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## Water rates up in new city budget

By Tony Scott

Yorkville residents will see an increase in water rates and other fees following the City Council's approval of a new budget Tuesday evening.

As part of the budget, which goes into effect May 1, aldermen approved an increase in the water rates from \$15 per two-month billing cycle to \$16 per two-month billing cycle.

According to City Finance Director Rob Fredrickson, that rate increase would "generate approximately \$40,000 in additional water sales revenue, which would be used to mitigate the operational deficit in the Water Fund."

Also, the water infrastructure improvement and maintenance fee, which had been reduced to \$4 for the past two years, will increase to \$8.25 per month through the end of April 2016. The fee was \$8.25 when it was established in 2011, was reduced for the past two years, and will return to the original amount, Fredrickson said.

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## Route 47 done by Labor Day?

The Illinois Department of Transportation said last week that, weather permitting, all work on the Route 47 widening project could be completed by around Labor Day.

Concrete paving on Route 47 north of the Fox River in Yorkville is expected to begin in the second half of May. As work is done on both Route 47 and Route 34 as part of the project, access to some businesses will be affected and motorists are advised to be aware of possible changes.

Remaining items to be completed south of the river on the Route 47 widening project are in progress. South of the river, permanent traffic signals at various intersections were recently put into operation. Sidewalks are being constructed and work is progressing on the multi-use path as well. Permanent pavement markings are expected to be installed beginning in early May, according to IDOT.

Also in early May, railing will be installed along the sidewalk from Hydraulic Avenue to Van Emmon Street as well as guardrails at the railroad tracks and in the Fox River bridge area. Grading of the areas off the pavement and seeding of those areas will begin in the near future.

It is anticipated that the final work south of the river will be completed by the end of June.

IDOT asked motorists to be alert for changing traffic patterns as well as flaggers and other workers.



## YMS, YHS teams step up to state championships...

The YMS S. T. E. P. Team, bottom photo, and the Yorkville Stepping Foxes, top photo, both won first place at the Illinois Stepping League state competition last Saturday. Each team won first in their division and the YHS team, the Stepping Foxes, won first place overall. The Yorkville Stepping Foxes plan to compete in the Youth Step USA National High School Stepping Championship in Harrisburg, PA on May 23. A fundraising site has been set up to accept donations to help them pay for the trip. The link is [yorkville-high.ed.co/yorkville-stepping-foxes](http://yorkville-high.ed.co/yorkville-stepping-foxes).

## Tax bills arrive ahead of schedule

By Matt Schury

Annual property tax bills are expected to arrive in the mail this week, according to Kendall County Treasurer Jill Ferko.

She said her office completed the final processing ahead of schedule last week and the bills were mailed out April 24. The bills will be due in two installments, June 3 and Sept. 3.

"This will give everyone a few extra

days warning," she said.

Taxpayers can pay their bills online by going to [illinoisepay.com](http://illinoisepay.com) which charges a convenience fee for this service. Ferko says residents can also contact her office to sign up to have the two payments directly withdrawn from their bank accounts on the due dates. There is no cost for that option.

Residents who have the time can also stop by the Treasurer's office to pay their

bills. The treasurer's office is located on the first floor of the County Office building 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville.

"We have people who come in the day they get their bill and pay it but the majority of the people wait until the last minute," Ferko said.

A majority of county taxpayers now pay their taxes through an escrow account their banks set up with their

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