

2024



Department Annual Reports



Highlighted Accomplishments



At a Glance



- 202 FOIA requests were processed
- Information Center was completed in City Hall/Police Department
- Garage Lighting at City Hall was upgraded to LED and LED lights were installed above Police Counter
- All window gaps were sealed inside and outside at City Hall.

Costco has applied for a PUD amendment, Special Use, Preliminary Plan, and Final Plat for a building at the northwest corner of Veteran's Parkway and East Countryside Parkway in Yorkville. The request will be reviewed by staff and the City Council in the coming months.

Lake Michigan Water Update

There was a tremendous amount of work put into the Lake Michigan water project throughout calendar year 2024.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which is a Federal loan program specifically for water projects and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) low-interest loan will be the main source of project funding. The City has made progress securing both of these loan programs in 2024.

Staff has been working closely with the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) in meetings to negotiate a future water supply agreement. The agreement with DWC was formally approved in 2024.

The final design engineering for the transmission main is being finalized. The City initiated the final design on the North Receiving Station, South Receiving Station, the Northwest Elevated Water Storage Tank, the South Receiving Station Standpipe, Route 126 Water Main Improvements and Bluestem Water Main Improvements. The anticipation is that water will be available from Lake Michigan to Yorkville residents, at earliest, in 2028 or soon after.



DuPage Water Commission
30 YEARS OF SERVICE
Pure. Essential. Stewardship.



By the Numbers

Clerks License Issued	2024
Liquor	89
Solicitor	24
Video Gaming	23
Amusement Devices	9
Raffle	0
Massage Establishment	3
Mobile Food Vendor	3
Tobacco	17
Pawnbroker	1
Tattoo License	1
Tattoo License – Microblading only	1



Operating with 94 Full-Time Employees (FTE) in 2024, as compared to 96 FTE in 2008 and 86 FTE in 2010.

Website and Social Media	2024
Facebook Followers	8,792
Twitter Followers	1,923
Website Visits	187,000

New Support Assistant! Stacy Diaz started on January 7, 2025. She comes to us from a background of school administration and police service

WELCOME!



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Extended the Intergovernmental Agreement between Yorkville and Kendall County for an additional year for reciprocal building inspection services marking the tenth year of cooperation between the agencies!

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kendall County for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services.

Approval of various Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding solar farm locations near major roadways, park and school land cash donations for residential developments, and clarification of the review procedures for granting annexations and other land use approvals.

Grande Reserve Units 10 & 11 - Approval of the Final Plat of Subdivision for Units 10A and 11A in the Grande Reserve subdivision to allow for the construction of 158 new residential townhomes on a 22-acre site located east of Kennedy Road and south of the BNSF railroad.

Corneils Road Solar - Approval of annexation, rezoning, and special use permit approval to construct a 5- megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) freestanding community solar farm on 31 acres situated on approximately 94 acres of existing farmland located immediately north of Corneils Road, east of Beecher Road and west of IL Route 47/N. Bridge Street.

Yorkville Renewables – Approval of a rezoning request and special use authorization for a 23-acre solar farm located new the southwest corner of Galena Road and IL- Route 47.

- 207 new single family detached and 48 single family attached homes starts in 2024
- New Businesses
 - a. Association for Individual Development (AID)
 - b. Bright Farms
 - c. Edward Jones - Seth Wormley
 - d. iBoba "The Bubble Shop"
 - e. Images Med Spa
 - f. Infinity Designs Beauty Bar
 - g. John Chambers Garage
 - h. Midwest Cardiovascular Institute
 - i. My Auto Doctor
 - j. Primary Maintenance
 - k. Station One Smokehouse
 - l. Steam and Cuts
 - m. Turner Law Group
 - n. Yorkville Cafe
 - o. Youniverse Collective
 - p. Zoomies Dog Boarding

DATA CENTERS

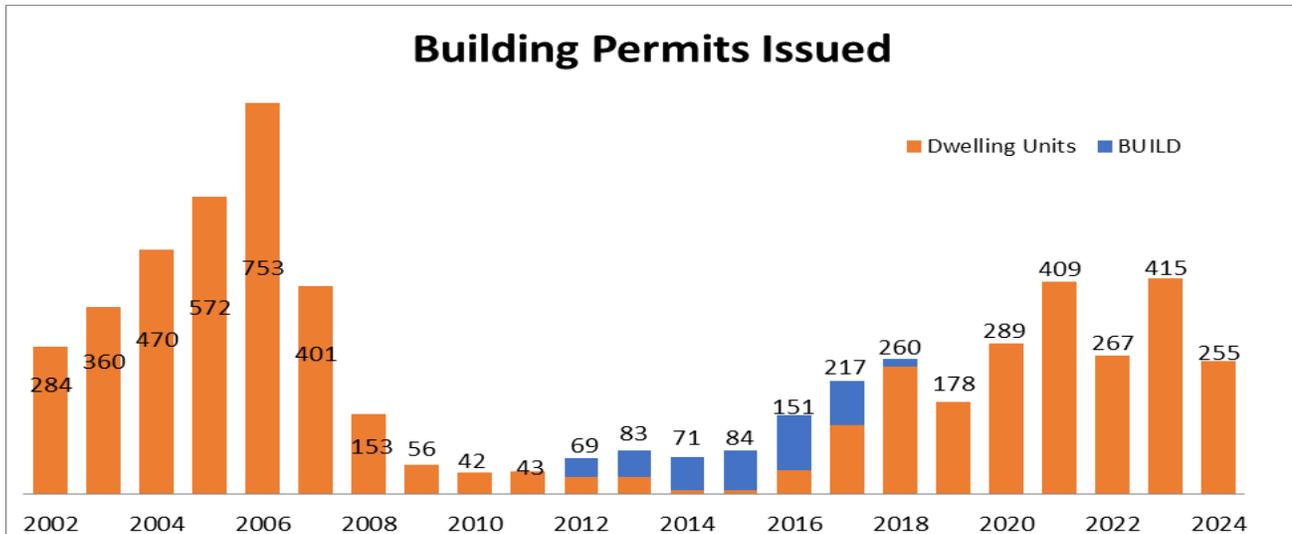
Cyrus One - (PUD) and Preliminary PUD Plan to construct a secured data center campus with nine (9) standalone buildings used for networked computers, storage systems and computing infrastructure to be developed in phases over a 10 to 20-year period on approximately 228 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Faxon Road and Eldamain Road.

Kelaka/Hagemann/DMYF, LLLP – Approval of various annexation applications for approximately 550 acres of undeveloped farmland located in the northeast quadrant of Eldamain Road and US 34 and rezoned to M-2 General Manufacturing for a future data





By the Numbers



Homebuilders built 255 new houses in 2024, consisting of 184 single family detached homes and 48 single family attached homes. This is a decrease from 2023 housing counts by more than 183 new houses, or 39%.

For all building permits, the City issued 1,345 total building permits in 2024. This is a significant decrease from calendar year 2023's total of 2,271 building permits and is primarily due to an increase in roof and siding permits from storm damage that year.



Posted and interviewed candidates for a Building Permit Clerk and a Senior Planner.

Bobbie Blystone has accepted the title change as the Building Permit Clerk and began that role full-time on January 6th. She has been transitioning to the Community Development Department, while still supporting the Administration Department.

We are excited to welcome David Hansen as the Senior Planner in the Community Development Department! David will officially join our team on January 27th, bringing a wealth of experience in local government planning and zoning, administration, and GIS analysis.

After 14+ years of dedicated service to the City of Yorkville, Dee Weinert retired on October 4, 2024. As the Administrative Assistant and Permit Clerk, Dee has been a cornerstone of the Community Development Department, ensuring smooth operations during both prosperous and challenging times.



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At a Glance



Fund Balance

Fund balance percentage at end of Fiscal Year 24 was 47%, for an approximate total of \$11.32m in the General Fund. The General Fund surplus for FY 24 was \$320,903, which was \$320,903 higher than the budgeted amount of \$0 (break-even).

In August, Fitch Ratings upgraded the City's bond rating from AA to AA+, with a positive outlook. The Fitch Ratings report highlighted several strengths for Yorkville, including robust population growth, relatively low long-term liabilities, strong demographic and economic metrics, and the expectation that General Fund reserves will continue to meet or exceed 25% of total General Fund spending. This upgrade in bond rating underscores the ongoing enhancement of City finances since emerging from the Great Recession over a decade ago. It marks the third rating increase since 2016 and represents a significant milestone for the City, bringing us just one step away from the highest rating of AAA!

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 Ended 2024.

Credit Card Rebate

The City's credit card rebate program generated \$28,025 at Fiscal Year End in 2024. Credit card rebates have totaled \$176,000 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 (13th year in a row)

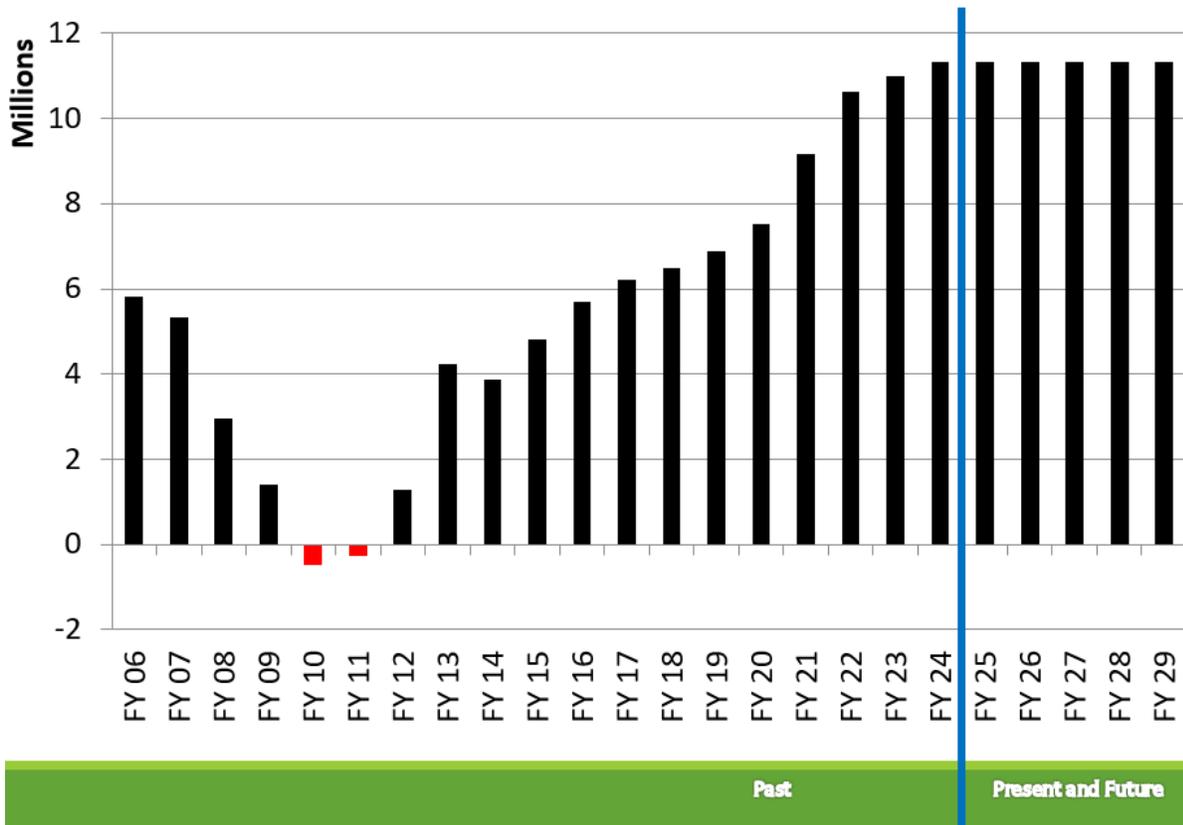


Government Finance Officers Association



By the Numbers

Fund Balance History – General Func



Bonding Issuance Update

In December, Council authorized the future issuance of a ~\$40m bond for the construction a new Public Works and Parks facility on Boombah Boulevard, with construction slated to begin in the Spring. In addition, a ~\$25m bond water bond was authorized for the purposes of financing a transmission main from the DWC, as the City continues to transition its water sourcing to Lake Michigan over the next several fiscal years. The closing of both bonds is currently scheduled for mid-February 2025.





Highlighted Accomplishments



At a Glance



- 24 special events were hosted including Margaritas en Mayo, 4th 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.
- Replacement of Emily Sleezer Playground and Kiwanis Playground and Rehab of park sites.
- Planted over 160 new trees

Emily Sleezer Park Now Open!

Get ready to explore our newly remodeled High Adventure playground, packed with awesome ground-level play areas, a merry-go-all, and an inclusive swing!

New Marketing Opportunities: Yorkville was highlighted in a 4-page spread in West Suburban Living Magazine's January/February issue in early 2024. Additionally, our Cruise Nights were featured within the Neighborhood Tourist magazine's July issue as well. The City elected to invest in a new marketing opportunity with WGN Radio in 2024. This initiative was coordinated mainly through the Community Engagement & Marketing Coordinator, in partnership with the City's Economic Development Director and the Aurora Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau. Through a strategically organized campaign, Yorkville was highlighted to the greater Chicago area during the month of June, and again leading up to Hometown Days.

WGN Radio Takeover!

Experience
YORKVILLE

SAVE THE DATE
WGN Radio Hometown Takeover
June 27, 2024

WGN RADIO 720



By the Numbers

Parks and Recreation Programs	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Future Foxes Preschool and Ready, Set, Go Enrollment	57	91	96	84	90
Total Youth Athletic League Participation	1,160	2,190	2,440	2,840	2,950
% of programs at minimum registration capacity	88%	92%	87%	89%	87%
Total Number of Special Events	15	22	24	23	24
Number of Adults in Sports Leagues	432	465	560	525	548
Total Program Participation	3,100	4,259	4,594	5,333	5,257
Number of Volunteer Hours	4,000	5,023	6,540	6,775	7,225

Community Partnerships

The Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department is grateful for the community support and partnerships that help bring consistent community involvement while enhancing several of our programs and events.

Yorkville Public Library

Yorkville Education Foundation

Yorkville American Legion

Yorkville School District

Knights of Columbus

Senior Services Associates

Yorkville Youth Baseball/Softball Association

Mars/Wrigley



Applied for and received a 100% matching grant in the amount of \$175,833.76 from GameTime to replace the current playground at Rotary Park. This will be the first inclusive playground from GameTime!



Highlighted Accomplishments



This year YPD continued to conduct Neighborhood Roll Calls. Officers starting their tour of duty would meet at a City Park and conduct their daily pass on review with the neighborhood. Spectators are allowed to ask questions and learn about the daily calls for service going on in their community.



Christmas w/ a Cop: The Yorkville Police Department partnered with the Yorkville Kiwanis Club, Restore Church, Target Superstore, Casey's, and Rosati's to bring holiday cheer to youth in the Yorkville area. The Christmas Party, hosted at the Yorkville Police Department, was a joyous event where 45 children and their families gathered to celebrate. Guests enjoyed pizza generously provided by Rosati's, cookies donated by Target, and a special visit from Santa, who distributed gifts to the children. The evening was filled with smiles, laughter, and the true spirit of giving, creating unforgettable memories for all involved.

At a Glance

- 4 New Police Officers were hired and trained this year: Officer Cameron Bonner, Officer Andrew Camis, Officer Jack Wade, Officer Sam Tickle
- Internship Program employees: Natalia Perez (YHS – now CSO), Ryan Navarro Carolina University, Gracie Magcalas (Illinois State University)
- Purchased 3 new patrol vehicles.
- 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, Coloring with Cops, Cedarhurst Alzheimer Special Event, Yorkville Hometown Days, YMCA Summer LEAD Program, Bicycle Rodeo, Kindergarten First Responder Week



By the Numbers

Police Department Operations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Training Hours	3,586	6,557	5,193	4,324	7,457
Number of Sworn Officers <small>*The part-time officer program was discontinued in 2022</small>	30 full-time 2 Part-Time*	32 full-time 2 Part-Time*	32 Sworn Officers	33 Sworn Officers	34 Sworn Officers
Number of Calls for Service	12,449	13,450	13,538	12,901	16 853
Total Arrests	401	502	421	500	390
DUI Arrests	39	34	38	39	41
Patrol Miles Driven	269,879	242,251	242,306	237,891	292,943

Shared Services



This year, the Yorkville Police Department partnered with the Kendall County Health Department to provide essential social work services to the residents of Yorkville. As part of this collaboration, a part-time social worker is stationed at the department one day each week to offer follow-up care and support to residents in need. When officers encounter situations where additional social work assistance may be beneficial, they can refer residents to the Health Department for comprehensive follow-up services. This provides a more holistic approach to resident support.

VirTra V-300 Police Training Simulator

The Yorkville Police Department is thrilled to announce the arrival of the VirTra V-300 police training simulator, made possible through a Department of Justice De-Escalation Safety Grant. This state-of-the-art system was installed earlier this year and fully operational enhancing our training capabilities. We extend our gratitude to our valued partners, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, Plano Police Department, Montgomery Police Department, Oswego Police Department, and Yorkville School District #115—for their support in this endeavor.

Real-life events are often complex, and each scenario within the VirTra V-300 simulator reflects this reality. With extensive branching options, the scenarios adapt based on the decisions trainees make, offering a dynamic training experience every time. This system will reinforce crucial concepts, including officer presence, communication skills, understanding verbal and non-verbal cues, de-escalation techniques, less-lethal force options, duty to intervene, managing interactions with emotionally disturbed individuals, and more.



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Public Works Projects

YBSD Water Main Extension in progress – installing 780 feet of water main.

Well #10 Raw Water Main in progress – installed 3,600 feet of raw water main, replaced 700 feet of water main, began drilling the well.

Installed 8,600 feet of sanitary sewer.

Replaced 9,800 feet of water main.

Replaced 10,300 square feet of sidewalk.

2024 Road to Better Roads (resurfaced 3.43 miles of streets)

2024 Local Road Program (resurfaced 7.51 miles of streets)

Perfect Compliance with the IDPH for Flouride Levels

Replaced 155 Water Meters

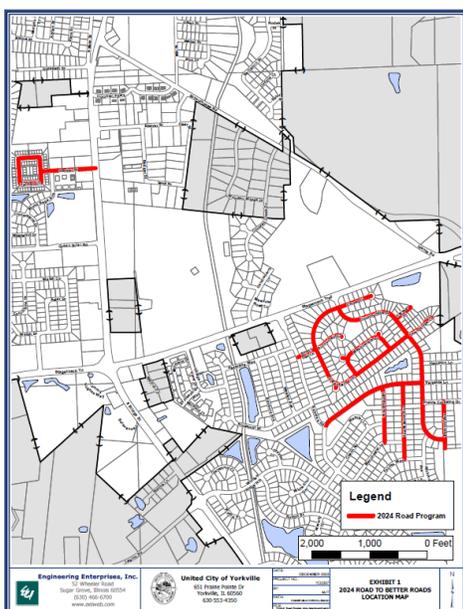
Installed 327 New Water Meters

Painted 150 Hydrants

Completed 359 Final/Temporary Inspections on Water Meters

- 16 Parkway Tree Replacements were planted in the Spring.
- There were 6,011 JULIE tickets in calendar year 2024.
- Took Delivery of new Peterbilt single axle dump and trackless for leaf and snow removal.
- Waiting on body to be built for single axle Mack truck and single axle Peterbilt dump truck.
- Over 5,058 lane miles were driven during snow removal operations
- 4,032 gallons of brine was used in winter operations.
- Used 1,000 tons of salt during the winter season.

2024 Road to Better Roads



Public Works and Parks Facility

Construction Manager, RC Wegman was selected and approved. Bids are being sent out in nearly 2025.





By the Numbers

Public Works Operations	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lane Miles of Streets Swept	250	250	75	250	375
Miles of Right of Way Mowed	82	80	80	80	120
Gallons of Water Treated	634,646,700	634,646,700	664,975,300	728,833,100	744,818,300
Cubic Yards of Leaves Collected through Public Works Collection	2,000	1,410	1,410	1,620	1,700
Lane Miles of Street resurfaced	2.35	3.3	3.22	2.57	10.94
Feet of Sewer Lines Relined/Replaced	0	1,888	1,100	760	0
Miles of Cleaned Sewer Mains	13	17	8.76	7.19	20.8
Number of Cleaned Storm Sewers, Inlets and Catch Basins	237	364	367	135	141

The street department sealed 28,800 square yards of trails and parking lots and striped 4,820 square feet of parking stalls.



John Sleezer transferred to the Assistant Public Works Director Position in December!

August Zitt was hired on as a Full-Time Maintenance Worker I.

Ryan Conard transferred to the Water Sewer Operator Position.

Aaron Alvarez was hired as a MWII in the Street Department.

David Yoder was hired as a MWII in the Street Department.

Ryan Bedford was hired as a MWII in the Street Department.

Patrick Legendre was hired as a MWII in the Water/Sewer Department.