



YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Hunting FAQ's

With the deer hunting season in full swing, the Yorkville Police Department would like to address some frequently asked questions related to hunting within and the surrounding areas of the United City of Yorkville.

Q. Is there a set distance from a roadway I have to be in order to hunt?

A. No. There is no set distance. It is simply unlawful to hunt, trap, or discharge a gun or bow and arrow device along, upon, across or from a public roadway, highway, or right-of way. The only exception is that any person who hunts on any property operated under a Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area Permit where the principal use is to take wild geese, cannot hunt geese from a pit or blind that is within 200 yards of a public right-of-way that is adjacent to any State or Federal Waterfowl Refuge.

Q. Is there a set distance from another person's property I must be in order to hunt?

A. No. But there are a couple of issues to keep in mind. One, you must have permission to hunt from the landowner or tenant before you enter their property. That includes tracking wounded game. Although it is illegal to kill game and not make an attempt to retrieve it, your attempt ends if you are not granted access to the property where the

animal goes. Second, you cannot hunt within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling if hunting with bow and arrow device or shotgun loaded with shot shells (or 300 yards if using a rifle, handgun, or deer slugs) unless you have permission from the person occupying the dwelling. You could theoretically be on your own property but if it is too close to another person's dwelling, and you don't have permission from the person who occupies that dwelling, you can't hunt there. Holders of commercial migratory waterfowl area permits where the primary use is to take wild geese, cannot have a blind or pit that is located less than 100 yards from the boundary of the property on which the blind or pit is located.

Q. How may I safely and legally transport a firearm in a vehicle?

A. You must possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card (F.O.I.D.) and the firearm must be unloaded and enclosed in a case. Unloaded and properly enclosed firearms can be placed anywhere in the vehicle.

Q. How may I safely and legally transport ammunition in a vehicle?

A. The location of ammunition being transported, including ammunition being transported in loaded magazines, is not regulated as long as the firearm is unloaded

and encased, and the resident possessing the firearm/ammunition holds a valid F.O.I.D. card. (More information is available online at: www.dnr.illinois.gov/PDF/HuntTrapDigest.pdf.)

Identity Theft

Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information:

- Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
- Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary or ask to use another identifier.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with. Avoid disclosing personal financial information when using public wireless connections.

- Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus software to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. If you use peer-to-peer file sharing, check the settings to make sure you're not sharing other sensitive private files. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.
- Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Keep your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your house.

Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements. Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:

- Bills that do not arrive as expected.
- Unexpected credit cards or account statements.
- Denials of credit for no apparent reason.
- Calls or letters about purchases you did not make.

Inspect your credit report. Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history. The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies-Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion-to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it. You can go online to the website www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 1-877-322-8228, a service created by these three companies,

to order your free credit reports each year.

Inspect your financial statements. Review financial accounts and billing statements regularly looking for charges you did not make.

Burning Ordinance

With fall now upon us, the Yorkville Police Department would like to remind citizens of the burning ordinance.

1. The open or outside burning of any materials, including plastic coated, treated paper, paper materials, leaves or plant materials within the city limits is expressly prohibited. (Ord. 1976-40, 11-4-1976).

2. Burning of campfires in connection with camping outings by organized groups; or recreational campfires by individuals are permitted, provided that the fires are conducted in such a manner so as not to constitute a hazard or nuisance to persons or property. (Ord. 1996-10, 9-12-1996).

3. Untreated paper, paper products, untreated wood, stumps, and logs may be burned, provided:

(a) Such burning is not conducted within twenty feet (20') of any neighboring building or structure;

(b) Such burning is continuously controlled and supervised by an adult with adequate fire suppression devices immediately available. All campfires shall be extinguished properly to avoid any reigniting;

(c) Such fires shall be contained within an adequate fixture or suitable retention device so as to prevent embers from carrying to neighboring properties; and

(d) Wind conditions do not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.

4. The discharge into the outdoor atmosphere of fumes, smoke, gas or vapors or any combination from the burning of any materials other

than untreated paper and paper products and wood as provided above shall be, for the purposes of this section, declared air pollution and a public nuisance.

5. Controlled fires started and attended to by the personnel of the United City of Yorkville in order to control the growth of prairie grass or other vegetation to benefit the public health, safety or welfare shall be permitted. (Ord. 2003-71, 11-10-2003).



4th Annual Holiday Under the Stars - Friday, November 19th 5PM to 9 PM

Mark your calendars for this very special Yorkville tradition-Holiday Under the Stars. Whether your 2 or 92 there's something for everyone to participate in from musical performances to lighting the Christmas tree, to hearing the delightful sounds of children's musical voices, you're guaranteed to have a great time! See the United City of Yorkville's website for a complete list of activities for the entire weekend. Free parking is available at the Yorkville High School Freshman Academy and at the Yorkville Grade School on Game Farm Rd. with free bus transportation to town square.

Volunteers

The Yorkville Police Department is looking for volunteers to assist with traffic control in front of Yorkville Intermediate School on school days from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m. For additional information contact Deputy Chief Hilt at (630) 553-4340.