

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Employees

A new cadet has been hired to replace Cadet Jordan Kurtz who has graduated from Waubonsee Community College and is embarking into the corporate world. Before introducing him we would like to thank Jordan Kurtz for the outstanding job he did for the Yorkville Police Department, he will be missed.

We would now like to introduce our new employee, Cadet Jordan Hagemann.

Cadet Jordan Hagemann



Cadet Jordan Hagemann is a Yorkville High School graduate and is now attending Waubonsee Community College. Hagemann is interested in obtaining a career in law enforcement and is working toward that goal scholastically and physically.

Jordan is a member of Troop 40 and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He also enjoys camping and high adventure activities.

We believe Jordan is a high quality applicant and wish him great success while employed at the Yorkville Police Department. If you see Cadet Jordan Hagemann please welcome him aboard as our next Cadet at the Yorkville Police Department.

Oswego Yorkville Senior Police Conference

Our fourth Senior Police Academy Conference will be held October 28th at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. The conference registration will start at 8:00 AM with the opening commencing at 8:45 AM with the first class starting at 9:00 AM.

We are proud to offer twenty-five different speakers at this year's conference that has been entitled "Emergency Preparedness for Seniors". We have included a new element to this year's conference that was suggested through the 2008 evaluations; Genealogy: Tracing Your Families Roots, and Homes of Kendall County. Stephanie Todd has researched the homes of Kendall County and gives a power point presentation showing a rich history of architecture of our homes in Kendall County.

Rush Copley Hospital will again supply us with a realm of health care sessions ranging from diabetes to joint replacement.

Emergency preparedness will include sessions from Ken Com Dispatch and Bristol Kendall Emergency Medical Technicians. They will give an explanation of what they do and why it is done.

Call Senior Services at 630 553-5777 to receive a registration form to see what classes you want to register for. There will be door prizes and a free meal from Yorkville & Oswego Jimmy John's at the conference.

Q&A on the "Video Gaming Act"

For the next several months we will be conveying information on the new Video Gaming Act. This information is being provided by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission News bulletin that we are members of.

Each respective city, town or village has to make a decision if they want Video Gaming in their jurisdiction. Each month we will give you an answer to some of the frequently asked questions that has arisen from this new act.

Q. What is a video gaming terminal?

A. *Any electronic video game machine that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play or simulate the play of a video game (e.g. video poker, line up, blackjack, ect.). Terminals cannot directly dispense coins, cash, or tokens; however, players may receive free games or credits (including receipt tickets) that can be redeemed for cash*

Q. Where will video gaming be allowed?

A. *In liquor-licensed establishments where "on-premise" consumption of alcohol is allowed (e.g., bars and restaurant), and in truck stops and fraternal/veterans organizations.*

To be continued...

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Pedestrian Crosswalk

Yorkville's Mayor Valerie Burd is paving the way for a pedestrian friendly community. As more residents and visitors use walking as a primary mode of relaxation and transportation, the marking of popular pedestrian crosswalks are becoming a primary focus for Burd and Yorkville's Police Department

To ensure public safety at two of the city's major intersections, Yorkville police have added bright green yield signs as an additional warning to drivers that

stopping for pedestrians is the law. One such sign has been placed on Route 47 and east Main Street



adjacent to the city's popular Town Square Park and the other is in the center of the downtown area located at Route 47 and Hydraulic Ave.

Currently both areas are marked with the appropriate wide white stripings, an indication that it is a designated pedestrian crosswalk. But safety at these intersections has been a challenge because of Route 47 and their central locations.

According to Illinois state law pedestrians have the right of way within a marked or unmarked intersection crosswalk. Drivers of vehicles approaching a crosswalk area when a pedestrian is present are required to stop.

The issue for Burd is the safety of people who are on foot, children and the elderly. "There's a lot of people out there who are driving and don't know that they need to stop for people who are walking across the street in these intersections," Burd said. "I have received several calls from individuals who are elderly and really just need the extra time to get across without being pressured. I also see a lot of people running across the street in these intersections just to beat the traffic. There really isn't any need for that."

Yorkville's Police Chief Harold Martin confirms that there will be constant and consistent monitoring of the signs and crosswalks.

"The Yorkville Police Department will make a concerted effort to reduce the amount of violations taking place at our pedestrian crosswalks," Martin said. "We have placed warning signs at those crosswalks that we have deemed to be used consistently by our citizen pedestrians. Those that are found to be violating the warning signs and state law will be ticketed. This law pertains to any pedestrian that is physically in the crosswalk."

During the school year the Police Department places the signs at Rt. 47 and Washington Street, Rt. 126 and Mill Street, at Somonauk and Kings Streets, and on Game Farm Road in front of Yorkville High School and City Hall and where

children are present and directly across from schools.

Halloween & Safety

The air is getting cooler and the goblins and ghosts are starting to reel their familial outfits on sale ads and other media outlets.

There appears to be a trend of more private Halloween parties and having kids attend business Halloween trick or treat outings instead of the traditional walking door to door.

No matter what outlet people use to celebrate Halloween, safety is still our major concern. The safety of fire retardant costumes, walking in the dark, and food precautions, should be on your mind.

All of these concerns have a common denominator and that is parental involvement. The United City of Yorkville' Halloween time is set at 4:00-7:00 PM.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween.



On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com