



# Yorkville News

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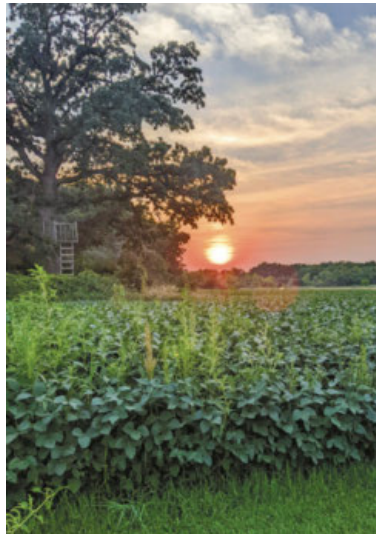
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## YOUR YORKVILLE PHOTOS NEEDED!



The Village of Yorkville is seeking your photos to be used on our website (gallery page) and in our Village Board Room. Yorkville has beautiful landscapes, sunsets, barns, homes, farm scenes, small businesses, and an impressive business park.

If you have a photo that you would like to share that represents Yorkville well, please email it to [janine@villageofyorkville.com](mailto:janine@villageofyorkville.com).

Looking forward to seeing your photos!

## ROAD WORK 2023

Thank you for your patience during this year's road work projects! This year the following projects were completed:

### YORKVILLE PROJECTS

- Acorn Trail | Micro-surfacing
- Crystal Lane | Micro-surfacing
- Grandview Parkway | Re-surfacing and other maintenance
- 58th RD (from 51st to 55th) | Re-surfacing

### WI DOT

- Improved 7.9 Miles of WIS 20 roadway
- WIS 20 and US Hwy 45 (Raynor) roundabout construction
- East and West Frontage Roads - re-surfacing

Did you know that the Village of Yorkville Board and/or Roads/Public Works Committee conducts an annual road inspection every Spring?



**Change your  
clocks;  
change your  
batteries**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS  
NOVEMBER 5TH AT 2:00 A.M.**

**THIS IS A GREAT TIME OF  
YEAR TO ALSO CHANGE YOUR  
SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES!**

## CARBON MONOXIDE

Servicing and maintaining gas appliances like HVAC equipment and water heaters is important. Carbon monoxide is harmful when inhaled because it displaces oxygen in the blood, depriving the heart, brain, and other vital organs of oxygen. Large amounts of carbon monoxide can overcome you in minutes without warning — causing you to lose consciousness and suffocate. This can happen within 2 hours if there is a lot of carbon monoxide in the air. Long-term exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide can also lead to neurological symptoms, such as difficulty thinking or concentrating. Most people who develop mild carbon monoxide poisoning recover quickly when moved into fresh air. Moderate or severe carbon monoxide poisoning causes impaired judgment, confusion, unconsciousness, seizures, chest pain, shortness of breath, low blood pressure, and coma.

### Proper Smoke Detector Maintenance Tips:

- Test detectors monthly
- Install new batteries immediately when the low-battery warning alarm sounds or at least once a year
- Clean smoke detectors regularly by vacuuming them with a brush attachment
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years to achieve optimum performance

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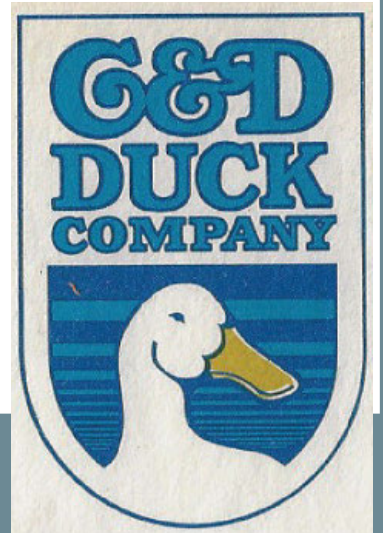
## HISTORY SEEKERS OF THE UNION GROVE AREA



History Seekers will meet on November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Grove Village Board Room. Our discussion will be about the history of the Cooper and Dixon Duck Company. C&D Duck Farm started operations in 1923 on eighty acres and was once the nation's largest duckling growing complex.

If you have a story to tell of working at the "Duck Farm" please join in and bring a friend. Duck Farm memorabilia will be on display that evening.

Contact Marge Martin at 262-994-3344 or [margemartin@hughes.net](mailto:margemartin@hughes.net) to volunteer to record the presentation or if you have any questions about this event or History Seekers in general.



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## 2024 ELECTIONS

**February 20, 2024**

Spring primary if necessary

**April 2, 2024**

Spring Election | Presidential  
Preference Primary

**August 13, 2024**

Primary Election

**November 5, 2024**

General Election

## WISCONSIN ELECTION COMMISSION FOUR-YEAR MAINTENANCE

The Wisconsin Election Commission completed the four-year maintenance process, as required by law, on July 31, 2023. Voter records of individuals who did not respond to the Notice of Suspension of Registration sent on June 15, 2023, were deactivated.

Voters who were deactivated due to non-response and wish to stay registered must complete a new EL-131 Voter Registration form or register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. If you are not sure of your voter registration status visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> to verify. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

### Voter List Maintenance

Commonly referred to as four-year maintenance, this process (outlined in Wisconsin Statutes §§6.50 (1) and (2)) requires the Commission, in June following a general election, to mail notices to all voters who have been registered to vote for the past four years but have not voted.

The notice indicates that voters' registrations will be deactivated unless they request continuation of their registration within 30 days. If the notice is undeliverable or if the voter does not respond within 30 days, the Commission deactivates the voter's registration in the statewide voter registration system.

Voters who are deactivated do not appear on the poll list on Election Day and must re-register to vote. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r), the Commission must post voter record maintenance statistics on the agency website.

### 4-YEAR MAINTENANCE STATS

#### Village of Yorkville

Total Notices Sent.....	70
Requested Continuation.....	8
Undeliverable.....	10
No Response.....	52
Total Deactivated.....	62

#### Racine County

Total Notices Sent.....	4,400
Requested Continuation.....	223
Undeliverable/Other/Merged	940
No Response.....	3,273
Total Deactivated.....	4,177

#### State of Wisconsin

Total Notices Sent.....	116,051
Requested Continuation.....	7,469
Undeliverable/Other/Merged	31,785
No Response.....	77,726
Total Deactivated.....	108,378

## COMMUTE SMARTER

CommuteWISE is an information hub for commuters in Southeastern WI. Explore transportation options to find a way to work that fits your needs and achieves your goals for a sustainable commute.

### CommuteWISE Connect

CommuteWISE Connect is a community mobility tool that uses innovative technology to plan and track sustainable trips.

Compare transportation modes for your commute and find others to carpool or bike together. Log your trips to track your environmental impact. Participate in regional sustainable commute challenges. Connect today to start exploring!

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## APPROVED PLANS

**THE PLAN COMMISSION AND/OR VILLAGE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS SINCE MARCH 1, 2023**

### Site Plans

- Vacant lot between 904 S Sylvania Ave & 734 S Sylvania Ave – Willkomm/MAP 14100 LLC
- 14314 58th Road - Mark Sunday
- 19039 Spring St – Storage Authority
- 722 S Sylvania Ave – Culvers/GIGI Associates
- 2221 Raymond Ave – Hribar Land Management
- 2118 N Sylvania Ave – 2118 North Sylvania LLC

### Conditional Use

- 2232 N Sylvania Ave and adjacent parcel - 2730 Sylvania Ave, LLC
- Extension: Vacant Parcels to the west of 19411 Washington Ave – Storage Authority
- 2319 Raymond Ave – Echo Yorkville, LLC

### Other

- Pond Permit: 2470 Queens Brook – Daniel Oakes
- Shoreland Contract: 1515 Yorkville Meadows CT – Courtney Conner

## BUILDING PERMITS

**PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR THESE PROJECTS FROM MARCH-AUGUST**

- 16500 Plank Rd - Pole Barn
- 1800 Sylvania Ave S - Office Build-out
- 20220 Washington Ave - Horse Barn
- 18320 Old Yorkville Rd – Creamery Addition
- 15941 Durand Ave #34C - Garage
- 20418 Washington Ave - Pole Barn
- 18212 Spring St. - New Home
- 2334 Sylvania Ave N - Show Room Addition
- 5126 Colony Ave S - Foundation Repair
- 2514 67th Dr - 3 Season Room
- 16037 Plank Rd - Home Addition
- 2626 N Sylvania Ave - New Building
- 19329 Spring St - Raze Building
- 720 61st Dr. - Pool House
- 15858 Spring St - Accessory Structure
- 15518 Ives Grove Rd - Addition
- 900 53rd Dr; 902 53rd Dr - Pole Barn
- 15518 Ives Grove Rd - Shed
- 900/902 53rd Dr - New Duplex
- 1008 Sylvania Ave S - Addition

Permits were also issued for decks, generators, remodels, re-roofs, HVAC projects, driveways/culverts, pools, irrigation systems, electrical upgrades, and other small projects.





## 2024 DOG LICENSING

2024 dog licenses should be available by December 15 and are valid until December 31, 2024. The license cost is \$10.00 for a neutered or spayed dog and \$20.00 for an unaltered dog. Applications received after the March 31, 2024, application deadline are subject to a \$5.00 late fee.



The 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 and kennel license applications can be found on our website at [villageofyorkville.com](http://villageofyorkville.com) under the services tab, permits and licenses.

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Bill Ticha, Principal

September 2023

When school boards, village boards, city councils, church councils or other such entities of mostly volunteers work together, it is important to have a set of rules of engagement. How will we engage in the work? How are disputes handled? What behaviors are acceptable and not acceptable?

When a board of education is functioning at a high capacity, it may not seem necessary to have these norms of behavior documented. Right now, the Yorkville School Board of Education is a very cohesive and finely oiled machine. Board members do have dissenting opinions at times but it is done so with value, appreciation, listening ears, and cooperation. This is precisely a wise time to document our "Norms of Behavior," so that we are prepared if and when a controversial topic presents itself.

On August 1, 2023 the Yorkville School Board of Education held a special board meeting to discuss and record these interactive norms. They are as follows:

Board of Education: Norms of Behavior

1. We will keep our focus on the best interests of a quality education for all children, working with parents, staff and community.
2. During board meetings, members will ensure they are fully prepared, ready to participate and on time.
  - a. Submit items to be placed on the agenda in ample time so the superintendent may assemble information bearing on the item before the meeting.
  - b. Cell phone usage during board meetings will only be allowed for emergencies or as necessary for board business.
3. We will conduct ourselves with integrity, honesty, and in a professional manner that reflects positively on the board and the district.
4. We will be mindful of the different roles and responsibilities of the board and superintendent and maintain a focus on policy and governance.
5. We will hear all opinions, but ultimately act as one. We will speak candidly and courteously to each other and listen to dissenting or differing viewpoints with an open mind. We will help each other to depersonalize disagreements and engage in healthy conflict.
6. We will assume positive intentions and once we reach a decision or compromise as a board, we will support the will of the board in word, action and deed.
7. We will keep confidential information "confidential". Any portion of a confidential meeting, including board member conversations at that meeting, must not be discussed outside of the meeting with anyone.

**Dr. Mark Rollefson**  
*Superintendent*  
Yorkville JT #2 School District

**FLEA MARKET****Sat - Oct 7<sup>TH</sup> | Fairgrounds**

Shop for secondhand wares you always wanted or never knew you needed. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**OBSERVATORY NIGHT****Sat - Oct 7<sup>TH</sup> | 7 p.m.-10 p.m.**

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**CRAFT FAIR****Sat - Oct 14<sup>TH</sup>  
UG Elementary**

Union Grove Elementary School Craft Fair and Bake Sale. Over 110 Booths! 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT****Tue - Oct 31<sup>ST</sup> | UG & Yorkville**

Hours will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**GREAT PUMPKIN FEST****Sat - Oct 21<sup>ST</sup> | Fairgrounds**

A smashing fun time! Pumpkin Chuckin competitions, the Best of the Midwest BBQ Cook-Off, and costume contests for kids & adults. Free admission, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**UNION GROVE  
CHRISTMAS EVENTS****Mon - Nov 20<sup>TH</sup> | Village Square**  
Tree lighting and visit with Santa.**Fri - Dec 1<sup>ST</sup> | Main St**  
Light up Main St. evening events.**Sat - Dec 2<sup>ND</sup> | Village Square**  
Breakfast with Santa & Cookie Walk; tickets sold in early November.**EXPLORE MORE**

You may also want to visit the Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Real Racine websites to view other happenings around us.

[www.uniongrovechamber.org](http://www.uniongrovechamber.org)

[www.visitracinecounty.com](http://www.visitracinecounty.com).

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## JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

### ADULT EVENTS

#### Weekly

Senior Socials - Wednesdays at 10  
September 27—BINGO. Limited to 15 participants. Call to register  
October 25—Discover the History of Main Street Union Grove  
November 29—Craft. Limited to 15 participants. Call to register  
December 20—UGHS choir performance

#### Monday Movies at 10:00 AM

October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, and December 4. Call for titles!

#### Reiki and Sound Bath - Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 at 5:30-6:30 PM

Reiki is a Japanese technique that promotes relaxation. A Level 3 practitioner will guide each participant through an individual experience. Limited to 8 participants per session. Please call or stop by the library to register.

#### Monthly Book Club--Thursdays at 1:00 PM & 5:45 PM

October 26 — Recursion by Blake Crouch  
November 30 — Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus  
We offer two sessions; same book, just different times. Call to register. We'll have the selected book ready for check out one month in advance.

#### Legends & Lore of Winter with Chad Lewis - Nov. 6 at 5:30 PM

Chad Lewis returns with more bizarre and paranormal lore centered on the winter season. Hear tales of the little people, Krampus, the Wendigo, and more!

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Weekly

Storytime--Tuesdays at 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  
Join us for books, songs, and play. Storytime is planned for toddlers and preschoolers, but all ages are welcome! No registration required.

#### Homeschool STEAM--Wednesdays at 1:00 PM

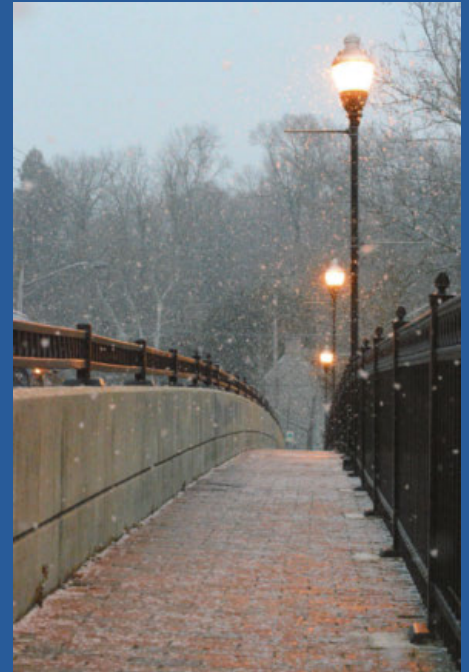
Explore hands-on activities related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math; and meet other homeschooling families. STEAM is planned for ages 4-12, but families with all ages are welcome! No registration required.

#### Monthly Programs

Stories & Crafts | Mondays, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, & Dec. 11 at 4:00 PM  
For children ages 3 and up. Call to register.

Graphic Novel Book Club | Mondays, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, & Dec. 18 at 4:00 PM  
Activities and time to share what you've been reading! For ages 10 and older.

Teen Drop-In | Thursdays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7 at 4:00 PM  
Puzzles, board games, card games, and more! For ages 12 and older.



### Library Cards

Do you have a library card? If not, getting one is easy! Visit Graham Public Library with your photo ID and proof of your current address. Once registered, you can check out materials that same day, and access e-books, a streaming service, and databases. Everyone 4 years and older can get a card!

### Library Hours

Hours:	
Friday	9 AM–5 PM
Saturday	9 AM–1 PM
Sunday	Closed
Monday	9 AM–7 PM
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Wednesday	9 AM–7 PM
Thursday	9 AM–7 PM

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## STATE SHARED REVENUE INCREASE FOR 2024

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 will significantly increase state shared revenue beginning in 2024. The Village of Yorkville will receive \$123,736.00 in shared revenue in 2024; this represents a 218.7 percent increase over the \$38,820.00 in shared revenue received in 2023.

The shared revenue program was first established by the state in 1911 to replace lost local tax revenues caused by the creation of a new property tax exemption on local governments; shared revenue is unrestricted funds sent from the state to local and county governments. The Village Board will discuss how to allocate these additional funds during their 2024 budget deliberations this fall.

## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 12 INFORMATION

### Personal Property - Tax Exemption | Locally Assessed and State-Manufacturing

Based on the 2023 Wisconsin Act 12, both locally assessed and state-manufacturing personal property will be exempt from taxation effective January 1, 2024, statewide. Village of Yorkville businesses will receive 2023 Personal Property tax bills in December as usual; to be paid in full by January 31, 2024.

In past years businesses were sent a form (Statement of Personal Property) in early January which had to be returned by March 1st to the Assessor which determined the assessed value. Effective January 1, 2024, this form will not be sent to any business since Personal Property will be exempt from taxation. The Village will receive personal property aid for the loss of personal property tax revenue. The Department of Revenue will determine this aid to be paid beginning in calendar 2025.



## 2024 VILLAGE BUDGET PROCESS

A public hearing will be scheduled later this fall to review the Village of Yorkville's 2024 annual budgets for:

- General Fund
- Tax Incremental District Fund
- Sewer Utility Fund
- Stormwater Utility Fund
- Water Utility Fund

Please watch our website and Facebook pages for updates on this process and scheduled public hearings.

When the final budget notice is published, a copy of the detailed 2024 Village budget document will also be posted at [www.villageofyorkville.com](http://www.villageofyorkville.com).





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## FALL FUN IN RACINE COUNTY

It's almost Fall in Racine County and one of our favorite attractions has a lot going on! Located next to Jellystone Campground, Bear Paw Adventure Park has all sorts of things to do in the summer (ropes course, pedal carts, pirate cannons, giant swing) and many of them extend into the fall season.



But the best part is that they just ADD MORE STUFF to do after summer ends! Fall Frenzy at Bear Paw Adventure Park typically starts mid-September and runs until November. They offer apple cannons, laser tag, and a nighttime drone show. The star of the show is the 8-acre corn maze that is family-friendly during the day and then gets all haunted at night! They also have a magic pumpkin patch, a 200 ft light tunnel and special activities on certain days. You can easily spend an entire day doing different things at Fall Frenzy.



If you really want to double-down, head on over to Jellystone and spend a weekend camping in the fall too! The campground has its own unique activities so if I can tell you one thing, its that you will NEVER be bored in Caledonia! Make sure you check online for ticket packages and availability before you go. Visit [bearpawadventurepark.com](http://bearpawadventurepark.com) for details!

*Submitted by Cari Grieving of "Visit Racine County"*