

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Do Not Call Registry

Sign Up Today!
Register Over the Internet
Or Over the Phone

To register over the Internet:

1. Go to www.donotcall.gov and follow the instructions.
2. You will be asked to provide: a) the telephone number(s) that you would like to register. b) A valid e-mail address that the Federal Trade Commission can use for confirmation.
3. After you provide the information requested, you can exit the Do Not Call Web site.

To register over the phone:

1. Call 1-888-382-1222 (TTY: 1866-290-4236) and follow the instructions. You must call from the phone number you want to put on the Do Not Call Registry. You can only register the number you are calling from.
2. You will be asked to enter your phone number. The computer will check for a match between the number from which you are calling from.
3. If the number matches, you will hear a message informing you that you are registered.



Telephone Scam

We have been receiving several complaints in reference to area citizens obtaining recorded phone calls stating a family member has been in an accident. The message instructs the person receiving the call to contact a sergeant at a certain number to obtain more information. After the call is completed the citizen will then obtain a phone call from Cook County Corrections to see if they will accept the charges of a collect phone call. If the caller agrees a recording is connected advising them to hit 72# and dial their own phone number into the system when requested.

When completing this transaction the caller has agreed to forward their number and their account. Your phone number account is then disseminated throughout Cook County Corrections inmates until it has been noticed that the original owner cannot use their phone.

The owner then contacts their phone company and finds it has been forwarded. At this time it is too late and the inmates have added numerous collect calls to your account that you are responsible for.

The Illinois Attorney Generals Office is aware of this activity and is taking action to stop it. If you obtain a call like this please report it to the Illinois Attorney Generals Office at 312 814-1135.

Avoiding Deer

While November is the month with the highest risk for a vehicle-deer collision, such accidents can happen any time of the year, and the effects can be costly according to the National Safety Council. Here are some tips from the Department of Transportation.

- When you spot a deer, watch for more. Deer frequently travel in groups.
- Know that deer are nocturnal and often travel at dawn and at dusk. Many deer-vehicle crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m.
- Do not swerve into another lane to avoid striking a deer. It is better to strike a deer than another vehicle or fixed object.
- If you hit a deer, call 911 and wait for assistance from law enforcement personnel.

The best way to prepare for animal encounters is to be conscious of the possible altercation at any time.



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Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Class

The Yorkville Police Department is excited to announce the scheduling of our fourteenth Citizen's Police Academy. If you are interested to learn more about your government, this is the class for you. It is always nice to meet these people before you need them to obtain a personable relationship before you need their services.

The class will begin in November and continue for thirteen weeks. The day of the class could be either Monday or Wednesday; this will be determined by general consensus of the participants.

The majority of the classes will be at the Yorkville Library conference room, but if there are conflicting schedules we will be at Yorkville Middle School.

There will also be three scheduled field trips to local agencies. The classes are from 6:30-9:00 PM or you could be dismissed earlier if the instructor completes their information. You will never be asked to stay later, but I have to tell you, the evaluations that are completed exclaim that there was not enough time per session.

The classes are open to people who are eighteen years of age or older who work in Yorkville or live within the Yorkville School districts boundaries. The classes are free and applications can be obtained from the police department or on line at www.yorkville.il.us.

Kendall County Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has opened its doors at 1204A Deer Street Yorkville, in the Fox Industrial Park.

The pantry has experienced a great outpouring of help from our local businesses that has come at a crucial time. Times are tough for numerous families and it just seems to be multiplying. During one weeks time in October they increased by 41 families with the average weekly increase being 15 families.

The Kendall County Food Pantry's continual goal is to service their cliental in a respectful and humane way that will assist them during their traumatic time. If the panty's personnel are able to accomplish this by keeping the person in need their dignity and self preservation they have helped stop the derogation of their situation. It has also been observed that the people who have been helped will be contributors in the future when their crisis has passed.

The food pantry is not just a distributor of food, but they also have clothing and basic household items that are collected at an unpredictable level.

The purpose of this article is to inform you of the services available and to ask for your help. This help can be monetary of physical in nature; they are always looking for help with collecting, sorting, and distributing of their products.

Call Food Pantry Director Maria Speath at 630 553-0473.

Thanksgiving Crime

We are entering into the holiday season and with this festive time come new opportunities for crime.

Take this simple crime prevention quiz and see if your home passes.

- If you are gone for several days do you have your mail and paper stopped or picked up?
- Is your house installed with light timers so it does not look like it has been abandoned at night?
- Do you have someone to take care of snow removal just in case of a snowstorm?
- Do you contact a neighbor so they can keep an eye on it?
- Do you call the police to fill out a vacation watch list?

If you answered no to any of these questions you could be a perfect target for a burglar.

Remember, crime does not take a vacation. Call 630 553-4340 to have your residence placed on the police vacation watch list.

On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com