



# Yorkville News

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## 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 5th**

Polls open at 7 AM and close at 8 PM  
925 15th Ave, Union Grove

### Vote In-person Absentee

Beginning: Tuesday, October 22 at 8:00 AM  
Ending: Friday, November 1 at 5:00 PM  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### NO DROP BOXES

The Village of Yorkville will not be accepting returned absentee ballots via drop box.

### Register Early! *It's much easier!*

If you recently moved, changed your name, turned 18, or decided to vote in your first election you will need to register to vote. You may do so online at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) (recommended) or by mail through October 16. You may also register in the clerk's office until 5:00 PM on Friday, November 1st or on Election Day.

Note: To register, you must reside at your current address for at least 28 days prior to the election. If you have not met this requirement, you may vote from your prior address. If you moved to Wisconsin less than 28 days before a presidential election you are eligible to vote in the presidential contest only.

Visit [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to view sample ballots, register to vote, update your registration, request absentee ballots, and more!



Voter ID required to vote In-person absentee or on Election Day. Learn more at [bringit.wi.gov](https://bringit.wi.gov).

Got Questions? Contact our office; we are happy to help!

## Upcoming Special Elections for Racine County Executive

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

## YORKVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

*From the Desk of Dr. Mark Rollefson, Superintendent of Yorkville School*

Although we continue to take applications, we are nearly at capacity in student enrollment. For 2023-2024 this positively aided our district by approximately \$1.2 Million. Our total enrollment reached an all-time high this year at 477 students. The only grades in which the lottery will have larger access is 6, 7, and 8 grades. The other grades are at capacity.

Over the years, the board of education has continued to value small class sizes. It may seem counterintuitive, but accepting the open enrollment students as we have has actually helped maintain small class sizes. For example, last school year our 5th grade had 43 students. This resulted in two teachers with sections of 21 and 22. Of these 43 students, 15 were open enrolled to Yorkville. If we did not have these 15 students, we would have had 28 students and likely only one 5th grade teacher instead of two. This would have resulted in one larger section of 28 students

Additionally, the larger enrollment allows us to have programs that students might not otherwise have access to such as K-8 grade Spanish, a large school musical, more youth sports, increased number of clubs and other learning extensions beyond the classroom experience.

We keep a close eye on open enrollment and its impact on the budget, programming, and class size. Each January the board of education sets the cap limits per grade. Each May we utilize a lottery process to determine which students are granted acceptance to attend in a fair and equitable manner.

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## HISTORY SEEKERS OF UNION GROVE AREA

**Oak Clearing Open House and Fall Meeting**  
Sunday, September 15th, 2024 - 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Calling all members and friends of History Seekers and Oak Clearing! Help make history come alive on this Fall day in September. Oak Clearing is host to visitors from all over. Family, and friends, young and old take advantage of a chance to see the many collections belonging to Mr. Karwowski.

Costume Contest - Let's dress the part and show them we are true "History Seekers". Those History Seekers best depicting their favorite settler, villager or hero will be awarded prizes!

**November 19, 2024, Meeting: "Hurray for Hollywood!"**

Contact: Marge Martin 262-993-3344 | margemartin@hughes.net



### Meet our Executive Committee Members:

Marge Martin  
Helen Lena  
Sharon Tilton

Andi Lamping  
Shirley Klamm

Alan Geschke  
Barb Geschke

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## RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS AGREEMENT

On March 21, 2024, the Village of Yorkville entered into an agreement with the Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners (RCBDC) related to RCBDC's plans to dredge the West Branch of the Root River Canal, a project which is intended to return the canal to its original dimensions when the Yorkville/Raymond Drainage District was first created in 1906 as a method to improve drainage of agricultural lands in Yorkville (and last cleaned out in the early 1980's).

Under this agreement, the Village has agreed to pay \$1,390,848.60 to RCBDC, which represents the Village's share of the overall project cost of \$3,200,000.00 ; this project cost includes design and engineering services as well as the dredging itself. This balance will be payable to RCBDC in five annual installments of \$278,169.72, with the first installment due on February 15, 2025, and the final installment due on February 15, 2029.

While the details of this reimbursement to RCBDC have not been finalized, Village discussions to this point have focused on generating the revenue necessary to pay these installments by implementing a special charge on all properties in Yorkville via the Village's Storm Water Utility District. This would replace the RCBDC's original plans to assess \$1,390,848.60 to a small number of parcel owners that lie within the Yorkville/Raymond Drainage District.

The impact of this special charge on individual landowners has not yet been determined. Additional details outlining this process and more information about this special charge will be provided via various outlets as they are determined by the Village Board in cooperation with the Village's Storm Water Utility District.



For more information on the Yorkville/Raymond Drainage District and the RCBDC visit: [racinecountydrrainage.com/yorkvilleraymond](https://racinecountydrrainage.com/yorkvilleraymond) or scan the QR code.



## YORKVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NOTIFICATIONS

The Wisconsin Department of Administration defines a comprehensive plan as "a local government's guide to community physical, social, and economic development." The Village of Yorkville's current plan is located on our website's homepage under "Yorkville News". Similar to an individual or family "five-year plan", a community's plan can change and be adjusted to incorporate new ideas, needs, or opportunities.

Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001 requires that local government units maintain a list of persons who request to receive notice of any proposed ordinance that affects the allowable use of property they own. If you would like to be receive notification of comprehensive planning that may affect the allowable use of your property, please visit our website's contact page to request to be on this list, [villageofyorkville.com/contact/comprehensive-plan-notification-request/](https://villageofyorkville.com/contact/comprehensive-plan-notification-request/) or call our office.



## GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL EVENTS!

### INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL

#### Weekly Story Time:

Begins Sept. 10 - Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM  
Children learn through stories, movement, songs, and play!

#### Evening Story & Craft:

Begins Sept. 12 on Thursdays, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7 at 6:00 PM  
An evening story and activity/craft. Registration required.

### SCHOOL AGE

#### Weekly Homeschool STEAM: Begins Sept. 11, Wednesdays at 1:00 PM

Explore science & technology, engineering, art, and math concepts through hands-on activities with other homeschool families! Please register if you are new to our Homeschool STEAM group.

#### Makerspace Mondays: Sept. 9, Oct 7, and Nov. 4 at 3:30 PM

All children 8 and older are invited to be creative! We will offer a different project or themed activity each month. Registration required.

### ADULTS

#### Monday Movies: 10:00 AM on: Sept. 9 & 23 | Oct. 7 & 21 | Nov. 4 & 18

Board Games Open Play: 10:00 AM on: Sept. 18 | Oct. 16 | Nov. 13  
Choose from ours or bring your own. Registration required.

#### Book Discussions: Thursdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 21 at 1:00 & 6:00 PM

Registration is required. Visit our [website](#) or call for book titles and more information.

#### Mary Shelley: Love and Frankenstein: Oct. 15 at 2:00 PM

Meet the mind behind one of pop culture's most famous monsters! How much do you know about the woman behind the tale? Professional storyteller Megan Wells takes on the role of Mary Shelley, offering an entertaining and educational performance.

#### Graham Public Library Book Tasting: November 14 at 6:00 PM

May we offer you a sample of one of our literary cuisines? When you enter our "restaurant," seat yourself at one of our tables and we'll hand you a "menu" of different books to sample. If you find one you like, check it out and bring it home! Registration is required.

**Sign-Up in September** | When you do, add a leaf to our librar-tree display and receive a treat!

**Nonfiction November** | Check out 3 or more nonfiction books at one time and enter to win a gift card to a local business. One prize will to an adult and one to a child.

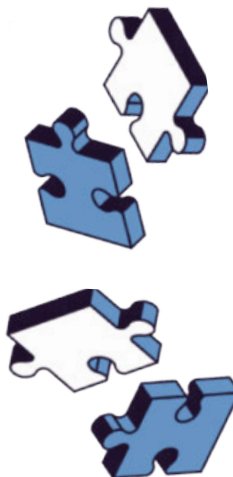
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calendar & event  
descriptions.



#### Puzzle Masters' Tournament:

Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 AM

Put your jigsaw puzzling skills to the test! Sign up for the library's puzzle tournament! Four teams of up to four players each will have two hours to complete the same 500-piece puzzle (puzzles provided by the library). The top two teams to finish the fastest will advance to the semifinals to compete against other puzzlers in Racine County. This tournament is open to all ages, however, there must be at least one adult on each team. Registration required.



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

(262) 878-2910  
1215 Main St, Union Grove,  
WI  
[uniongrove.lib.wi.us](http://uniongrove.lib.wi.us)

#### **Library Hours**

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

## UPCOMING INTERIM MARKET REVALUATION

The Village Board approved a new assessment services agreement with Dan McHugh (Affiliated Appraisal, LLC) for 2025, 2026, and 2027. Jim Henke, our current Assessor, is retiring at year's end but plans to continue working with Dan to get him up to speed on Yorkville's assessment roll in 2025.

Dan currently functions as Assessor for Mt. Pleasant. Under this agreement, the Village Assessor will be performing an interim market revaluation each year to eliminate the disparity between the assessed property values established by the assessor and the fair market value, which reflects the approximate market value of your property as of January 1.



The last interim market valuation in the Village was completed in 2021. The Village is pursuing an interim market revaluation since assessed values in 2024 are estimated to be 78 percent of the fair market value of Village property. This type of assessment is strongly encouraged by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) when a municipality's level of assessment falls below 90% or exceeds 110%, which helps avoid a more costly and intrusive full property assessment, which can be mandated by DOR if disparities become too great.



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**APPROVED PLANS AND PERMITS | MAY - JULY 2024**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

**Commercial Electric**  
2221 Raymond Avenue

**Commercial Lighting**  
2502 Sylvania Avenue

**Basement Repair**  
3107 Maurice Drive

**Home Addition**  
16218 Plank Road (Sunroom)  
16338 County Line Road

**New Garage/Accessory Bldg.**  
14715 Braun Road  
15829 Durand Avenue  
15941 Durand Avenue #9D  
2050 53rd Drive  
3707 Acorn Trail

**Collocation (AT&T)**  
16436 50th Road

**Re-side Home/New Windows**  
112 N Colony Avenue

**Driveway/Culvert**  
2965 Forest View Circle  
2511 67th Drive

**Deck**  
15941 Durand Avenue #41C  
18310 65th Court (pool deck)  
2324 Thoreau Court  
18230 Old Yorkville Road

**Pool**  
17502 Plank Road  
15322 Spring Street  
2310 Queens Brook Lane

**New Single-Family Dwelling**  
1616 Yorkville Meadows Court  
20502 Church Road

**Generator**  
18500 Walden Drive  
Additional permits were pulled for minor electrical, HVAC, and plumbing.

**PLANS**

**Conditional Use**  
2808 N Sylvania Avenue  
14918 Washington Avenue

**Site Plans**  
2626 N Sylvania Avenue  
2631 Raymond Avenue (amendment)

**ReZone Request**  
14918 Washington Avenue

**Solar Review**  
20017 Washington Avenue

**BUILDING AND ZONING**

**Be sure to pull building permits for:**

- New residential or commercial buildings
- Additions/alterations (including roof replacement)
- Accessory buildings (garages, sheds, storage containers, etc.)
- Decks / Swimming pools
- Razing/demolition
- Heating, AC and fireplaces
- Plumbing and electrical
- Moving of buildings
- Other permits as required by the governing municipality

**Building Inspector, Jim DeLuca**  
262-210-1741  
yorkvilleinspector@gmail.com.

**Be sure to pull Zoning permits for:**

- New residential or commercial buildings
- Accessory buildings (garages, sheds, storage containers, etc.)
- Business occupancy
- Soil disturbance
- Signage
- Decks / Swimming pools
- Pergolas
- Solar Energy Systems
- Other permits as required by the governing municipality

Consult with zoning for site plans, conditional use permits, rezoning/land use amendments, and certified survey maps (land division).

**Contact Racine County Zoning**  
262-886-8440  
14200 Washington Ave, Sturtevant WI 53177

## RECENTLY ADOPTED VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE ORDINANCES

Please take time to review the following summaries of recently adopted ordinances. Additional details on these and other ordinances can be found on the Village's website at [villageofyorkville.com](http://villageofyorkville.com) under Government > Ordinances, Resolutions and Notices.



### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07: Amended Section 28-8**

#### **Pertaining to Lot Line Adjustments**

Amended to ensure that additional lots are not created by Lot Line Adjustment and that the resulting lots are not reduced below the minimum sizes required by Village land division and zoning codes, or other applicable laws or ordinances. Applications for review and approval of a proposed Lot Line Adjustment shall be made to the Village Administrator and Village Zoning Administrator.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08: Amended Article IX of Chapter 14**

#### **Pertaining to Cigarettes, Electronic Vaping Devices, and Tobacco Products**

Amended to reflect changes made by 2023 Wisconsin Act 73, which includes, among other changes, subjecting electronic vaping devices to the same retail licensing requirements as cigarettes and tobacco products.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09: Amended Section 10-20 under Section 55-1(A)**

#### **Pertaining to Minimum Square Footage for Single Family and Two-Family Dwellings**

Amended to update to require a minimum square footage requirement of at least 1,400 square feet for Single Family and Two-Family Dwellings.





## RECENTLY ADOPTED VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE ORDINANCES CONTINUED

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10: Amended Sections 10-98 and 28-88**

#### **Pertaining to the Minimum Floor Areas and Foundation Requirements for Single Family/Two-Family Dwellings, and Manufactured Dwellings, Manufactured Homes, and Modular Homes**

Amended to update to require a minimum square footage of at least 1,400 square feet for Single Family and Two-Family Dwellings. Language added allowing manufactured dwellings, manufactured homes, and modular homes where single and two-family homes are permitted or conditional uses.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11: Amended Sections 38-111, 38-112, and 38-115**

#### **Pertaining to Driveways and Culverts**

Amended to include requirements for construction of temporary driveways. 1) Any temporary driveway needs a separate driveway permit pulled and needs to be constructed to the same standards as a permanent driveway. 2) Building permits cannot be issued until the driveway is installed and final inspection made. 3) The temporary driveway will need to be removed and the ditch fully restored (and inspected) before occupancy can be issued. 4) The temporary driveway does not count towards the total amount of driveways allowed on the property.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12: Amended Section 14-102**

#### **Pertaining to Operator's Licenses**

Amended to allow Operator's licenses to be granted and issued to individuals by the Village Clerk as provided in Wis. Stat. § 125.17(1). If the Village Clerk determines that further review of an application is necessary, the Village Clerk shall cause the name of the applicant to be placed on the agenda of the Village Board for action to either grant or deny such license application.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14: Amended Sections 20-1, 20-1008, and 20-1115**

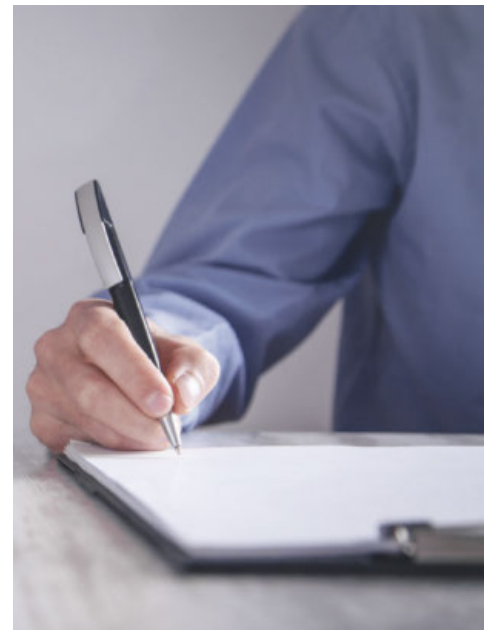
#### **Pertaining to Storage Pods, Storage Containers, Polystructures, and Polyshelters**

Amended to add references to storage containers and adds a section to the zoning code about permanent storage containers, which require both zoning and building approval. It establishes an effective date of August 31, 2024 for permitting of structures.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15: Created section 10-148**

#### **Pertaining to Storage Pods, Storage Containers, Polystructures, and Polyshelters**

Created section 10-148 to define the types of structures covered under the ordinance (and excludes yard maintenance buildings or sheds). It sets a maximum size of 10 feet wide, 20 feet long and 10 feet high for structures. It establishes an effective date of August 31, 2024, for permitting of structures. Structures can only be delivered during the day and cannot be used for habitation. It sets different permitting requirements based on duration the structure will be there (less than 3 months, no permit or fee; 3-6 months, zoning permit only with fee (can also ask for a 60-day extension to these); over 6 months, zoning and building permits with fees. Only storage structures can be kept for more than 6 months (permanently). Permanent containers can only be on properties more than 5 acres on agricultural or R-2 zoned properties.





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## A NOTE FROM FIRE CHIEF TIM ALLEN

### New Station Update

We have finalized the new station design! We have been very diligent in making sure we meet our needs, not our wants, making sure that every space is necessary and utilized to its fullest potential, while remaining frugal as costs continue to increase the longer we wait.



The Union Grove – Yorkville Fire Department has always taken pride in serving our community and providing you with the best possible service. As our community continues to grow, the burden on our existing station, built in 1973, has taken its toll and has exceeded its expected life span.

### OPEN HOUSE!

We will be hosting open house events on:  
October 9th and October 22nd  
From 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Mark your calendar and stop by! We will have lots of information to share about the proposed project. You can see for yourself our current station limitations and the reasons why a new station is critical to meet the needs of our community now and into the future.

We will be prepared to answer other questions you may have. On behalf of all our personnel, I hope you can stop by our open house events and support our new station.



Visit our website: [ugyfd.com](http://ugyfd.com), or Facebook page in September to view a short virtual tour of our existing station and a floor plan layout of the new station.

Scan the QR code to learn more!

*Take a peak at a rendering of the front view of our new station plans!*



### Fall Reminders:

- Change the batteries in your smoke detector and test your CO alarm
- Practice your fire escape plan with your family
- School begins - be aware of children in the crosswalk and school buses stopping ahead of you





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## FALL TOURISM SEASON!

Submitted by Cari Greving

Thank goodness we are ready for Fall tourism with a bunch of amazing events on the calendar! First up, it's Sketch Racine on September 6-7. We have artists coming from around the world to sketch local Racine scenes together. They will visit the Eco-Justice Center, Downtown Racine and the harbor, East Park Gardens and Southside Historic District homes, and the DeKoven Center grounds and St. John's Chapel. Simply bring your sketching supplies and a comfortable chair on and create your own masterpiece! This event is all about welcoming, enjoying and celebrating everyone's art! If interested in participating, check out the Urban Sketchers Racine Facebook page for details!

If Frank Lloyd Wright architecture is your thing, then you cannot miss out on joining the Wright and Like Tour, an architectural tour of Racine's famous Frank Lloyd Wright (and those inspired by him) buildings! You will visit the SC Johnson Administration Building and Research Tower, Fortaleza Hall, and then EIGHT private residences on Saturday September 7. Most of those homes are not open to the public often, which is what makes this tour so special. To buy tickets, check out [wrightinwisconsin.org](http://wrightinwisconsin.org) today!

Don't forget about Party on the Pavement on September 21, Jack O' Lantern Nights at the Racine Zoo starting September 26 and the Top Cheddar Lacrosse Tournament on October 19-20 at SCORE Soccer Complex! Oh, and the Frankville Craft Beer Garden is open until the end of October! For many more events and all tourism information, please visit us at [www.visitracinecounty.com](http://www.visitracinecounty.com) or stop in to the Visitor Center (14015 Washington Avenue!) Get out and enjoy Racine County!

