



# Yorkville News

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## April 3, 2018 "Village of Yorkville" Referendum

The following referendum question will be placed on the ballot for the Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Spring Election as to whether or not to incorporate the Town of Yorkville as a Village:

### "Shall the Town of Yorkville be incorporated as a Village?"

\_\_\_\_\_ For a Village      \_\_\_\_\_ Against a Village"

Included below is an explanation of a vote for the two options provided for this referendum question:

A vote "**For a Village**" means that you are voting for the Town of Yorkville to become the Village of Yorkville. If a majority of those voting on the referendum vote "For a Village," then the incorporated Village of Yorkville will be the successor to the Town of Yorkville. All lands currently in the Town of Yorkville will be included in the incorporated Village of Yorkville. Governance will change to a village structure under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 61.

A vote "**Against a Village**" means that you are voting against the Town of Yorkville becoming the Village of Yorkville. If a majority of those voting on the referendum vote "Against a Village," then the Town of Yorkville will not incorporate or become a village at this time. All lands currently in the Town of Yorkville will remain in the unincorporated town at this time. Governance will continue as a town structure under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 60.

An information sheet on the proposed incorporation is included on the next two pages of this newsletter.

Sample ballots for this election can be found on the Town's home page, [www.townofyorkville.com](http://www.townofyorkville.com).





# TOWN OF YORKVILLE

## INCORPORATION-RELATED INFORMATION

As development takes place throughout Racine County, the Yorkville Town Board is taking **proactive steps to ensure Yorkville has the tools it needs to control its own future.**

The Town is seeking approval from voters to incorporate into a Village, which will **enable our community to control its own borders and decision-making authority.**

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on this change as part of a referendum on the April 3, 2018 ballot.

### WHAT IS INCORPORATION?

Incorporation is the process of constituting a community as a legal municipality. **In Wisconsin, towns seek incorporation as a tool to acquire greater independence.** Upon referendum approval, Yorkville would transition from a Town into a Village.

### WHY IS YORKVILLE SEEKING INCORPORATION NOW?

Special state legislation grants towns adjacent to the planned Foxconn campus the opportunity to incorporate, making it possible for Yorkville to easily incorporate without meeting the state's standard requirements for incorporation.

Normally, incorporation is a legally challenging, expensive, and time intensive process, but the **state legislation simplifies the process, enabling incorporation through community approval of the April 3, 2018 referendum question.**

### NEXT STEPS

#### April 3

Referendum vote on incorporation

#### Mid-to-late April

Town Board determines size of Village Board and sets election date

#### Early-to-mid June

Special election for Village Board

#### April 2019

Regular Spring election for Village Board



### VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

#### POLLING LOCATION:

Union Grove Municipal Center  
(925 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Union Grove)

#### ABSENTEE VOTING:

Monday, March 19 - Friday, March 30  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(in person at the Yorkville Town Office in the Union Grove Municipal Center)

Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail: **March 29, 4:30 p.m.**

# TOWN OF YORKVILLE INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

VOTE TUESDAY  
APRIL 3, 2018

## WHAT WOULD CHANGE?



**Geographic Autonomy:** Protects against annexation of Yorkville properties into neighboring Villages or Cities and provides Yorkville control over its own destiny and geographic boundaries



**Governmental Autonomy:** Gives Yorkville control over planning and zoning, providing control over future development



**Economic Development:** Enables Yorkville to utilize economic development tools, like Tax Increment Financing (TIF)



**Greater Revenue Opportunities:** Enables Yorkville to apply for additional federal, state and local grants that are only available to incorporated communities



**Village Government Structure:** State Statutes set a default size of a Village Board as seven, which includes a Village President and six Trustees. However, the Town Board has the ability to establish a five-member board.

## WHAT WOULD NOT CHANGE?



**Public Services:** For the foreseeable future the Town would continue to rely on the County to perform most routine public works services. Residents will continue to have access to the current Solid Waste and Recycling site.



**Police & Fire Services:** Yorkville would continue to utilize law enforcement services from the Racine County Sheriff's Department and fire/rescue services from the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department.



**Ordinances:** The Town's current ordinances will continue to remain in force throughout the newly created Village until altered or repealed, unless specifically contrary to State Statutes.



**Municipal Expenses:** There will be minor costs associated with the incorporation process — for example, we would need to create signage and letterhead — but no major changes in overall ongoing costs for Yorkville.

Annual **CLEAN SWEEP**  
&  
**NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**April 28, 2018**  
8 am to noon

**FREE HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE,  
ELECTRONICS,  
MEDICATION,  
& APPLIANCE  
DISPOSAL\***

Burlington (City & Town)- Dover - Rochester - Union  
Grove - Waterford (Village) - Yorkville Residents

*Proof of residence required*

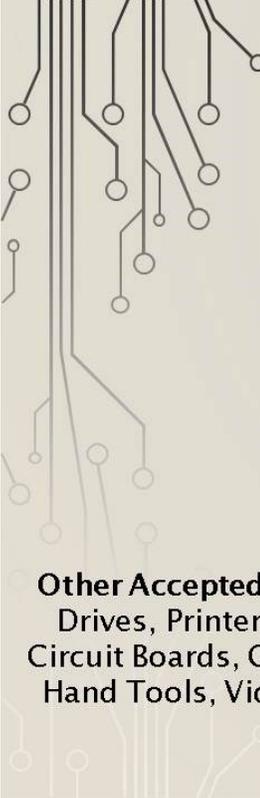
**Accepted Items**

- |                          |                          |                            |                        |                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Acetone                  | Dry Cleaning Solvent     | Light Ballasts             | Paint Thinner          | Televisions/Monitors (\$30 |
| Aerosol Cans, full       | Electronics              | Lighter Fluid              | Paint Stripper         | cash only fee for tube     |
| Antifreeze               | Fertilizer               | Medication (Prescription & | Pesticides             | tv/monitors, \$10 for flat |
| Appliances               | Fiberglass Epoxy         | OTC) - No sharps           | Pool Chemicals         | screen tv/monitors)        |
| Batteries (non-alkaline) | Floor Care Products      | Metal Polish               | Rat Poison             | Transmission Fluid         |
| Battery acid             | Furniture Polish         | Mothballs                  | Rechargeable Batteries | Varnish                    |
| Brake Fluid              | Gasoline and other Fuels | Nail Polish Remover        | Shellac & Stain        | Weed Killer                |
| Car batteries            | Glue, solvent based      | Oil Filters                | Shoe Polish            | Wood Filler                |
| Car Wax, solvent based   | Hair Remover             | Oils-based Paints          | Spot Remover           | Wood Preservative          |
| Contact Cement           | Insect Spray/Killer      | Oils (Auto & Other)        | Solvent-based Cleaners |                            |
| Driveway Sealer          | Latex Paint and Stain    | Oven Cleaner               | Stump Remover          |                            |

\* Ammunition, explosives, medical waste, sharps, propane, radioactive materials, alkaline batteries, or containers of liquid over five (5) gallons will not be accepted.

**2100 S. Pine Street - Burlington**

Electronic Devices Will Be Accepted  
A Fee Of \$30 Will Be Charged For Tube TV/Monitors, \$10 Fee For Flat Screen TV/Monitors - CASH ONLY



## UNION GROVE/YORKVILLE COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018  
9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

### Location:

Union Grove Wastewater Plant – 3710 67<sup>th</sup> Drive

### RECYCLING FEES:

All TV's (any size or type) \$20.00 – CRT Monitors \$10.00  
**CASH ONLY – NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS**

**Other Accepted Items (Free Disposal):** Desktop and Laptop Computers and Accessories, Hard Drives, Printers, Scanners, VCR's, DVD Players, Fax Machines, Stereos, Radios, Typewriters, Circuit Boards, Cables, Cell Phones, Telephones, Cameras, Camcorders, Cordless Rechargeable Hand Tools, Video Games, Small Kitchen Appliances, Microwaves, Vacuum Cleaners, Exercise Equipment and Other Small Electronics.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING

The Town of Yorkville's Annual Town Elector Meeting is scheduled\* for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in the Town Board Room at the Union Grove Municipal Center, 925 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Town Board Room is located at the east end of the second floor. There is an elevator available on the west end of the building (near the main entrance) for your convenience.

The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the reading and approval of last year's meeting minutes, the presentation of annual reports on various topics\*\*, the scheduling of the 2019 Annual Town Elector Meeting, and any other business as permitted by state law. Please contact the Town Office for a copy of the agenda or go to [www.townofyorkville.com](http://www.townofyorkville.com).

**\*Please note that, should the April 3, 2018 incorporation referendum pass and the Town of Yorkville become a village, this meeting will not be held.**

**\*\*The Town's 2017 audited General Fund summary was not available at the time of the publication of this newsletter. If you wish to receive a copy of this summary when it does become available, please contact the Town Office.**

## A Message to Town Residents about Dog Licensing

The Yorkville Town Board would like to encourage all dog-owning Town residents to license their dogs annually with the Town. Here are several reasons why dog licensing is important for both residents and the Town:

**It assists local agencies with their duties.** Those agencies can use licensing information to locate a stray dog's owner faster, which is especially important if the dog is injured and requires immediate medical attention. We believe that stray dogs should be reunited with their owners as soon as possible.

**It serves a valuable public health function.** Dogs are required to be current on their rabies vaccinations. The Town will only issue a dog license upon presentation of a current rabies vaccination certificate. Licensing records can be used to determine whether stray dogs are current on their rabies vaccinations. Annual licensing is an important reminder to owners to keep their dogs up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, which protects the dog, other animals and the public from being exposed to this disease.

**License revenue helps offset the cost of the Town's animal control services.** The Town is required to provide animal control services; Playmate Kennels and Wisconsin Humane Society provide these services. Our animal control budget in 2018 is \$4,446.69. Dog licensing revenue, which has steadily decreased over time, helps offset these expenditures. As dog licensing revenues continue to decline, the Town must rely more heavily upon other sources of revenue to cover these expenditures, such as property taxes.

**It is required by Town ordinance.** Town of Yorkville Code of Ordinances Section 6-51 requires that all dogs five months of age and older be licensed annually. A first offense of failure to license a dog can result in a daily citation of \$124.00 until the dog is licensed, with a second offense resulting in a daily citation of \$187.00.

Town ordinances only allow three dogs to be kept on each property; any number of dogs in excess of this, whether owned by the same or different individuals, requires a kennel license. Dog licenses for 2018 are available now and are valid until December 31, 2018. Licenses are \$10.00 for neutered and spayed dogs and \$15.00 for unneutered and unspayed dogs. Applications for 2018 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee effective **April 1, 2018.**

## Upcoming Yorkville Road Projects

The Town of Yorkville will likely proceed with the following road repaving projects in 2018:

59<sup>th</sup> Drive between Durand Avenue (STH 11) and 58<sup>th</sup> Road

65<sup>th</sup> Court

A portion of 61<sup>st</sup> Drive between Spring Street (CTH C) and Plank Road (CTH A)

The 59<sup>th</sup> Drive and 65<sup>th</sup> Court projects would likely be scheduled for a May start. The 61<sup>st</sup> Drive project would likely start in late summer or early fall. Through traffic will only be restricted when cross-culverts are being replaced. Access to and from individual driveways will be limited when crews are doing work immediately in front of the driveway. Project updates will be provided on the Town's website and Facebook pages as they become available.

## *News from the Building Inspector*

The Building Inspection Department now allows access online to view inspection results. All that is needed is the permit number assigned to your project for the viewing to be activated after you log into the site.

**Enter this web address to access the portal:**

**<https://www.iworq.net/iworq/PermitWeb/permitWebSearch.asp?cityid=925&fid=600>**

Typically inspections are loaded the same day and no later than the following day by noon.

More features may be added in the future to allow on-line permit submittals.

***James Deluca***

## **WATER SAFETY**

Swimming can be a wonderful way for kids to have fun and socialize. As the weather heats up and children start to spend more time outside, it is important to put safety first when children are in and around water. Children 1-4 years old are more likely to drown in a pool, whereas children 5 years and older are more likely to drown in natural bodies of water such as ponds, lakes, quarries and rivers. Whether you are in the backyard, at the beach or at a community swimming pool, you can keep it a safe place for kids to swim and play by following these simple tips.

Watch kids without being distracted, by maintaining visual contact with children in or around water. Never leave a child's safety in the hands of another child.

Do not use flotation devices, such as noodles or innertubes, as substitution for a life jacket or adult supervision.

Do not think you will hear a child who is drowning. Most child drownings are silent with no splashing or screaming to alert anyone.

Even if you do not plan to swim, be aware of natural bodies of water. Natural bodies have colder temperatures, currents and underwater hazards that make them very dangerous.

Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool.

Teach children to enter the water feet first, every time! Diving headfirst into water and hitting the bottom can cause serious injuries, such as paralysis.

For more information about water safety, visit [www.safekids.org/water-safety](http://www.safekids.org/water-safety). Safe Kids Racine County is part of the Central Racine County Health Department.

## Graham Public Library

presents

**Fred Gregory of**

**Bristol Pottery**

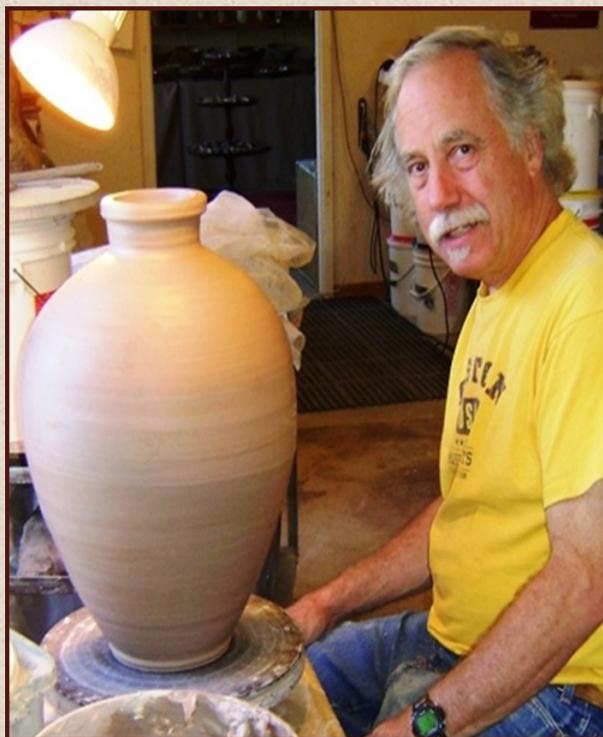
**Thursday, April 5th**

**at 1:00 pm**

Fred Gregory has been making pots for over 40 years. He will bring his wheel and clay and demonstrate the skills of a potter.

**No registration required.**

**Donations appreciated.**



## Modine-Benstead Observatory Open Houses

We invite you to come to one of our public nights and view the heavens through our telescopes. We will have the club's telescopes open and many of the club's members will have their telescopes available to view through. Depending on what is up each night, we will view the moon, planets, and many deep sky objects. Come out and take a look back in time. For example, when you view the Andromeda galaxy, you are looking back in time 2.9 million years.

Spring Astronomy Day  
Sat., April 21st  
8:00 - 11:00 PM

Friday, May 4th  
8:30 - 11:00 PM

Solar Observing  
Sat., May 5th  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Friday, June 8th  
8:30 - 11:00 PM

Friday, July 20th  
8:30 - 11:00 PM

Friday, August 10th  
8:00 - 11:00 PM

Friday, Sept. 14th  
8:00 - 11:00 PM

Fall Astronomy Day  
Sat., October 13th  
7:00 - 10:00 PM

## Jumping Worms

Native to East Asia, jumping worm was found in Wisconsin in 2013. Jumping worms feed on soil organic matter, leaf litter and mulch and create very grainy-looking and hard little pellets when they excrete. The 'changed' soil resembles large coffee grounds, and has poor structure for plants to grow in. Also, the worms feed on the organic matter that plants, fungi and bacteria need for nutrients, removing much of it from the soil ecosystem.

The worms are parthenogenetic, producing eggs without the need for a mate, so just one worm can start a new population. Jumping worms resemble regular earthworms (which are also not native here) but there are some important differences. Unlike other earthworms, they don't produce slime and are more gray or brown in color than pink. Their clitellum, the band of lighter-colored tissue near the head is smooth, not raised like other earthworms and whitish, not pink. The body is more turgid as well.

Jumping worms get their name from their behavior—when handled, they thrash violently, may jump into the air or shed their tails. Adults die in winter, but their larvae overwinter as microscopic cocoons in the soil or leaf litter (which is why you don't see them right away in spring). After hatching in late June, each worm begins reproducing; their life cycle lasts 60 days, so we can have two generations easily each year.

Written by Lisa Johnson, Dane County Horticulture Educator)

# AARP Tax-Aide



AARP Tax assistance will be available at Graham Public Library  
starting February 3rd through April 7th,  
Saturdays only, from 9:30-Noon.

This free service is for taxpayers with low or middle income.  
No reservations will be taken. Tax assistance is provided on a  
first-come, first-served basis.



**YORKVILLE CLEAN SWEEP  
OF ELECTRONICS & TIRES**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018  
8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**YORKVILLE COLLECTION  
SITE (19040 SPRING STREET)**

***OPEN TO YORKVILLE  
RESIDENTS ONLY***

**PAYMENT ACCEPTED IN CASH  
-OR- CHECK MADE OUT TO "ASDA  
ENTERPRISES"**

**\$30.00 PER TUBE TV  
OR COMPUTER MONITOR**

**\$10.00 PER  
FLATSCREEN (LED) TV  
OR COMPUTER MONITOR**

**PER TIRE DISPOSAL  
FEES (BY TYPE):**

**\$5.00 CAR OR SMALLER  
\$10.00 TRUCK  
\$25.00 SEMI-TRUCK  
\$115.00 TRACTOR  
\$200.00 EXCAVATOR**

**FREE ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING  
(COMPUTERS, RADIOS  
PRINTERS, LAPTOPS)**

**EVENT HOSTED BY:**

**ASDA ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(262) 539-2086  
WWW.ASDAREFUSE.COM**



## Recent Development Activity

Building permits were issued for these projects since October 1, 2017:

- 615 63<sup>rd</sup> Drive - Construction of an 18' x 26' garage addition
- 18828 Plank Road (CTH A) - Construction of a garage addition
- 18302 Old Yorkville Road - Construction of a 42' x 64' garage
- 20915 White Ash Road - Construction of a commercial multi-tenant building
- 2804 67<sup>th</sup> Drive - Construction of a single-family home
- 19031 Spring Street (CTH C) - Construction of four (30' x 150', 40' x 160', 40' x 160', 40' x 160') commercial storage buildings
- 2705 67<sup>th</sup> Drive - Construction of a single-family home
- 15346 Kingston Way - Construction of a single-family home
- 14215 2 Mile Road - Construction of a three-story commercial addition
- 1578 53<sup>rd</sup> Drive - Construction of a single-family home and a 46' x 64' pole barn

The Town Board and/or Plan Commission approved the following requests since November 1, 2017:

- [2430 Queens Brook Lane](#), 2435 53<sup>rd</sup> Drive and Outlot 2 of the Stonecrest Shores subdivision - Jason and Rachel Haubrich - Certified survey map permitting reconfiguration of the parcel located at 2430 Queens Brook Lane (Lot 16 of the Stonecrest Shores subdivision) by attaching a portion of the rear of the parcel located at 2435 53<sup>rd</sup> Drive and a portion of Outlot 2 of the Stonecrest Shores subdivision to said parcel to increase the size of said parcel from 1.12 acres to 4.67 acres
- 2638 North Sylvania Avenue - Max and Jeanne Zuleta - Temporary holding tank agreement and temporary holding tank servicing contract
- [TCTS, LLC](#) - 2626 49<sup>th</sup> Drive - Certified survey map permitting division of an approximately 61.5-acre parcel into a 4.82-acre parcel and an approximately 56.68-acre remnant parcel
- [2118 North Sylvania, LLC](#) - 2118 North Sylvania Avenue - Site plan permitting occupancy of the existing site and buildings with an undamaged and damaged used vehicle auction platform fulfillment center known as "Copart"
- 515 Reality Group - Vacant 7.03-acre parcel located between 910 South Sylvania Avenue and 1300 Grandview Parkway - Conditional use permitting construction of a 120-foot by 250-foot (30,000-square foot) commercial bakery facility with a small retail operation on the north side of this property with 52 parking spaces along the front of the building (Phase I) and to permit construction of a 120-foot by 200-foot (24,000-square foot) expansion of this proposed facility to the south and installation of an additional 84 parking spaces along the front and rear of the proposed expansion (Phase II)
- RR Family, LLC - 2916 North Sylvania Avenue - Site plan permitting backfilling of ±115 feet on the western edge of the property for storage of construction equipment, including extending the existing fencing to encompass the area
- County Line KR Investors, LLC - 15838 County Line Road (CTH KR) - Certified survey map permitting division of a 73.95-acre parcel into an 8.00-acre parcel and a 65.95-acre remnant parcel
- OBCO, LLC - 14520 Braun Road - Conditional use permitting re-establishment of a non-metallic mining operation (clay extraction), including the creation of a pond and a Resource Conservation Area (RCA)
- Alan and Lyle Jaspersen - Seven parcels at the southeast corner of the North Colony Avenue (USH 45) and Washington Avenue (STH 20) roundabout - Preliminary plat permitting reconfiguration of these seven parcels into eleven residential parcels ranging in size from 3.00 to 4.92 acres
- Daniel Thompson - 1901 South Colony Avenue (USH 45) - Conditional use permitting occupancy of a portion of the existing commercial office building and auto body shop with "Buhs Auto Sales, LLC", for the sales and service of automobiles
- RK Racine, LLC - 2808 North Sylvania Avenue - Conditional use permitting the construction and use a 20,760-square foot addition to the existing building, including relocation of an outside storage area.

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MICHAEL & AMY GEHRAND  
OR CURRENT OCCUPANT  
3707 ACORN TRL  
UNION GROVE WI 53182

## Free Community Meal at Union Grove Congregational

Please join us for our Monthly Free Community Meal! Would you like a night off from kitchen duty, like to have dinner with your neighbors, or simply have a tight budget that won't stretch until the end of the month? The Union Grove Congregational United Church of Christ hosts a free community meal from 5:30 until 6:30, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The church is located on the corner of 11th Ave. and Vine Street in Union Grove, just one block west of Mulberry's restaurant.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your neighbors, friends or family to enjoy a good, home-cooked meal. A free-will offering basket is available - donations accepted, but not required. Carry-outs are available starting at 6:00 pm.

Additionally, some basic grocery and personal care items are available for you or someone you know who may need them.

If you are interested in helping at a future Community Meal, please let us know by calling 262-878-1690 or e-mailing us at [ugcongucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ugcongucc@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to seeing you at our meals.

Please note: We will be taking the summer off and hope to see many new faces in the fall 2018.