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PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 13th. Polls will open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM. In-person absentee voting will begin on Tuesday, July 30th at 8 am. and conclude on Friday, August 9th at 5 PM. Hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM. to 4:30 PM. (till 5 PM on Friday, August 9th), at the Village of Yorkville office. Please be sure to bring an acceptable photo ID.

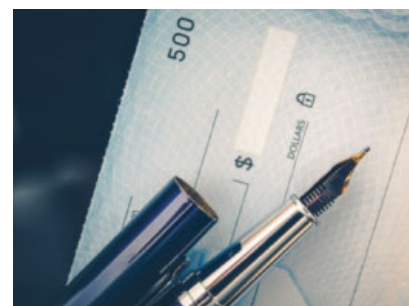


Visit myvote.wi.gov to view sample ballots, register to vote or update your voter registration, to request absentee ballots, and more!

PROPERTY TAX 2ND INSTALLMENTS DUE JULY 31ST TO RACINE COUNTY TREASURER

Real estate property tax 2nd installments and delinquent taxes are due July 31, payable to the Racine County Treasurer. Follow the instructions for payment provided with your tax bill, or your payment reminder from Racine County. Pay in person or mail tax payments to Racine County, 730 Wisconsin Ave. Racine WI 53403 (Courthouse 1st floor-north end) 8 AM – 4:30 PM Mon-Fri. A drop box for tax payments is located outside of the Courthouse building on the east side (Wisconsin Ave). Burlington City Hall, 300 N Pine St. in Burlington is a remote drop-off site.

The Village of Yorkville cannot accept any payments, nor forward any payments to Racine County on your behalf. Improper payments received by the Village will be returned to you by mail and could result in your payment being late.



YORKVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Yorkville School (4H Center)



Photo provided by History Seekers

Construction of a new custodial shop space is already underway on the northwest corner of the building. All deliveries will be processed here, and this new space will have a garage door to handle larger orders. This will eliminate truck deliveries to the back of the building in the recess area, providing for better student safety. Significant construction and demolition will start on Monday, June 10th, including removal of asbestos.

The summer is going to be filled with changes to the building and grounds! Newsletters throughout the summer will include updates. Scan the QR code to stay up to date and watch for fall tour dates!



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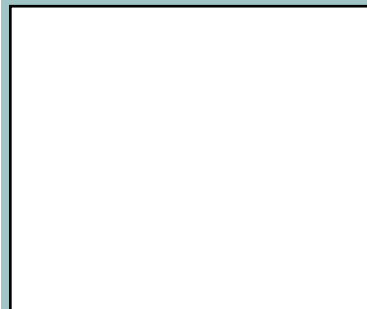
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HISTORY SEEKERS OF UNION GROVE AREA

Did you know at one time there were nearly 75 county schools in Racine County?

The first schoolhouse built in Racine was a structure sixteen feet square, located on Main Street. It was opened in the winter of 1836.

Yorkville #4 School was first built in 1845, but burnt to the ground in 1885. A new brick, one-room school house was built in its place. The building was acquired by Yorkville 4-H in 1966 and still serves as their clubhouse today!



Racine County Fair Booth

Now collecting ideas, memories, photos and items from your school days in a county school to share at the History Seeker's booth during the Racine County Fair, July 24-28. To participate, contact Marge on Facebook or call 262-994-3344.

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FIREWORKS

The Village's fireworks permit applications are available at the Village office or online at villageofyorkville.com/services/permitting-and-licensing/. The Village issues separate permits for consumer-grade and commercial-grade fireworks displays.



- To apply for a consumer-grade fireworks permit (e.g. fireworks purchased at local fireworks stands), submit a consumer-grade permit application and the \$10.00 permit fee at least two business days before your planned fireworks purchases.
- To apply for a commercial-grade fireworks permit, submit a commercial-grade permit application and the \$100.00 permit fee at least 3 weeks before your anticipated date of display. A copy of your BAFTE license and Certificate of Liability Insurance must be included with your permit application. Fire Department and Code Enforcement review and recommendation, followed by Village Board approval, is required.

Note: Fireworks sales are prohibited in Yorkville.



GREATER UNION GROVE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The warmer weather brings a multitude of summer fun and activities. June starts off with our village wide garage sales! We may do it again at the end of the summer/early fall as well.

June 8th is **Murder Mystery Day** in Union Grove. Grab your friends and figure out "who done it?"

Small Town USA is the theme for the **4th of July Parade** that kicks off at 9:15. The Kiddie parade starts at 9am. The parade route goes from the Racine Fairgrounds to just before Union Grove High School. It is sure to be a fun family friendly event.

For more info on what is going on around the area be sure to check out UnionGroveChamber.org or our Facebook page. You can also call the office at 262-878-4606.



GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS!

Join us at Graham Public Library for a variety of events this summer. All events are free to attend, but some may require registration. Visit uniongrove.lib.wi.us for event descriptions.

ADULTS

Monday Movies

Jun 3 & 17 & Jul 1 & 15 | 10 AM

Mindful Color & Craft

Jun 5, 10 AM - 11 AM
Registration required.

Wisconsin Cheese Tasting

Jun 13, 10 AM - 11 AM
Limited to 15 adult participants. Registration required.

Board Games Open Play

Jun 18 & Jul 16 at 10 AM
Registration required.

Book Discussion

Jun 27 | 1:00 PM OR 5:45 PM
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
Registration Required



Scan the QR Code to view calendar & event descriptions.

Beach Boys BINGO

Jul 8, 10 AM
Registration required.

Bridgerton (Iced) Tea Party

Jul 11, 10 AM
Limited to 15 participants. Registration required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Jul 20, 10 AM
Registration required.

Book Discussion

Jul 25 | 1:00 PM OR 5:45 PM
The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg
Registration required.

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL

Story Time

Wednesdays Beginning Jun 12
10 AM & 1 PM

Story Time in School Yard Park

Wed, Jun 19 and Jul 24, 10 AM

SCHOOL-AGE

(AGES 5-10)

Activity and Craft Adventures
Beginning Jun 20
Every Thu 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

(AGES 11-18)

Activity and Craft Adventures
Beginning Jun 17
Every Mon 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Dairy Day with Raymond 4H
Mon, Jun 10 from 10 AM - Noon

TnZ Magic Show
Tuesday, Jun 11 at 10 AM
Held at School Yard Park

Snake Discovery
Tuesday, Jun 18 at 10 AM
At Union Grove Municipal Bldg.

Mad Science
Tuesday, Jun 25 at 10 AM
Held at School Yard Park

Fox and Branch (Folk Music)
Tue, Jul 9 at 10 AM
At School Yard Park

Racine Zoo
Tue, Jul 23 at 10 AM
Held at School Yard Park



ANNUAL BOOK SALE

August 26-31

Beginning in late July, we'll accept donations of gently used books, DVDs/Blu-Rays, and puzzles. Drop-off at our circulation desk.

The library will not accept items that are musty, moldy, smoky or in deteriorating condition, magazines, or encyclopedias. Thank you for your support!

For more information or to register for events, call or visit us:

(262) 878-2910
1215 Main St, Union Grove, WI

Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 9 AM-7 PM
Fri: 9 AM-5 PM
Sat: 9 AM-1 PM
Sun: Closed

RIGHT TO FARM

On February 26, 2024, the Village Board amended section 22-111 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Yorkville pertaining to nuisances to reflect Wisconsin's "right to farm" law. This law directs courts to favor agricultural uses in certain legal disputes. The amended ordinance now reads:

Sec. 22-111. Prohibition; Intent.

(a) Prohibition. No person shall erect, contrive, cause, continue, maintain or permit to exist any public nuisance within the village.

(b) Intent: Right to Farm. It is the intent of this ordinance to allow the continuation of present agricultural uses and practices in the Village as protected under Wis. Stat. § 823.08. Changes in agricultural technology, practices, and scale of operation may create conflicts between agricultural and other activities. To the extent possible consistent with good public policy, the prohibition against public nuisances should not hamper agricultural production or the use of modern technology on lands and areas primarily used for agricultural purposes."

To learn more, scan the QR code to read a memorandum from the [WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL](#) regarding Wisconsin's "right to farm" law as set forth in s. 823.08, Stats.



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APPROVED PLANS AND PERMITS | FEBRUARY - APRIL 2024

PLANS

Conditional Use

2118 N Sylvania AVE
New Construction - Extension

Vacant Land - Washington AVE
Storage Authority, LLC
New Construction, Extension

Site Plans

19805 Durand AVE
Racine County Ag Society
T-Mobile Class II Collocation

2626 N Sylvania Ave
EJ Equipment Sales & Service

Variance Request

18621 Washington AVE
Yorkville Elementary School
Electronic Messaging Sign

Solar Review

2610 59th DR
Rozek | Roof Mount System

BUILDING PERMITS

New Commercial Building

2221 Raymond AVE

Commercial Buildout

13900 Grandview PKWY
14015 Grandview PKWY

Basement Finish/Remodel

613 51st DR
2317 Thoreau CT
2525 65th DR
14922 Washington AVE

Home Addition

18023 Old Yorkville RD
16338 County Line RD

New Garage/Accessory Bldg.

901 S Raynor AVE
18141 Old Yorkville RD
2985 Forestview CIR

EV Charging Station

2808 N Sylvania AVE

Re-side Home

707 Deerpath

Reroof Home

15911 Plan RD

Raze House/Garage

16735 2 Mile RD

Solar

128 67th DR

Inground Pool

2324 Thoreau CT

New Single-Family Dwelling

1009 53rd DR
14929 Kingston Way

New Mobile Home

15941 Durand Ave Lot 9c
15941 Durand Ave Lot 22c

In addition, numerous permits were pulled for minor electrical, HVAC, and plumbing updates and/or repairs.

MAINTAINING BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

Summer is a great time of year to evaluate the state of your buildings and premises, perform maintenance tasks, and plan for future repairs.

The Village of Yorkville Code of Ordinances includes requirements for maintaining existing buildings. For example, Sec. 10-97 (a) states "All buildings or structures and parts thereof shall be maintained in a safe condition and all devices or safeguards which are required by this code at the erection, alteration or repair of any building shall be maintained in good working order."


In addition, Sec. 22-115 states that blighted buildings and premises are declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety. Blighted buildings and premises are described as "premises existing within the village which are blighted because of faulty design or construction, failure to maintain such premises in a proper state of repair, improper management, or due to the accumulation thereon of junk, rubbish, refuse, garbage, junked vehicles, or other unsightly debris, structurally unsound fences, and other items which depreciate property values and jeopardize or are detrimental to the health, safety, morals or welfare of the people of the village."

Even simple things like a coat of paint, mowed lawns, and tidying up go a long way to keeping Yorkville looking great!

WATER SOFTENERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Brine discharge from water softeners can have toxic effects for aquatic plants and animals, negatively impacting local ecosystems. The Wisconsin DNR monitors the concentration of chlorides discharged by wastewater treatment plants and can require that a plant reduce the amount discharged by adding additional treatment processes to remove these chlorides. This can become costly and increase sewer rates by significant amounts.

Following are four ways you can help keep chlorides low.

1. Set your water softener to regenerate more frequently and use less salt for each cycle. This may even result in salt savings for you. Reach out to a local water softener expert for advice on minimizing salt usage while maintaining your home's softened water to a satisfactory degree.
2. Work with a plumber to connect your softener to only those areas you need softened water and to bypass areas such as cold tap water drinking lines and outside spigots.
3. Consider switching from a timer to a demand-initiated regeneration control. These are more efficient and will save you money in the long run.
4. If you are treating primarily for iron removal, consider switching to an [iron treatment filter](#) which does not require sodium chloride usage. Scan  QR code for an example of this.

Please consider implementing a plan to help reduce your use of chlorides and ensure a healthy local ecosystem!



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RECENTLY ADOPTED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCES

The Village Board adopted two updated off-road vehicle ordinances at their meeting on April 8, 2024. These ordinance updates made the following changes:

1. Expands the definition of off-road vehicles to include *motorized vehicle designed for use on a variety of unimproved surfaces including but not limited to, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), dirt bikes, mini-bikes, motor bikes, mopeds, and trail bikes.*
2. Distinguishes between off-road vehicle tracks and trails.
 - a. Tracks are permanent and defined paths where the landscape has been manipulated in such a manner as to create a path or ruts that may include jumps, pits, obstacle courses, hills, and/or berms.
 - b. Trails are permanent and defined paths where the landscape has not been manipulated in such a manner as to create a path or ruts that may include jumps, pits, obstacle courses, hills, and/or berms.
3. Creates three classes of off-road vehicle use.
 - a. Type A incidental off-road vehicle activities, where the off-road vehicle is used on parcels of any size for a permitted use, such as to mow or plow snow, assist in activities related to on-site landscaping or agricultural activities, household chores, etc. These uses are not subject to any time, duration or location restrictions, do not require any village registration or permit, but are subject to general operational restrictions.
 - b. Type B off-road vehicle activities utilize an off-road vehicle trail for recreational purposes. These uses do not require any village registration or permit but are subject to general operational restrictions, location restrictions, and time and duration restrictions.
 - c. Type C off-road vehicle activities utilize an off-road vehicle track. These uses are required to obtain a conditional use permit and comply with additional site restrictions.
4. Establishes parcel size limitations for off-road vehicle operation. Off-road vehicles involved in *Type B* activities may be operated in agriculturally zoned areas (A-2) on lots of at least three acres in size, and *Type C* activities may be operated in Agricultural (A-2), Commercial (B-2, B-5), or Recreational Park (P-2) zoning districts on lots of at least five acres in size.
5. Establishes time and duration restrictions for off-road vehicle operation. Off-road vehicles involved in *Type B* or *Type C* activities may be operated only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Also, *Type B* and *Type C* activities may not continue for more than three hours (cumulatively) in any day.
6. Removes the language from the ordinance restricting the operation of off-road vehicles at any given time on a property to no more than three riders, including no more than two riders who do not reside at the property.
7. Exempts the following from this ordinance: agricultural equipment (such as farm tractors, seeders, combines, cultivators, etc.) used in the operation of a farm, garden tractors, riding lawnmowers, and operations where the operator is engaged in activities at the direction of and under contract with a municipality.



More information on this and other updated ordinances can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofyorkville.com under Government → Ordinances, Resolutions and Notices.

2023 LATE LOTTERY CREDIT DEADLINE

The deadline to file a 2023 Late Lottery Credit is October 1, 2024. The form is to be filed online with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue at www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Form/lottery-home.aspx. The site also contains walkthrough videos and answers to common questions including who qualifies for the credit.



To see if you received the credit, review your property tax bill. The Lottery and Gaming Credit is located below the Total (tax) and First Dollar Credit lines on your tax bill. If an amount is listed on this line, the property received the credit. If it is missing, you may have applied with the Village of Yorkville Treasurer before January 31, 2024, and received the 2023 lottery credit as a refund or credit at the time of payment.

OPEN BURNING

Before burning, check the restrictions at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/>. Fire conditions change quickly, so it's important to check each day you burn.

Be sure that you notify the Union Grove Fire Department (262) 878-4181 and the Racine County Sheriff's Department (262) 886-3300 before burning.



All burning shall be conducted 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.

No open burning shall be undertaken during periods when the fire chief or the state department of natural resources has issued a burning ban for the area.

Open burning shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated.

Outdoor campfires for cooking or recreation are allowed provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such as fire ring or pit. Bonfires are allowed only if approved by the fire chief.

Open burning 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 AM. and the earlier of the following: Sunset or 7 PM. Recreational fires shall be out by 12 AM.

Open burning shall be constantly supervised until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available fire extinguishing equipment necessary to control 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 Racine County.


Fires shall not be ignited with flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, diesel fuel, etc.


A NOTE FROM FIRE CHIEF TIM ALLEN


Summer time! Thoughts of baseball, picnics, and vacations! Please think Safety First", even if it takes a little extra time.

 Put sunscreen on when outdoors and reapply often. Remember to also wear a hat for extra protection.

 When bike riding, wear a helmet and bright clothing. Make sure you have lights on your bike if riding at night. If you are driving, give bicyclists plenty of room.

 Make sure grills are ten feet away from anything flammable. Place the coals from your grill in a metal container with a lid AFTER they have cooled. And be sure to clean your grill after each use as excess grease can cause a fire.

 Campfires also need to be a safe distance away from anything flammable, be in an approved fire pit or a carefully constructed one. Please make sure the fire is completely out before leaving.

 Make sure that you are well hydrated and take breaks in the shade often when it is hot outside. Watch the news and stay informed of severe weather.



New Station Update

We have a floor plan layout and are working with the architect on exterior design and materials.

Please visit our website, www.ugyfd.com, to see the layout. A virtual tour of the current station will also be available soon for those who cannot stop in and see it personally.

We have been working very hard to plan for a facility that will meet the needs of our two communities now and into the future.

The Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department wishes you and your families a great summer!



COLLECTION SITE & RECYCLING CENTER

Gerald Karwowski, Manager
19040 Spring Street | 262-878-2125

Hours of Operation

Wednesdays

1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
(6:30 pm during DST)

Saturdays

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ID Required

ID Cards, available at the Village Office, are required to gain access to the site.

Garbage

Bring regular garbage in a bag to be placed in the compactor. Plastic bags and Styrofoam belong in the regular garbage.

Miscellaneous Items

Tires (without rims, 4 per month), sofas, refrigerators, ovens, microwaves, dryers, etc. - call if unsure.

No Yard Waste

Notify UGYFD 262-878-4181 and Racine County Sheriff's Dept 262-886-2300 before burning.

Recycling Guide

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GET OUT AND ENJOY RACINE COUNTY!

Summertime in Racine County is pretty much the best time of year! There is so much happening every single day in June, July and August that the hardest part is deciding which adventure to choose! It's easiest to hit a couple big events so you can put those on your calendar first and then plan from there!

In June, you do not want to miss the Mount Pleasant Momentum. This bike race is part of the largest competitive road cycling series in the USA- the Tour of America's Dairyland, which lasts for 11 straight days. The Momentum is taking place on Wednesday, June 19 from 10am-5pm. The course is a big loop around the Foxconn site and it is pretty amazing to see hundreds of professional, amateur, and junior cyclists racing at high speeds! There will be food trucks and a fantastic atmosphere for the fans so come check it out!



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In July, it is birthday time and Salmon-A-Rama is turning 50 years old! This local favorite event runs July 13-21 and is going to be much more than a fishing tournament! There are fireworks, live music, food and fun every day! And it's returning to the Festival Park site after years away.

And lastly, don't forget the Great Lakes Watercross event at North Beach! August 10-11 will be the most jam-packed summer weekend at the beach with over 100 racers in town to take home some wins on our wild Lake Michigan water!

For many more events and all tourism information, please visit us at www.visitracinecounty.com or stop in to the Visitor Center, located at 14015 Washington Avenue.

Submitted by - Cari Greving/Visit Racine County.