



Yorkville News

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SPRING ELECTION

We look forward to seeing you at the polls on April 4th! Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. Please be sure to bring an acceptable photo id.

Remember you can use myvote.wi.gov to view sample ballots, find your polling place, register to vote or update your voter registration, and to request absentee ballots.

Want to know more about how Wisconsin runs elections? Visit <https://elections.wi.gov/faq>.



2023 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The Village will perform annual maintenance of property assessments in 2023, instead of a complete revaluation of all properties. Annual maintenance includes the review of new construction, remodeling, parcel splits, as well as updates relating to property grade and condition.

These assessment notices will also contain information about Open Book dates and the date for the 2023 Board of Review.

Assessment notices will be sent out in late May, but only for those properties that have a change in assessed value of \$100.00 or more as of January 1, 2023.

The Village's 2023 Open Book will be held from June 1 through June 6, by appointment only. Please contact Assessor Jim Henke at 262-498-7473 or jhenke4737@gmail.com to set up an Open Book appointment. If you have a question about your 2023 property assessment, please contact the Assessor to discuss it in more detail.

The Village's 2023 Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Yorkville Village Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove.

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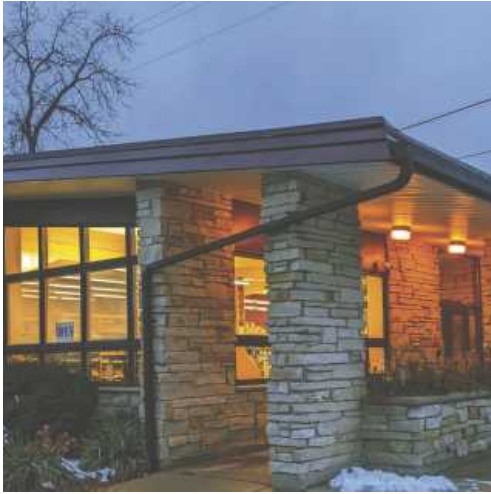
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***Board of Review is Scheduled for:
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm***

GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



Since the start of the school year, Yorkville School's 4K students, teachers, and parents have been visiting Graham Public Library once a month. Our Youth Librarian shares stories and activities, and the children have time to choose books to check out and read at home. To be eligible for a library card, you must be at least 4 years old, so for some of the students, this was their first opportunity to get their own library card. We are so happy to partner with Yorkville School and to help support students' literacy.

Graham Public Library is located at 1215 Main Street and is open Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 7:00, Friday 9:00 – 5:00, and Saturday 9:00 – 1:00. Drop by and visit us! For information about the library and all the programs and services we offer, please visit our website: <https://www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us> or like us on Facebook.

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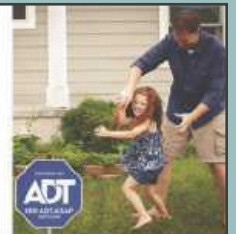
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UPCOMING ROAD PROJECTS

The Village of Yorkville plans to repave 58th Road this spring from 51st Drive to 55th Drive. Stark Asphalt will be the project contractor. 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 Village's website and Facebook pages as they become available.

Part of the middle and southern sections of Grandview Parkway will also be repaved this spring; this project will be completed in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Property access may be limited during the course of the project. Project updates will be provided on the Village's website and Facebook pages as they become available.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will begin work on its Washington Avenue (STH 20) repaving project in late spring/early summer. This project includes repaving STH 20 from Milwaukee Avenue (STH 36) in Waterford/Rochester to Spring Street (CTH C) in Yorkville, increasing paved shoulder widths and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of STH 20 and North Raynor Avenue (USH 45). This project will likely require closures on STH 20.

- 58th Road
- Sections of Grandview Parkway
- Washington Ave (STH 20)



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RECENT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Building permits were issued for these projects since October 1, 2022:

- 2470 Queens Brook Lane - Pole barn
- 19805 Durand Avenue (STH 11) - Wireless carrier collocation
- 1825 Yorkville Meadows Court - Single-family home
- 15000 56th Road - Pole barn
- 14215 2 Mile Road - Commercial addition
- 5215 Crystal Lane - Shed
- 1131 55th Drive - Chicken coop and deck
- 15611 Plank Road (CTH A) - Deck
- 2310 Queens Brook Lane - Single-family home
- 2300 Thoreau Court - Shed

Learn more
about the Building Permit
Process on our website:
www.villageofyorkville.com.
Fillable applications
are also available
online.

Approved Plans

The Plan Commission and/or Village Board approved the following requests since November 1, 2022:

- 14215 2 Mile Road - Zoomlion Heavy Industry NA, Inc. - Site plan
- 14314 58th Road - Mark Sunday - Site plan
- 2730 South Sylvania Avenue (West Frontage Road) - 2730 Sylvania Ave, LLC - Certified survey map
- 2801 53rd Drive - David and Juli Tianen Trust - Certified survey map
- 14215 2 Mile Road - Zoomlion Heavy Industry NA, Inc. - Site plan
- 2118 North Sylvania Avenue (West Frontage Road) - 2118 North Sylvania, LLC - Site plan
- 3413 67th Drive - Delbert Thacker - Kennel license
- Three unaddressed parcels located to the west, north and partially to the east of the parcel located at 14700 50th Road - TNG 27, LLC - Rezoning and conditional use
- 2319 Raymond Avenue (CTH U) - Echo Yorkville, LLC - Conditional use

MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Village of Yorkville aims to partner with village residents and business owners to maintain a safe, clean, and appealing community. As part of this effort, we are excited to announce that the Village of Yorkville has contracted with Municipal Code Enforcement, LLC (MCE). Allison Schwark is our primary contact with MCE, and she has already been exploring our community and reviewing previous concerns. Allison will collaborate with our Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator, and Animal Control Officer as applicable.

We have also added a form to our website that Yorkville residents can use to submit concerns. This is intended to be used to report ordinance violations or concerns related to the general health and welfare of the community. Please In the event of an emergency please call 911 or the appropriate utility service; submissions are not monitored outside of office hours.

Wherever possible, the Village will investigate and attempt to resolve all reported and discovered violations prior to utilizing the services of MCE. Should you receive a letter addressing a concern regarding your property, we encourage you to reach back out to us within the timeframe noted. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you in keeping the Village of Yorkville a great place to live and work!



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WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPEN HOUSE MAY 6, 2023



The Village will hold an open house for residents and businesses to tour the facility on May 6 from 11 am to 2 pm. Tours will be every 15 minutes and snacks will be served. The plant is located on Washington Ave (Hwy 20) accessible through the Racine County Public Works Parking lot.

The Village's upgraded Wastewater Treatment Facility came online in August of 2022 after nearly a year of construction work. You will also have an opportunity to welcome and meet our new Sewer and Water Utility Manager, Nick Carriker.

The upgraded plant will allow for future development south of Grandview Business Park along South Sylvania Avenue (West Frontage Road), which can diversify the Village's tax base and create new employment opportunities for residents. This project was funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds, property taxes, and tax increment.

SPRING CLEAN-UP - OPEN BURNING

As the weather improves and you venture out to clean up your yards, please keep the following points in mind if you plan on burning leaves, brush, clean wood and other vegetative debris. These are a few excerpts from the Village Code of Ordinances related to open burn. Please see the full ordinance on our website if you have any questions not covered here. We recommend calling the UGY Fire Department at 262-886-2300 to let them know you will be burning.

- * All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads, or airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.
- * No open burning shall be undertaken during periods when either the fire chief or the state department of natural resources has issued a burning ban applicable to the area.
- * Open burning shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated...
- * Outdoor campfires and small bonfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such as a barrel, fire ring, or fire pit. Bonfires are allowed only if approved by and in accordance with provisions established by the fire chief.
- * Open burning under this section shall only be conducted at a location at least 25 feet from any structure and ten feet from any property line.
- * Open burning shall only be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and the earlier of the following: Sunset or 7:00 p.m. All recreational fires shall be out by 12:00 a.m.
- * Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.
- * No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or waterbody.
- * No open burning may be conducted on days when the department of natural resources has declared an ozone action day applicable to the County of Racine.
- * Fires shall not be ignited with flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, diesel fuel, etc.



FARMER'S MARKETS

Sundays, April 16 & 30th

9 am-1 pm

Indoor market at the County Line Hall featuring local meats, cheeses, bakery items, honey, soaps, and much more!

SENIOR SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 16th

10 am - 11 am

Join others at the Graham Public Library for some fun! Activities may include bingo, cards, learning, and enjoyable conversation.

GREENHOUSE SALES

May 13, 2023, 7 am - 3 pm

Visit the Union Grove High School's greenhouse sale for your spring planting needs.

INSPIRED BY RYAN

Saturday, April 22

10 am - 3 pm

UG Elementary is hosting the 10th Annual Inspired by Ryan Arts Fair. Proceeds from a variety of arts and crafts will benefit the MACC Fund.

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 6th

7 am - 3 pm

Held at Racine County Fairgrounds, this event will have secondhand wares you always wanted or never knew you needed.

OBSERVATORY NIGHT

Sat., April 29, 8 pm - 11 pm

Fri. May 26, 8:30 pm - 11 pm

View the heavens through fantastic telescopes! A great family activity. Visit www.rasastro.org for details.



EXPLORE MORE

These are just a few events in our area. You may also want to visit the Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Real Racine websites to view other happenings in our area.
www.uniongrovechamber.org
www.realracine.com

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A MESSAGE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS ABOUT DOG LICENSING

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

* **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 Village 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 Village's animal control services.** The Village is required to provide animal control services; Jodie Hoffmann-Ruffalo and Wisconsin Humane Society provide these services. Our animal control budget in 2023 is \$5,000.00. Dog licensing revenue, which has steadily decreased over time, helps offset these expenditures. As dog licensing revenues continue to decline, the Village must rely more heavily upon other sources of revenue to cover these expenditures, such as property taxes.

* **It is required by Village ordinance.** Village 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.

Village 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 2023 are available now and are valid until December 31, 2023. Licenses are \$10.00 for neutered and spayed dogs and \$15.00 for unaltered dogs. Applications for 2023 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee effective April 1, 2023.

Dog license applications are available on our website, villageofyorkville.com.



RECENTLY ADOPTED VILLAGE ORDINANCES

The Yorkville Village Board adopted the following ordinances in 2022 and 2023 to amend the Village's Code of Ordinances:

- Ordinance 2022-07, which relates to signs.
- Ordinance 2022-08, which relates to outdoor lighting.
- Ordinance 2023-02, which relates to home-based businesses.

The full text of these ordinances can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofyorkville.com.

YORKVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REFERENDUM

Following are a few frequently asked questions related to the April 4th election referendums. Please visit yorkville.referendumfacts.org for a comprehensive view of the needs, the process, and the impact.

What is the wording of the capital referendum, or Question 1?

Shall the Yorkville Joint No. 2 School District, Racine County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$12,100,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: renovations, building infrastructure, capital maintenance and site improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

What is the wording of the operational referendum, or Question 2?

Shall the Yorkville Joint No. 2 School District, Racine County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses.

What is the difference between an operating and capital referendum?

An OPERATIONAL referendum question asks voters to approve additional funding above the annual revenue limit to maintain things like class sizes, programs, and student services. Funds secured are used within the year they are received.

A CAPITAL referendum question asks voters to approve the district issuing debt to pay for major building projects, such as maintenance, remodeling or additions to school buildings. Much like a home mortgage, a capital referendum is typically financed over an extended period of time, often 20 years.

What will the referendum investment cost me?

Approval of the both the Capital + Operational referendum would result in an annual estimated tax increase of \$52 (OR \$4.33 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate. The two referendum questions break out as follows:

* Approval of the capital referendum would result in an annual estimated tax increase of \$22 (OR \$1.83 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate.

* Approval of the operational referendum would result in an annual estimated tax increase of \$30 (OR \$2.50 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate.

Why choose to go to referendum now?

Yorkville has made significant progress because of past community support, and the proposed solutions build upon those accomplishments

Due to State aid decreases, prioritized needs cannot be addressed within annual budgets

Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding was a one-time source of funds to address needs as a result of COVID impacts

Needs have been prioritized based on extensive feedback from the community and staff, resulting in a long-term plan to address our facility needs

Because of ongoing management of the District's finances, the District has reduced tax rates by over 25% over the last five (5) years. The District is able to address key priorities funded by the proposed operational and capital referendums, while keeping the tax rate below 21-22 levels

Waiting one (1) year to complete the proposed maintenance and remodeling work could increase costs by an estimated \$800,000.

What happens if either of the referendums are not approved?

Interest rates are still near historic lows for the time being, yet construction costs are increasing and interest rates are rising. Waiting even one year to complete this prioritized work could increase costs by an estimated \$800,000.

If a referendum is not approved, our Board of Education will have to review options to meet these needs, as they cannot be addressed within current annual budgets. This would include expenditures for staffing, classroom programming and materials, transportation, and co-curricular needs.

How has inflation impacted District operations?

The cost of virtually everything has spiked over the last two years, and school districts are not immune to the effects. Fuel, utility, transportation, classroom and food costs are up while the cost to attract and retain full-time staff, substitute teachers and support staff has risen.

Learn more about the referendum at
YORKVILLE.REFERENDUMFACTS.ORG

RACINE COUNTY FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Let's Talk about Foster Care!

Racine County needs those interested in helping to Keep them Home and becoming foster parents! Racine's children need those who can step up to the plate and go the distance to help them and their families heal and grow!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent and would like to attend an Information Session, please email Jessica Scheeler at jessica.scheeler@racinecounty.com.

Or, join us for one of the following information sessions:

When: Every 4th Wednesday Night of the Month

Dates: April 26, May 24, and June 28

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: 1717 Taylor Ave. Racine, WI 53403 | Classroom D



2023 VISIT RACINE COUNTY VISITOR GUIDE

The 2023 Visit Racine County Visitor Guide is officially here! Full of relevant information for both visitors and residents, it is available at over TWO HUNDRED locations throughout the County. The magazine has a new, fresh look and is 44 pages of activities, attractions and photos. The Visitor Guide covers all of Racine County so whether you are looking for something fun to do in Waterford or Caledonia or Racine or Yorkville- look no further! You can also find the electronic version of the Guide at www.realracine.com. Whether you have a hard copy or are viewing it online, we really hope you can get out and experience all the excitement at Bear Paw Beach (featured on the cover!) Encourage family and friends to come visit for a weekend or day trip...Racine County is ready for you!



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RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) is a private, non-profit organization that provides existing and new Racine County businesses with the essential services needed to create or maintain their economic vitality in our community.

RCEDC's mission is to grow Racine County's property tax base and by supporting business expansions, provide employment opportunities to Racine County residents. RCEDC achieves this by providing Racine County businesses with services needed to complete an expansion, relocation, financing, or talent recruitment project.

Through RCEDC's financing division (Business Lending Partners or BLP), RCEDC provides attractive financing options to companies within Racine County through several Matching Grant and Revolving Loan Fund Programs which offer low interest rates and flexible loan terms. BLP also partners with financial institutions to offer long-term, fixed-rate financing, and refinancing through the SBA 504 Loan Program.

Information about RCEDC and programs to help Racine County businesses can be found at RCEDC.org.

For further program information please contact Jordan Brown, Business Recruitment Specialist, at jbrown@rcedc.org

