes back not valid and the new Secret Shopper employee is stuck with the money that was sent out.

The Internet Crime Complaint Center is a partnership between the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI), the [National White Collar Crime Center](#) (NW3C), and the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA).

IC3's mission is to serve as a vehicle to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cyber crime. The IC3 gives the victims of cyber crime a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations. For law enforcement and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, local and international level, IC3 provides a central referral mechanism for complaints involving Internet related crimes.



On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:
www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:
www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com