

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Lightening Detection Sirens

What are these?

These are sirens that are located at most parks and schools that have fields used for outdoor sport activities.

What does it mean?

If you hear one, long blast, it means to seek shelter indoors and take precautions for weather with lightning involved. If you hear three shorter blasts, it means the immediate threat of lightning has passed...it does not mean more isn't on the way!!

These sirens are meant to aid coaches and adults in keeping children safe. They are machines, and are not one-hundred-percent. Adults should continue to use their judgment in making sure it is safe to hold games and let children play on open fields.

We encourage coaches to discuss the weather issues before they occur so there is no misunderstandings as what to do. The coaches should work as a team to make our sports safer for all involved.

Traffic Corner

The United City of Yorkville Police Department would like to remind residents of a few important traffic laws.

According to the Illinois Vehicle Code book, as an emergency vehicle approaches with its lights and sirens activated, a driver is required to immediately pull over to the right hand curb or as far as possible to let the emergency vehicle pass. In-car distractions like cell phones are a concern. If you see other vehicles pulling over to the side, be aware of what is going on around you. It is the driver's responsibility, when passing an accident scene where emergency vehicles are stopped, to slow down or stop until it is clear to pass.

Also, during routine traffic stops, officers are not always able to pull their cars completely off of the main road. In order to pass a car that is stopped half on the shoulder and half on the street, reduce your speed and move into the next lane if possible to avoid any further accidents. Keep in mind that at any point an officer may be exiting the vehicle. Do not slam on the brakes, as it could cause an even more dangerous situation for you and the drivers around you.

Be aware of the volume at which you listen to the radio, so you are able to hear emergency vehicles approaching.

When approaching a road blocked due to an accident scene, officers will be out

directing traffic. Reduce your speed and observe the direction the officer is directing you to go. If there is a steady stream of cars, they will likely be able to lead you to a route to circumvent the blocked road. For more information, please contact the Yorkville Police Department at 630-553-4340.



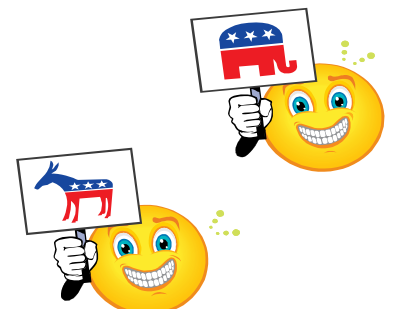
Political Signs

It's that time again, our most coveted political ritual, voting.

With this right come basic fundamental rules in regards to placing political signs. The signs may be erected on anyone's personal property as long as they gave permission and it is not blocking anyone's vision while driving.

This means that the signs cannot be placed on any right-of-ways or public property.

If you see a problem in Yorkville please contact Yorkville Building and Zoning at 630 553-8545.



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Cells for Seniors

The Kendall County Youth Service Board is excited to announce collaboration with Kendall County Triad to accept used cell phones, PDA's, laptops, and digital cameras for recycling. Proceeds from the collection of these electronics will be used to assist in promoting and enhancing community based youth programs, and will assist seniors in Kendall County as well.

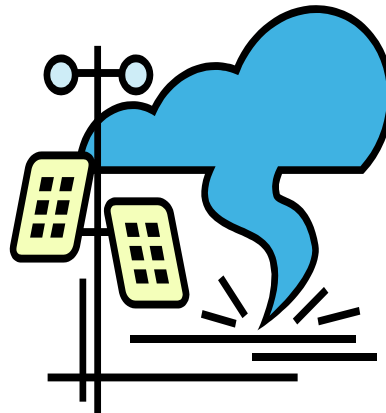
"This joint venture between the Kendall County Youth Service Board and Kendall County Triad will benefit seniors by providing them with cell phones for emergency use that they might otherwise not be able to afford on a fixed income, and provide much needed funding for local youth service programs," says Sergeant Barry Groesch, President of Kendall County Triad and member of the Kendall County Youth Service Board.

Drop off sites are located at local libraries, police stations, the Kendall County Health Department, and the U of I Extension Office. Or contact the Kendall County Youth Service Board or Kendall County Triad for more information.

The Youth Service Board exists to oversee the distribution of funds to local agencies that contribute to the development of youth in Kendall County. For more information, contact Kelly Urbon, Executive Director at 630.553.1600 ext. 102; P.O.

Box 285, Yorkville, IL 60560; or visit the website at www.kendallcountyyusb.org

Kendall County Triad is a tri-fold group of citizens, community businesses, and local police that assists local senior citizens. The Triad has organized events such as medication disposal, and the senior Knox Box program. Contact President Barry Groesch at 630.553.8511 for more information regarding the Cells for Seniors program.



Weather Warning Sirens

When do the sirens go off?

The first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am, the weather warning sirens are tested.

The weather warning sirens are activated for severe weather based on information received from the National Weather Service. Kendall County ESDA activates the sirens for such emergencies.

What does it mean?

When the sirens go off for weather-based emergencies, it

means to seek shelter and follow precautions for tornados. Is there an all-clear siren?

Kendall County does not issue an all-clear siren after severe weather has passed. Make sure you have a battery-operated radio and listen to the local radio stations for updated information. DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 for this information!

Additional Information

For some quick guidelines for tornado weather, go to the American Red Cross for information on preparedness at <http://www.redcross.org>. Look for weather tips under Services, then Disaster Services.

Here are some more direct links for tornado guidelines, as well as some local radio info:

Guidelines:

http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_591_00.html#Warn

Brochure:

http://www.redcross.org/static/file_cont244_lang0_114.pdf

WSPY: Radio Chanel - 107.1

On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State: www.cyberdriveillinois.com