

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

May 2009

### Explorer Post 1155 High Adventure Trip

The Kendall County Criminal Justice Explorer Post 1155 is planning a high adventure trip to Key West, Florida.

The trip will start this June at a Chicago airport and will continue for seven days traveling to Fort Lauderdale and catching a catamaran. The sailboat will be our home for six days where we will sail to Key West. While traveling we will stop several times to explore under the seas, snorkeling at different coral reefs.



In the past we have swam with sea turtles, eel's, barracuda, sting rays, and even sharks. Each captain has their idea of fun and we have really had some fun in the past. We have had sailboats being driven so heavily by the wind that the stern side of the ship was an inch from the surface of the ocean. We have been in water death so deep that the sun rays bury bottomless into the ocean and shoot back at you in a crystal blue shard of sunshine.

The trip can easily be considered a once in a lifetime adventure that our explorers partake in. We are able to schedule an excursion like this because the explorers work hard for two years prior to the event so an adequate amount of funds can be accumulated to pay for this trip.

Thank you for buying our Christmas Trees.

### Traffic Corner

Since the weather is getting warmer, this is the time of year when the number of motorcycles on the road increases greatly. With the increase of motorcycles, all motorists need to be more aware of vehicles around them. Motorcycles are harder to see than a regular car. For this reason, please be courteous of motorcycles and give them appropriate distance for safety. Now let's discuss motorcycle laws.

A law that seems to be obvious, but some motorcyclists choose to ignore, is operation of a motorcycle on one wheel. This is illegal for safety reasons to those who are riding the motorcycle as well as those who are driving around the individual. It is dangerous and easy to lose control. Another law that is worth noting is that the driver and passengers of a motorcycle must wear glasses, goggles, or have a transparent shield to protect the vision of those riding.

Another law makes it legal for motorcycle riders to use intercom helmets. These helmets are worn by both driver and passenger of a motorcycle and are a way for both individuals to communicate with each other while driving. Finally, concerning passengers on a motorcycle: a passenger must ride on a motorcycle equipped with a passenger seat as well as equipped with footrests to be used by the passenger.

### Ice Cream Truck Vendors

Ice cream vendors along with all other vendors in Yorkville need a valid solicitor's license in order to sell their product in our town.

There are several reasons why the solicitor license program is in place with the most important not withstanding the integrity and background of the specific person hawking their product.

The United City of Yorkville requires our solicitors to complete a criminal background check that includes being fingerprinted and they must pay a registration fee. When this paperwork has been completed they will obtain a Yorkville Solicitor Identification that they must carry with them.

There are a few exceptions to this ordinance that include not-for-profit groups. There are also time restrictions and per our ordinance an ice cream vendor is considered a "hawker" and their time status is from 9:00AM-8:30PM.

The bottom line for all of these organizations is their mandatory obligation to show their valid certification of registration from the United City of Yorkville. If they cannot provide this or you feel they are not acting in a respectable or legal manner please do not hesitate to contact the police department.

For further information regarding our Solicitors, Hawkers and Itinerant Merchants Ordinance please check our website.

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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.



### Radio Patrol

The Yorkville Police Department is on WSPY 107.1 FM. Barry Groesch is co hosting a half hour radio show called Yorkville Police Department on Radio Patrol. The purpose of this show is to highlight criminal justice programs throughout Kendall County. We have had shows regarding bike patrol, senior services, evidence technician, and accident reconstruction to name a few.



Future shows will publicize probation, what does it mean when someone is on probation and what does a probation officer do? How about the Circuit Clerk job description, what do they do? What happens to the money that is collected from citations, who gets what and how is it divided up?

Our show is aired live on the first Friday of each month at 9:05AM until 9:35AM. If you are interested to learn anything specific about our judicial system please contact Barry Groesch at 630 553-8511 and he will entertain that subject on the next show.



### Project ChildSafe Gun Locks

The Yorkville Police Department is a partner with the Project ChildSafe program whose sole purpose is to lock guns in an attempt to make them safe. The locks are free to the individual gun owner.

It is our belief that this type of prevention is one of the most important programs that we have been associated with. This simple procedure of placing a cable through the working mechanism of a gun and locking it can save a life of a curious child or careless adult who is not familiar or comfortable with guns. By doing this it does not preclude the owner to keep the gun in a safe place out of reach of a child or from a potential theft.

Contact the police department for further information. (630) 553-4340.

### 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)