



Town of Yorkville

2015 Public Budget Hearing

The public hearing for the 2015 Town of Yorkville budget is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, 2014, at 7 pm. in the Union Grove Municipal Building located at 925 15th Avenue in Union Grove. The Town Board room is located on the 2nd floor at the east end of the building.

The proposed 2015 budget will be presented during the hearing. The 2014 tax levy (to be collected in 2015) and the amount of the 2015 highway expenditures will be approved.

Following the hearing, the Town Board will meet to adopt the official 2015 budget.

A summary of this budget appears on Page 5 of this newsletter. A copy of the detailed budget may be studied at the town office prior to the date of the hearing. Our office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Annual Dog Licensing

Town residents are required to annually license each dog aged five months or older that they own. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must be provided with the dog license application before any new dog license is issued. Town ordinances only permit three dogs on each property; any number of dogs in excess of this requires a kennel license. Dog licenses for 2015 are available in mid-December and are valid until December 31, 2015. Licenses are

\$10.00 for neutered and spayed dogs and \$15.00 for unneutered and unspayed dogs. Registrations not submitted by April 1, 2015 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee. Any owner found to be in possession of an unlicensed dog is subject to a citation of \$124.00 for a first offense and \$187.00 for a second offense.



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We have a new website and a new Facebook page. Please check them out!

www.townofyorkville.com

www.facebook.com/townofyorkville

Also, we now provide the newsletter digitally so if you are interested in receiving it that way, please send an email to tammy@townofyorkville.com or click the link on our website.

The Winter Solstice

Winter inspires both joy and woe. Some people can't wait for the cooler weather, snow, skiing and ice skating, curling up by a fire, and the holiday spirit. Other people dislike the frigid temperatures, blizzards, and wild weather.



The word solstice comes from the Latin words for "sun" and "to stand still." In the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the points on the horizon where the Sun rises and sets advance southward each day; the high point in the Sun's daily path across the sky, which occurs at local noon, also moves southward each day. At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day, the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still. The Sun is directly overhead at "high-noon" on Winter Solstice at the latitude called the Tropic of Capricorn. In the Northern Hemisphere, the solstice days are the days with the fewest hours of sunlight during the whole year.

Union Grove/Yorkville Recreational Activities

- Spirit team- Youth Cheerleading classes. Currently running September 27th through December 6th from 10 to 11 am. It is held at the Village Hall and is for kids ages 4-13. Registration fee is \$65 – Next session will start in January. Look for registration information on our website, beginning in December.
- Tumbling classes for youth ages 18 months to 6 years. This is offered at the Village Hall every other Wednesday. The next session will start in January and the cost is \$65 per child.
- Babysitting Training class will be on November 8th at the Village Hall from 9am to 4pm for ages 11 and older. Registration fee will be \$75.
- We are hoping to get a few senior programs set up in the next few months. Please look on the website or local channel 25 for more information.
- Youth Basketball sign up will be held at the Village Hall October 18th from 10 am to 1 pm through October 31st. Registration fee is \$65 for kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. The program will run from December to March.
- Taekwondo classes run at the Village Hall community room every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5-7pm and is open to all ages. Stop by a class and get more info on sign up and costs.
- Dance classes for age 3-18, will be offered again in conjunction with Dream, Cheer, and Dance Company. Classes are on Saturdays from 11 am -12 pm, at the Village Hall beginning on September 27th through December 6th. Registration is \$65 per child. The next session will start in January. Look for registration info on our website in December.
- Adult walking program will be offered in conjunction with UGHS. Halls are open for indoor walking from 5:30-7am every morning that the school is open. Sign up at the Village Hall before attending the open hours. Walking open from November 1st to April 1st.

If you have any interest in volunteering for our programs, or have new program ideas, please feel free to call Kim Terpstra at 262.902.7917 or email at kterpstra@uniongrove.net . Please follow us on Facebook – Union Grove Recreation Page.

Tickets on sale for Breakfast with Santa & Elves

Tickets will go on sale for the annual Breakfast with Santa & Elves on Saturday, November 8, from 8 am to noon at the chamber office. The December 6th breakfast is sponsored by the Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. The office is located on the first floor of the Union Grove Municipal Center at 925 15th Avenue. Seating is limited and tickets sell out quickly.

Ticket prices are Adults - \$7; Ages 3-11 years - \$4, and Ages 0-2 years - \$2. Each child receives a gift bag, so even babies need a ticket. The menu includes orange juice, scrambled eggs, ham, cinnamon rolls, assorted muffins, milk and coffee. The breakfast is held at the Masonic Temple, with the first serving at 9 am and the second serving at 11 am. Doors open 30 minutes ahead of each serving time. Bring your camera for a picture of your children or grandchildren with Santa & Mrs. Claus. The breakfast is served by costumed elves.

To speed the ticket purchasing process, a ticket request form may be printed from the Chamber website at www.uniongrovechamber.org. Bring the completed form on November 8th or fill one out when you arrive. Remaining breakfast tickets (if any) will be sold at the chamber office during regular business hours. Please call 262-878-4606 before stopping in to make sure there are still tickets left. There will be no tickets available at the door on December 6th.

Also for sale on November 8 will be this year's commemorative souvenir tin for the annual Cookie Walk held on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 9:00 am. The cost is \$5, and purchasers may visit as many as 30 businesses in the Greater Union Grove Area to receive a unique Christmas cookie. A list of participating businesses and addresses will be e-mailed to the purchasers.

Any remaining Cookie Walk tins will also be sold at the Tree Lighting in the Village Square on Thursday, December 4th. Only 100 tins are available.

If you have questions regarding this event, please call Carol Knight, Chamber Communications Volunteer at mcknight@wi.net or 262-878-1577.



Did you know that the Yorkville No. 4 one-room school house at 17640 Old Yorkville Road is on the Wisconsin and National Register of Historic Places?

The building, purchased from the Yorkville School District by the Yorkville 4-H Club in 1966, has been the club's meeting place for many years. After the club members did some restoration to the 1885 brick building starting in 2009, the nomination to the register began. In March of 2011, the school house was officially added to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places.



Yorkville 4-H Club holds both county 4-H and Yorkville 4-H meetings and activities in the building. This past summer, a community garden was added to the property. This service project allowed club members and parent volunteers, along with veterans from the Wisconsin Veteran's Home here in Yorkville, to plant vegetable gardens. The fresh vegetables were used by the Veteran's Home.

Yorkville 4-H is proud to be the caretakers of this lovely one-room school house. Just another reason that the Town of Yorkville is a great place to live!

What's going on at the Graham Public Library

Apply for Energy Assistance

The second Tuesday, during the months of October through March, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, people seeking home energy assistance can come to Graham Public Library. Applicants must provide their most recent energy bill, social security cards for all members of your household, photo ID and written proof of your household's gross income for the 3 months prior to your application. An appointment must be made by calling 262-633-6000.

Book Discussion Group

Attention book lovers! Do you like to discuss books with other avid readers? Library staff will select a "book of the month", and we will meet to discuss our ideas, interpretations, and opinions of the selected book. Group meetings are scheduled the last Monday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Crafter's Group

This group meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. All types of crafts and crafting levels welcome. Bring your unique project, no matter what stage it's in, to the library and join fellow crafters for conversation, fun, and creative ideas. No registration needed.

Free Movies

Newly released movies are shown monthly at the library. Check the website, Facebook or cable station for dates and times. Registration is required and concessions are sold.

Ornament Workshop

This event will be held Thursday, December 18th at 6 pm in the conference room of the library. Make three ornaments for \$5.00. In person registration and \$5 payment is due by December 15th.

Preschool Story Time

This event is held Tuesday mornings at 10:00am. This program is designed for children 2-4 with an adult/caregiver. Preschool Story Time includes simple stories, songs, finger plays, and movement for the "active" set. Registration is not required.

Home school STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

STEAM, with Ms. Kathy, will be held Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Homeschool children are welcome for stories and science projects based on a weekly theme. Registration is not required.

Family Story Times

On the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., join Ms. Kathy for Family Story Time. These sessions are for any age and any number of family members. This "intergenerational story hour" meets the needs of traditional and extended families. Families gather at the library for stories, songs, crafts, and fun. Registration is required. (On December 11th, parents should bring their cameras for a special visitor!)

Lego Lab Family Night

will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Registration is required and is limited to 20 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No drop-offs please.

Make-N-Take

Every Friday, between 10 am and 2 pm, stop in with your preschooler and make a super simple, self-directed art project for free! Supplies and directions are provided. Registration not required.

Graham Public Library is closed Thurs. Nov. 27, Wed. Dec. 24, Thurs. Dec. 25, Wed. Dec. 31, and Thurs. Jan. 1.

Hours: Monday- Thursday (9am to 8 pm), Friday (9 am to 5 pm), Saturday (9 am to 3 pm)



TOWN OF YORKVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, November 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Board Room, located in the Union Grove Municipal Center, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove, Wisconsin, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET of the Town of Yorkville will be held. A detailed copy of the proposed 2015 budget is available for inspection at the Clerk-Treasurer's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2015 budget.

General Fund	2014	2015	
Revenues	Current	Proposed	Percent
	Budget	Budget	Change
General Property Taxes	\$1,012,781.00	\$1,037,686.00	2.46%
Utility Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$17,714.00	\$17,714.28	0.00%
Other Taxes	\$67,254.00	\$71,510.00	6.33%
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$172,625.41	\$206,069.48	19.37%
Licenses and Permits	\$78,500.00	\$70,200.00	-10.57%
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	\$500.00	\$150.00	-70.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$1,250.00	\$1,150.00	-8.00%
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$47,086.00	\$47,685.72	1.27%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$2,350.00	\$3,150.00	34.04%
Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$1,400,060.41	\$1,455,315.48	3.95%
Cash Balance Applied	\$310,755.61	\$ -	-100.00%
Total Revenues and Cash Balance Applied	\$1,710,816.02	\$1,455,315.48	-14.93%

Expenditures

General Government	\$307,670.22	\$309,415.02	0.57%
Public Safety	\$251,410.00	\$251,296.00	-0.05%
Public Works	\$1,084,585.80	\$823,836.26	-24.04%
Health and Human Services	\$25,500.00	\$28,068.20	10.07%
Culture, Education and Recreation	\$20,650.00	\$20,650.00	0.00%
Conservation and Development	\$21,000.00	\$22,050.00	5.00%
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$1,710,816.02	\$1,455,315.48	-14.93%

All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined	Fund Balance	Total 2015	Total 2015	Fund Balance	Property Tax
	1/1/2015	Revenues	Expenditures	12/31/2015	Contribution
Yorkville General Fund	\$355,383.01	\$1,455,315.48	\$1,455,315.48	\$355,383.01	\$1,037,686.00
Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Fund	\$150,269.00	\$54,972.00	\$179,890.00	\$25,351.00	\$ -
Yorkville Sewer Utility District Fund	\$259,895.10	\$249,035.00	\$300,479.90	\$208,450.20	\$ -
Yorkville Water Utility District Fund	\$553,303.43	\$247,653.92	\$173,342.72	\$627,614.63	\$92,575.00
Totals	\$1,318,850.54	\$2,006,976.40	\$2,109,028.10	\$1,216,798.84	\$1,130,261.00

Current Town Indebtedness - General Fund - Total of \$49,500.00 in principal at 4.25% interest due for fire pumper truck - final payment to be made in 2015

Stormwater Fund - Total of \$203,515.01 in principal at 2.75% interest due for canal maintenance project - final payment to be made in 2022

Dated October 31, 2014
 Michael McKinney
 Clerk-Treasurer

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL TOWN
ELECTOR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Monday, November 17, 2014**, immediately following the conclusion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 budget, which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room, located in the Union Grove Municipal Center, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove, Wisconsin, a Special Town Elector Meeting will be called in the same location by the Yorkville Town Board, pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the following purposes:

1. To approve up to \$498,046.46 of 2015 highway expenditures in excess of the annual highway expenditures of \$230,000.00 permitted pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 82.03(2)(a);
2. To adopt the 2014 payable 2015 tax levy of up to \$1,130,261.00, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10(1)(a);
3. Any other purpose as permitted by Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10.

Dated October 31, 2014

Michael McKinney

Clerk-Treasurer

Message from Fire Chief Czerniak

Let me begin the fall newsletter with this year's national fire prevention theme – "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month." Yes, I have mentioned changing your battery twice a year (spring and fall) and this ties in nicely with the national theme. In addition, add a check of your carbon monoxide alarm, especially as we will soon be having weather that will prompt the use of our homes heating system. We don't want a 911 call response when all that is needed is to replace the battery or buy a new unit.

Now that summer and vacation time has passed, it is time to remember school is back in session. Watch out for kids; whether crossing the street, boarding or unboarding the bus, or running after a stray ball or pet. Leaf burning, fall clean up, sending our new adult children to college with their safety tips and warnings, the evening residential fire pit; these are all on my list of reminders of when to think and practice fire safety.

The do's; remember to have the furnace checked, practice the escape plan and where to meet, clean the lint filter in your dryer and be sure the exhaust is clean and not restricted, clean the chimney, if appropriate, *before* your first fire in the fire-place.

Now to the don'ts; burning candles, handling smoking materials carelessly, leaving home with the dryer running, preparing meals when you have over indulged and are subsequently impaired.

Let me close with a sad note and that is a fond farewell to two past members that recently left us; Sue Chase and Jim Moxon. These two were members highly involved in our *extra* activities; education, fire prevention, fundraising and many community events.

Finally, remember we are always looking for new members and with the delivery of paramedic level service; this is especially true on the EMS side. Stop in or check our website for an application. Please stay fire safe this fall and winter!

Recent Activity in Yorkville

Building permits were issued since March 31, 2014 for these major projects:

- 2616 53rd Drive – Installation of a 16' x 36' in-ground pool
- 19428 Church Road – Construction of a 28' x 44' detached garage
- 17033 Washington Avenue (STH 20) – Raze three existing storage bins and construct a new 36'-diameter storage bin
- 717 South Sylvania Avenue – Replacement of an existing compressed natural gas station
- 1300 Grandview Parkway – Commercial mezzanine build-out
- 19031 Spring Street (CTH C) – Construction of 30' x 120' and 30' x 160' storage buildings
- 14407 Braun Road – Construction of a pole barn
- 2319 Raymond Avenue – Commercial building addition and remodel
- 14035 Leetsbir Road – Commercial building addition and enclosure of loading docks
- 611 South Sylvania Avenue – Construction of a shelter for an antenna system
- 207 63rd Drive – Residential home addition
- 20002 Plank Road (CTH A) – Construction of a 50' x 72' pole barn
- 1313 South Colony Avenue (USH 45) – Construction of a 90'-diameter grain bin
- 18125 Old Yorkville Road – Construction of 42' x 48' and 12' x 24' pole barns
- 2315 Queensbrook Lane – New residence
- 202 South Sylvania Avenue – Construction of a 60' x 90' accessory building
- 1300 Grandview Parkway – Commercial addition
- 16820 Spring Street (CTH C) – Construction of a 30' x 40' pole barn
- 2324 Thoreau Court – New residence
- 19805 Durand Avenue (STH 11) – Replacement of doors, windows and siding
- 19101 Plank Road (CTH A) – New residence and 40' x 60' garage with porch

The Town Board and Plan Commission approved the following requests since March 31, 2014:

- 14520 Braun Road – Terrence O'Brien and OBCO – Conditional use permit extension allowing for continuance of a non-metallic mining operation for clay extraction
- 717 South Sylvania Avenue – Willkomm Development – Site plan permitting replacement of the existing compressed natural gas (CNG) dispenser and equipment area at the site and installation of a new CNG fueling facility and canopy with one dispenser to the south of the existing diesel and CNG dispensing area
- 19031 Spring Street (CTH C) – MABKGPNB – Site plan permitting construction of two new self-storage mini-warehouse buildings to the west of the existing storage buildings at the southwest corner of the site
- 3323 South Sylvania Avenue – Yorkville Real Estate Association – Rezoning of the 2.06-acre property from the B-5 Highway Business District to the B-3 Commercial Service District and conditional use permit permitting occupancy of the existing building on the site with a daycare facility
- 3400 South Sylvania Avenue – Home Run Heaven – Holding tank agreement and servicing contract
- 1313 South Colony Avenue – Racine Grain Company – Site plan permitting construction of a new 400,000-bushel grain storage bin immediately to the north of the northernmost grain storage bin on the property
- 2332 North Sylvania Avenue – K11 Investments and Marathon Restoration – Occupancy permit for a business specializing in the restoration of fire, water and mold damage and biohazard contamination
- Woodland Waters Subdivision – Approval of an amended subdivision stewardship plan

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Moon and Stars...

The peak night of the 2014 **Geminid meteor shower** will probably occur on the night of **December 13-14**, though the night before (December 12-13) and after (December 14-15) may offer a decent sprinkling of meteors as well. The show starts at mid-to-late evening and ends at dawn. The meteors tend to be few and far between at early evening, but intensify in number as evening deepens into late night. Don't let the late-night moonlight discourage you from watching after midnight, or during the peak viewing hours. These meteors are bright! No matter your location, the Geminid meteors will fall most abundantly in the wee hours after midnight on December 13 and 14.



On **March 20, 2015** there will be a **Total Eclipse of the Sun**. This eclipse will not be visible from North America but will be visible from Greenland, Iceland, Europe, North Africa, and northwestern Asia.

The rise and fall of the tides on Earth is caused by the Moon:

There are two bulges in the Earth due to the gravitational pull that the Moon exerts; one on the side facing the Moon, and the other on the opposite side that faces away from the Moon. The bulges move around the oceans as the Earth rotates, causing high and low tides around the globe.

The Moon will be visited by man in the near future:

NASA plans to return astronauts to the moon to set up a permanent space station. Mankind may once again walk on the moon in 2019, if all goes according to plan.



Stars twinkle because the light we see coming from the stars travels through the atmosphere around the earth and there is turbulence in the Earth's atmosphere.

For North America the Earth is actually closer to the Sun in the Winter.

It takes the light from the sun over eight (8) minutes to reach the Earth. That means that if the sun blew up right now, we would have eight more minutes of life before we were affected as well.