

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

May 2008

### Citizens Radar Patrol

Sergeant Dave Delaney's specialty is the Yorkville Police Department Traffic Unit where he has been working on a program to empower citizens to do something about speeding in their neighborhoods. Through this partnership of empowering our citizens all parties win. The police department receives help slowing vehicles down and the neighborhoods become safer. After researching the subject Sergeant Delaney has created a policy for the Yorkville Police Department and the following explains this policy.

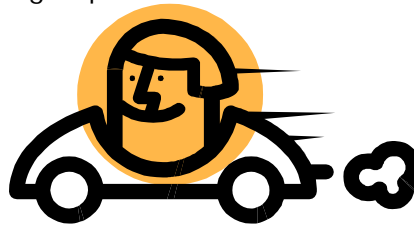
In efforts to combat residential speeding, the Yorkville Police Department has implemented a Citizen Radar Patrol Program. The program is comprised of a group of citizen volunteers who want to take a proactive approach to traffic violations. Citizens are trained to use police issued radar equipment, and then monitor the speed of vehicles on their street. They log speeding vehicles by their license plate, time of day, direction of travel, street location and the speed of the vehicle.

A team of two individuals will be working together. One volunteer will be logging the vehicles and the other operating the radar gun. At the completion of the observation period, Citizen Radar Patrol Activity Sheets are then given to the Yorkville Police Department Traffic Unit, who determines the registered owners of these vehicles

through the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

The function of this patrol is solely to gather information on speed and other violations within the neighborhoods of the United City of Yorkville. Vehicle information is recorded and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The letter is intended to serve as a reminder to citizens to observe traffic laws and drive accordingly. This letter will state the date, time, location and speed of the vehicle committing the violation.

Volunteers must be twenty-one (21) years of age and residents of the United City of Yorkville to participate. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact Sergeant Dave Delaney (630) 553-8541 for additional information or sign-up dates.



### Did You Know

*More teens drink alcohol than smoke or use drugs.*

This information was obtained from the 2006 Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use.

### Bike Laws

The following are some of the laws on the books regarding bicycles. The laws mentioned are not verbatim.

\* 625 ILCS 5/11-1502 – *Traffic Laws Apply to Persons Riding Bicycles* Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles.

\* 625 ILCS 5/11-1503 – *Riding on Bicycles* (a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. (b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

\* 625 ILCS 5/11-1504 – *Clinging to Vehicles* No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

\* 625 ILCS 5/11-1505 – *Riding Bicycles upon Roadway* Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of the roadway set aside for their exclusive use. Persons riding 2 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane subject to the provisions of Section 11-1505.

The above laws are just a few of the laws legislated for bicyclist safety. This summer we will be presenting several "bike rodeos" for Yorkville children to instill safe riding. Watch for these upcoming events.

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In the past the Yorkville Police Department had a Senior Watch Program. The police would call or stop by and talk to the seniors. Because of an increased workload the program fell to the wayside. Chief Harold Martin asked Sgt. Groesch to look into another program that would cater to our seniors without putting any extra work onto the officers.

Sgt. Groesch brought this information to the Kendall County Triad. The KC Triad organization is a group of people who work together to help Kendall county seniors.

The KC Triad appreciated the idea and it was researched where a computerized program was found that can make phone calls on a daily basis. The program know as the Senior Well-Being Check uses a voiceover instead of a computer generated voice and gives the time and date each time the senior is called. The senior is prompted to push 1 on their phone and the check is complete. If they do not pick up the program generates a phone call to the next person on the senior's application. If that person picks up the Well-Being Check is complete. This program can contact up to four other numbers the applicant submits.

The program is free to the user and can be turned off for a day, week, or month by calling a number that is given to the applicant. For further information contact Sgt. Groesch at 630 553-8511.

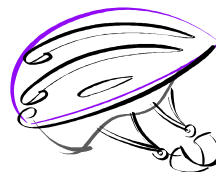
### Bicycle Helmets

Bicycle helmets use should not be optional for you or for anyone in your family, no matter where you are or how short the ride.

Here's why: Most bike accidents involve a head injury, so a crash could mean permanent brain damage or death for someone who doesn't wear one while riding. In fact, each year in the United States, about half a million kids are seriously injured in bicycle-related accidents, and most of those injuries could have been avoided if a helmet was worn. Here are some things to keep in mind when buying a helmet:

- Pick bright colors that are visible to drivers and other cyclists.
- Look for a helmet that's well ventilated.
- Make sure that the helmet has a CPSC or Snell sticker inside. These indicate that the helmet meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or the Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit group that tests helmet safety.
- Make sure your child's helmet fits correctly and can be adjusted.

Safety starts at home, make sure your children are properly prepared and wearing the appropriate equipment when riding their bicycle.

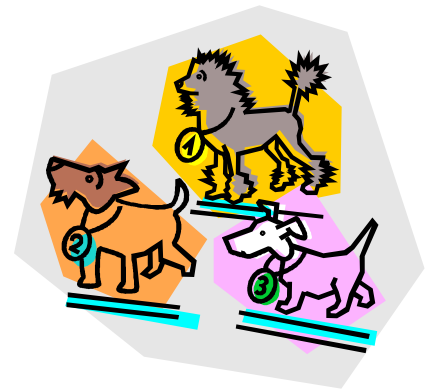


### How Many Animals Can You House?

There have been questions recently regarding the number of house pets that can be legally kept at a Yorkville residence.

We have researched this and found there are no restrictions within the pet ordinances, but building and zoning laws have restrictions.

Yorkville Building Inspector Bill Dettmer advised housing more than four domestic animals would constitute a Commercial Kennel. The Yorkville Building Inspection Department has determined that any private residence may have one to four domestic pets legally.



### 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)