

# 2023



## Department Annual Reports



## Highlighted Accomplishments



## At a Glance

- 167 FOIA requests were processed
- Participated in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Yorkville came in 13<sup>th</sup> place in the nation for the population category 5,000-29,999. What an accomplishment!



Grand Opening of the 651 Prairie Pointe Building, the current location of the Police and City Hall Facility. Ribbon cutting took place on June 13, 2023

## Lake Michigan Water Update

There was a tremendous amount of work put into the Lake Michigan water project throughout calendar year 2023.

Preliminary engineering was completed. The project plan was submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Letter of Intent was also submitted via the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which is a Federal loan program specifically for water projects.

Staff has been working closely with the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) in meetings to negotiate a future water supply agreement. DWC is studying their own intake and pipeline directly into Lake Michigan. This would cut-out the need for the City of Chicago to be the wholesaler and could provide long-term savings to DWC and its customers.

Phase I design engineering is wrapping up and water transmission pipe routes and easement information is being put together. The anticipation is that water will be available from Lake Michigan to Yorkville residents, at earliest, in 2027 or soon after.



DuPage Water Commission  
**30** YEARS OF SERVICE  
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## By the Numbers

Clerks License Issued	2023
Liquor	101
Solicitor	37
Video Gaming	18
Amusement Devices	9
Raffle	1
Massage Establishment	4
Mobile Food Vendor	4
Tobacco	18
Pawnbroker	1
Tattoo License – Microblading only	1



Operating with 93 Full-Time Employees (FTE) in 2023, as compared to 96 FTE in 2008 and 86 FTE in 2010.

Website and Social Media	2023
Facebook Followers	8,314
Twitter Followers	1,879
Website Visits	213,445

New Support Assistant! Bobbie Blystone started on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She comes to us from a background of telecom customer service.

WELCOME!



## Highlighted Accomplishments



Extended the Intergovernmental Agreement between Yorkville and Kendall County for an additional year for reciprocal building inspection services.

Approval of a Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to define and identify “Data Centers”, “Refrigerated Warehouse (Cold Storage)”, and “Battery Storage Uses” as permitted uses in the M-1 Limited Manufacturing and M-2 General Manufacturing Districts.



Finalized the draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which aims to modernize and consolidate the various existing City ordinances into a cohesive, single-reference, graphic-based document, and a web-based smart code.

On December 12, 2023, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the Unified Development Ordinance which goes into effect January 1, 2024.

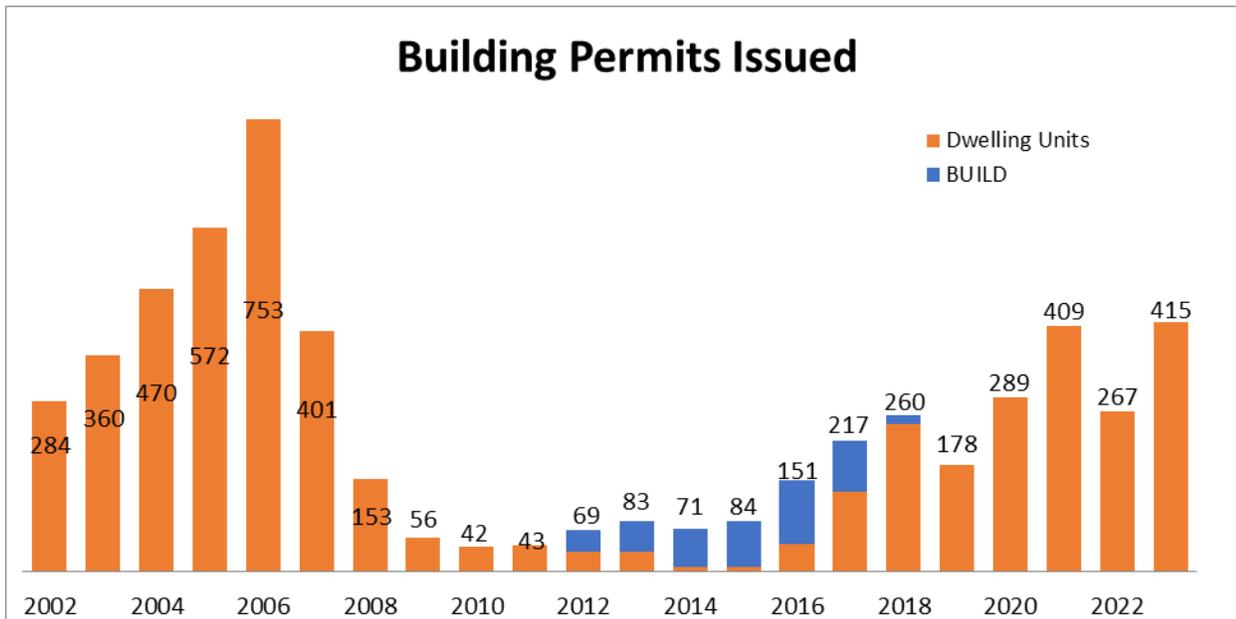


## At a Glance

- 268 new single family detached and 147 single family attached homes starts in 2023
- New Businesses
  - a. A Touch of Ginger
  - b. Behavioral Perspective Therapy
  - c. EarthWise Pet and Groom Bar
  - d. Flame Kabob Grill
  - e. Fox’s Den Meadery – Tasting Room
  - f. Fox Republic Brewing
  - g. Fox Valley Occupational Health
  - h. Fox Valley Orthopedics
  - i. FRET Wine Bar
  - j. Gilded Permanent Jewelry
  - k. JE Restorations
  - l. Keller Williams Infinity Real Estate
  - m. Lifetime Venue
  - n. Little Loaf Bakehouse
  - o. October Vines Beauty Lounge
  - p. RaeJay Properties
  - q. Salon Mudita
  - r. Salon Royale Beauty Suites
  - s. Scooter’s Coffee
  - t. Sea Schack Cajun Style Yorkville
  - u. The Vault Pub
  - v. Viva La Funny Boutique
  - w. Willow Root Massage
  - x. Zen IV Lounge
  - y. Zzoomies Dog Daycare



## By the Numbers



Homebuilders built 415 new houses in 2023, consisting of 268 single family detached homes and 147 single family attached homes. This is an increase from 2022 housing counts by more than 148 new houses, or 51%.

For all building permits, the City issued 2,271 total building permits in 2023. This is a significant increase from calendar year 2022's total of 1,505 building permits and is primarily due to an increase in roof and siding permits from storm damage.



In late 2023, the City began discussions on potential siting restrictions on solar farm developments to ensure compatible future land-uses and to protect major viewsheds like the Fox River. More discussion will occur at public meetings in 2024.



Posted and interviewed candidates for two (2) new positions, Planner I/Land Use Planner and Planner I/GIS Analyst.

Sara Mendez, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has accepted the position of Planner I/Land Use Planner with an expected start date of January 22, 2024.



## Highlighted Accomplishments



## At a Glance

The City's debt is rated AA by both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's



## Fund Balance

Fund balance percentage at end of Fiscal Year 23 was 46%, for an approximate total of \$10.96m in the General Fund. The General Fund surplus for FY 23 was \$369,507, which was \$509,507 higher than the budgeted amount of -\$140,000.

## Below Budget

All functional departments – Administration, Finance, Police, Community Development, Streets, Library, Water & Sewer Operations, Parks and Recreation were all below budget for the Fiscal Year End 2023.

## Credit Card Rebate

The City's credit card rebate program generated \$7,975 at Fiscal Year End in 2023. Credit card rebates have totaled \$148,000 since the program began in FY 15.



## Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (12<sup>th</sup> year in a row)

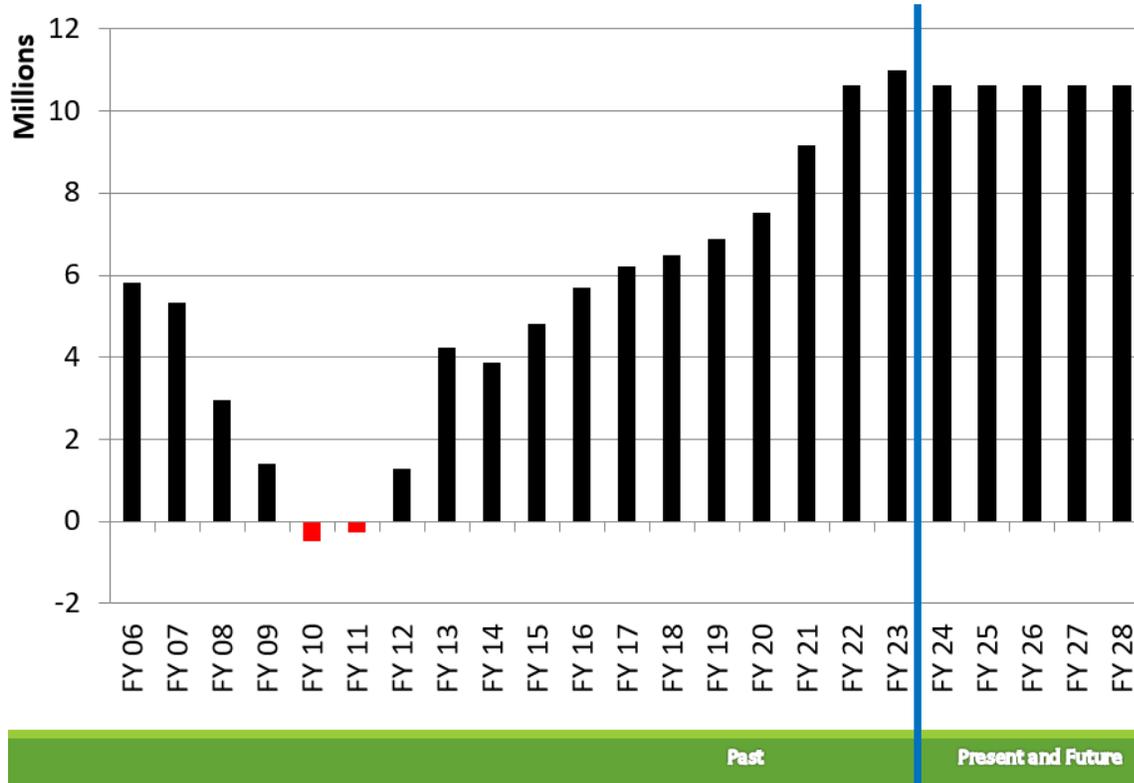


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## By the Numbers

### Fund Balance History – General Fund



### Bonding Update

Facilitated the issuance of a \$9.985m bond in August 2023, for the purposes of financing the 2023 Water Replacement Program and the Well #10/Treatment Plant/Raw Water Main projects as the City begins to enhance its water infrastructure improvement program in anticipation of transitioning its water sourcing to Lake Michigan over the next several fiscal years.





## Highlighted Accomplishments



**The new playground at Countryside Pavilion Park is now open!**

**Come and explore the new playground equipment at Countryside Pavilion Park!**

**While the park is still in progress, we are pleased to announce that the playground equipment is installed and ready for action!**

**Where can I play?**

**Countryside Pavilion Park  
(105 W Countryside, Yorkville)**



## At a Glance

- 21 special events were hosted including Drive-In Movie Nights, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Hometown Days and the Yorkville Holiday Celebration.
- Maintained 240 acres of turf grass and 120 acres of natural/wooded areas at over 39 parks.
- Installed over 1,000 cubic yards of safety surfacing mulch at 27 playgrounds.
- Maintained 38 park sites and 27 playgrounds.
- Purchased new playground equipment for Countryside and Prestwick Park Sites.
- Tennis Courts Resurfaced and Pickleball Courts add at Raintree Park B

## Countryside Pavilion Park Now Open!

The City partnered with Congregational Church to install a new park site and playground equipment in the Countryside Subdivision.

The Parks and Recreation Department created interactive, online Catalogs throughout 2023 highlighting all of the seasonal programs offered. These catalogs were extremely successful in getting information out to the community and streamlining registration, while also saving thousands in printing costs.

## Online Catalogs!

**Summer Memories Start Here!**

**New interactive Summer Program Guide is now available!**

[Yorkville.il.us/catalog](http://Yorkville.il.us/catalog)



## By the Numbers

Parks and Recreation Programs	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Parker's Playtime Preschool and Ready, Set, Go Enrollment	104	57	91	96	84
Total Youth Athletic League Participation	2,206	1,160	2,190	2,440	2,840
% of programs at minimum registration capacity	76%	88%	92%	87%	89%
Total Number of Special Events	32	15	22	24	23
Number of Adults in Sports Leagues	520	432	465	560	525
Total Program Participation	4,712	3,100	4,259	4,594	5,333
Number of Volunteer Hours	13,500	4,000	5,023	6,540	6,775

## Community Partnerships

The Department has strengthened the Marketing partnership with the **Library** in 2023 by working on shared social media space, digital board advertising, and the use of the Parks and Recreation Department's registration software for ticket sales to the annual mini-golf Fun-Raiser.

### Meals on Wheels

**Yorkville American Legion**

**Yorkville School District**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Senior Services Associates**

**Yorkville Youth Baseball/Softball Association**



The Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department are recipients of two IPRA Awards in 2023 including:

Outstanding Park Award for the Storywalk Partnership

Outstanding Program Award for Future Foxes Preschool & School District 115 Collaborative Learning Program.



## Highlighted Accomplishments



The Yorkville Police Department applied for and was awarded the FY23 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Grant total \$240,553.

## At a Glance

- 2 New Police Officers were hired and trained this year: Officer Alex Wrobel (former YPD CSO) and Officer Leonard Reyes
- Internship Program employees: Zariah Evans (YHS) and Briana Tuttle (YHS)
- Purchased 2 new patrol vehicles.
- Partnered with Kendall County Coroner's Office for Prescription Drug Take Back Day.
- Participated in: Yorkville American Legion Cub Scout Summer Camp, Battle of Badges Softball Tournament for Special Olympics, Halloween Trick or Treating, School Visits, National Night Out, Touch a Truck Events, Cop on Top Special Olympics, Neighborhood Lemonade Stands, Welcome Back to School Events, Cedarhurst Alzheimer Special Event, Honor Q Events, Yorkville Hometowns Days, Operation Sanitization, Bicycle Rodeo, Kindergarten First Responder Week



The Yorkville Police Department partnered with the Yorkville Kiwanis Club, Restore Church Target Superstore, Casey's, Rosati's and Chris Heitz to celebrate Christmas with some Yorkville area youth. Our Christmas Party was held at the Yorkville Police Department where the kids and their families enjoyed pizza (donated by Rosati's) cookies (donated by Target) and Santa handing out gifts. What a wonderful night.



## By the Numbers

Police Department Operations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Training Hours *6 new officers attended a 560-hour basic law enforcement academy	3,331*	3,586	6,557	5,193	4,324
Number of Sworn Officers	31 full-time 3 part-time	30 full-time 2 Part-Time	32 full-time 2 Part-Time	32 Sworn Officers	33 Sworn Officers
Number of Calls for Service	13,626	12,449	13,450	13,538	12,901
Total Arrests	662	401	502	421	500
DUI Arrests	19	39	34	38	39
Patrol Miles Driven *March 11 – December 31	196,241*	269,879	242,251	242,306	237,891

## Shared Services



This year YPD partnered with the Oswego Police Department hiring a Shared Service Training Coordinator. This position is responsible for the departments training component and the management of training requirements mandated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

## Department Training

The Yorkville Police Department is committed to maintaining a well-trained and professional police force through quality and continual training and education. An annual department training plan was developed for 2023 which outlines training topics throughout the year. The Yorkville Police Department has completed over 4,324 hours of training this year. Examples of the training provided in 2023 include:

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| Scenario Based Training – Active Shooter Response To Resistance | Sexual Harassment Training              |
| Tactical Trauma/CPR/AED Training                                | Pre-Trial Awareness Act Training        |
| Crisis Intervention Training                                    | De-escalation Training                  |
| High Risk Traffic Stops   | Traffic Crash Investigation             |
| Human/Civil Rights  | Cultural Competency                     |
| Officer Wellness & Mental Health                                | Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Response |
| ILETSB State Mandated Training                                  | Department Less Lethal Training         |
| Mental Illness Training   | Search & Seizure Training               |



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### Public Works Projects

Completed the rehabilitation of Well No. 7.

Completed the rehabilitation/repainting of the North Central Tank.

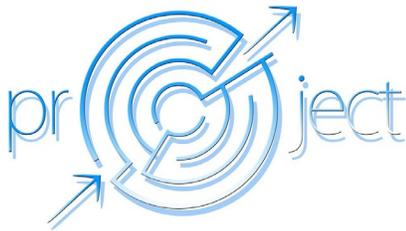
Installed 8,600 feet of sanitary sewer.

Replaced 8,300 feet of water main.

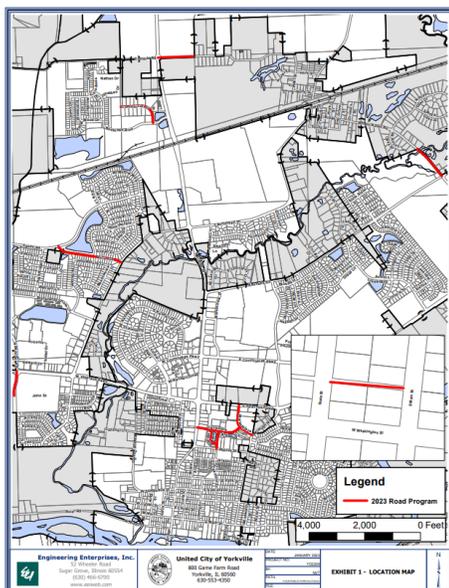
Replaced 13,750 square feet of sidewalk.

SCADA upgrades at Beaver Street and Raintree Booster Station.

- 16 Parkway Tree Replacements were planted in the Spring.
- There were 7,275 JULIE tickets in calendar year 2023.
- Took Delivery of new bucket truck.
- Waiting on body to be built for single axle Mack truck and single axle Peterbilt dumb truck.
- Over 5,058 lane miles were driven during snow removal operations
- 4,032 gallons of brine was used in winter operations.
- Used 1,100 tons of salt during the winter season.



### 2023 Road to Better Roads



### Baseline Road Improvement

Resurfaced 1.41 miles on Baseline Road.





## By the Numbers

Public Works Operations	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lane Miles of Streets Swept	250	250	250	75	250
Miles of Right of Way Mowed	75	82	80	80	80
Gallons of Water Treated	592,829,200	634,646,700	634,646,700	664,975,300	728,833,100
Cubic Yards of Leaves Collected through Public Works Collection	1,110	2,000	1,410	1,410	1,620
Lane Miles of Street resurfaced	2.17	2.35	3.3	3.22	2.57
Feet of Sewer Lines Relined/Replaced	205	0	1,888	1,100	760
Miles of Cleaned Sewer Mains	3.6	13	17	8.76	7.19
Number of Cleaned Storm Sewers, Inlets and Catch Basins	283	237	364	367	135



Over 5,058 lane miles were driven by our large dump trucks during snow removal operations. This was a decrease from the previous year, which was 11,000 miles.