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Be a Part of Villa Park's Community Garden

Grow Healthy Villa Park, a coalition of local schools, government, faith communities, nonprofits and businesses, invites everyone to be a part of the Villa Park Community Garden coming Spring 2017. The garden will be located at Westmore Park. Learn more on pages 5 and 12 or visit www.growhealthyvillapark.org for more information.



A Roadmap for 2017

With this year's construction projects now largely behind us, the Village is looking forward to 2017. The anticipated 2017 Street Improvement Program will feature another installment of referendum funded street improvements. The South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project will include street improvements and sewer separation on South Michigan Avenue from Park to Madison. The College Streets Improvement Project is expected to include street improvements and new water main on several Village streets.

Additional information on these and other projects can be found on the "Construction Projects" page on the Village website at www.invillapark.com/302/Construction-Projects. Village staff would like to thank the residents, businesses and commuters of Villa Park for their patience as well as a safe and productive construction season in 2016. We look forward to breaking ground on another round of projects in 2017.

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Road Referendum Year 2 Comes to an End

As the 2016 construction season in Villa Park comes to a close, we look back on another year of projects and another round of street improvements completed. These projects included a second installment of street improvements using bond funds approved by voters in 2014 as part of a \$23 million bond referendum.

The Village's 2016 Street Improvement Program included bond-funded street improvements on six streets, and improvements on an additional two streets using non-referendum funds. The North Princeton Avenue Improvement Project consisted of bond-funded street improvements on North Princeton Avenue from Terrace Street to Ridge Road, and new water main from Plymouth Street to Ridge Road. The Park Boulevard Improvement Project featured the bond-funded reconstruction of the roadway on East Park Boulevard from Villa Avenue to the east end, and included sewer separation. Lastly, the High Ridge Road Improvement Project consisted of pavement improvements on High Ridge Road from Ardmore Avenue to the Village limits, and received federal funding for a portion of construction costs.

Connect with the Village!

Sign up for Villa Park's monthly e-newsletter at www.invillapark.com. Learn about all the ways to connect with the Village, where to find information between newsletters and how to sign up for email alerts on page 20.

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FREE LEAF COLLECTION ENDS DEC. 2



A Message From...

Village President Deborah Bullwinkel

Dear Residents of the Village of Villa Park:

Here we go again...in the blink of an eye, one year ends and another year begins. It seems the saying, “where does the time go?” is par for the course these days, everyday!

It's important to take a few moments to, once again, reflect and prepare for another new year that's less than two months away. Did you accomplish all that you had hoped in 2016? What are your goals for 2017?

On the Village level, one of our biggest initiatives – and possibly amongst the most visible – is that we continued to chip away at our street improvements that are never-ending. Some of these road projects came under the road referendum umbrella, while other street improvements were completed with non-referendum funds from our operating budget.

As we move forward into 2017, I will continue to work with our Village Board and Village staff to ensure we stay the course so we can get these much-needed infrastructure projects – including water main and sewer improvements – done for you. As always, we really, really appreciate your patience!

We have seen various economic development projects come to fruition, most notably the completion of the strip of businesses located on North Avenue near North Park Plaza and the continued transformation of the South Villa Avenue business corridor. We also have an emerging “art” scene in Villa Park, with the arrival of the Park Art Center and 21 East Gallery, both on Park Boulevard.

In 2017, residents and guests of Villa Park can look forward to a new Wendy's restaurant (to be built on the former Denny's property) and an expanded Pet Supplies Plus (the site is currently under construction), both on North Avenue, with even more development on the way throughout the Village.

As these and other new projects come to Villa Park, please don't forget to support our existing local businesses as they, too are the lifeblood of our community.

Finally, I want to thank you, our residents and business owners, for hanging in there with us again this year. I realize that since I took over as your Village President nearly 4 years ago, we have made quite a few changes, have asked you for additional funding and support to help us get more things accomplished, and to roll with us in this fast-changing environment in Villa Park. Everything happening today is so we can make tomorrow the best it can be for you.

And, thank you for your engagement with us. I asked and you've come through, be it via email, phone calls, attending a Village Board meeting or approaching me at community events and at the store! Keep it up – I love it!

A tip of the hat to you, Villa Park!

Deborah Bullwinkel
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Village Mission Statement

“The Village of Villa Park is committed to providing superior municipal services in a responsive, effective, and fiscally responsible manner while maintaining a good quality of life for our residents and businesses alike.”

Public Works



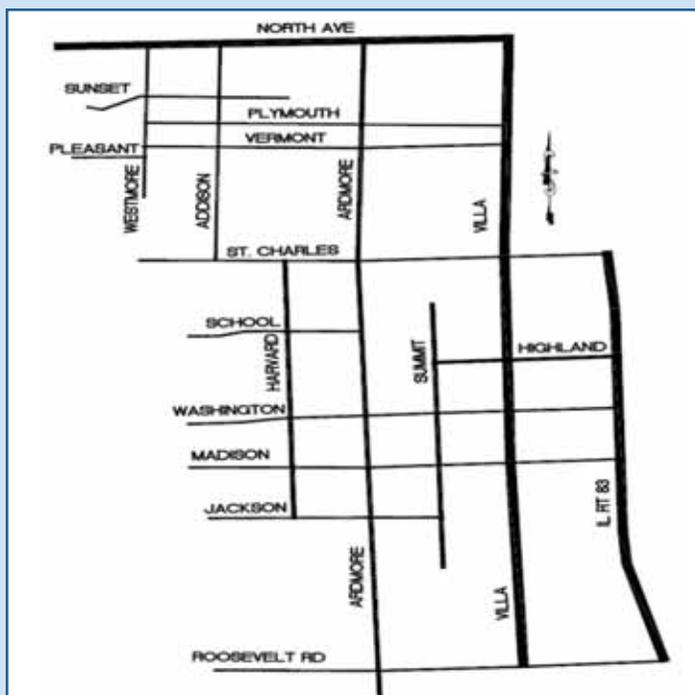
When Will My Street Be Plowed?

The Village of Villa Park's Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control on all streets within the corporate limits, except for North Avenue, Roosevelt Road, and Route 83, which are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Public Works Department's snow plowing operations start upon the accumulation of the first two inches of snow. No parking is permitted on arterial streets after two or more inches of snowfall. Violators will be subject to ticketing and towing. On-street parking is the major factor preventing effective snow removal. Therefore, the Village is enlisting residents' cooperation in planning ahead to remove their cars from the street when two inches or more of snowfall occurs. This is important so streets can be opened for residents' use and emergency vehicle use as quickly as possible.

Several years ago, the Village revised the salting policy for all secondary streets due to sky rocketing salt prices and to control the cost of manpower and equipment. The Village no longer routinely salts secondary streets, and snow plowing will begin after the accumulation of four inches of snow and mostly during normal business hours. Secondary stop intersections will be salted on an as needed basis.

We urge motorists to use caution when navigating secondary streets. All residential streets are within two blocks of main arterial streets, which will be plowed and salted for safe travel.

When snow accumulation is predicted please keep garbage cans four feet back from the curb to eliminate or prevent garbage spills. In the case of a major storm, when snowfall is predicted to exceed eight inches, it may only be possible to keep a center lane open on secondary streets for emergency vehicles until the snowfall stops.



Avoid Frozen Pipes

Water pipes are more susceptible to freezing this time of year when the air temperature outside is below freezing for more than a few days. To avoid frozen pipes make sure your basement is heated where the water meter and water pipes are located. Also insulate water pipes that are against outside walls. Make sure all windows and cracks, which allow cold outside air in are sealed, and consider letting your water run on a trickle during extreme cold periods.

Pavement Maintenance Projects

As a supplement to street improvements, the Village also completed a number of pavement maintenance efforts, including pavement patching, crack sealing and asphalt rejuvenation programs. These maintenance efforts, performed in between more extensive improvements like resurfacing and reconstruction, help to extend the life expectancy of Village streets. Several of these programs were completed as joint bid efforts, in which Villa Park joins with other area municipalities in an effort to secure more favorable bid prices.

Final Yard Waste Pickup of 2016

The final week for yard waste pickup will be Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, 2016. Yard waste is to be set out in 30-gallon Kraft paper bags or in 35-gallon (maximum) refuse cans clearly marked, "yard waste only." Yard waste consists of grass, shrubbery clippings, leaves and plant material. Tree branches not exceeding four inches in diameter, bush trimmings, and plant stocks must be tied into bundles using twine, not to exceed four feet in length, 18 inches in diameter, and not weigh more than 50 pounds. **Residents are allowed to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers through Dec. 2, 2016.**



Christmas Tree Collection Available

Roy Strom will be picking up Christmas trees during the second and third weeks of January 2017 (Jan. 9-20) to recycle rather than placing them in landfills. Please remove ornaments, lights, wiring, and any decorations. Remove plastic bags and any string or wires used to move the trees to the curb.





Parks & Recreation

Please note that pre-registration is required for all Recreation Department programs and events.

All programs held at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave., unless indicated otherwise.

Fees listed are resident rates.

Non-residents pay an additional \$3 for most programs.

Contact the Recreation Department at (630) 834-8970 with questions on programs and events.

Letters from Santa

Imagine the joy when your child receives a personalized letter from Santa. Just complete the form with your child's information and your letter will be mailed the week of Dec. 12. The fee is \$3 per letter for residents, \$4 for non-resident. Forms are available at the Iowa Community Center, Community Recreation Building or online at www.invillapark.com.

Pictures with Santa Paws

Bring your fur baby for a picture perfect moment with Santa Paws. Each pet will meet Santa Paws, take a picture with him and get a special treat. Pictures with Santa Paws will be held at North Terrace Park on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per pet (no snakes). The registration deadline is Dec. 2. All participants must sign-up for a picture time slot at registration.

Breakfast with Santa

All ages will enjoy Breakfast with Santa from the Elf Kitchen. Children will make a holiday craft, decorate cookies, play reindeer games and enjoy a visit from Santa. This special event will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, 9-11 a.m. The fee is \$10 per person (\$15 per person for day of registration if available).



Winter Camp

Kids ages 5-12 will have a blast on their winter break from school at Winter Camp where each day offers a new, fun theme. Camp is held daily 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Need to extend your camp day? Sunrise and Sunset Camps are available for additional fees. Camp will be held Dec. 27-30 and Jan. 3-6. Sign up for all days or just the days needed. The fee is \$28 per day. Be sure to pack your lunch.

Holiday Science Camp

Do you like working on interesting projects? If so, this Holiday Science Camp is for you. Kids ages 6-10 will explore a new science activity each day such as physics, astronomy, and earth and food science. Camp will be held Jan. 3-6, noon-2 p.m. The fee is \$106.

Princess Ball

Young ladies and their favorite dates are invited to the Princess Ball on Friday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Couples will be treated like royalty as they enjoy dinner and dancing to the music played by Coach Josh and DJ Superman. Highlighting the event will be a visit from a very special princess. The \$33 per couple (\$11 each additional daughter) includes a keepsake photo. Corsage/boutonniere packages are available for pre-order at time of registration. The deadline for flower orders is Feb. 25.

You Belong Here!



Villa Park Scout Programs

Calling all Girl Scouts in Villa Park...Need to earn a badge? Looking for a fun evening as a troop? Want someone else to prep, teach and do all the cleaning up from the badge project? Sign up your troop for this new activity. Contact Mikie at MKudelas@invillapark.com to set up a badge program for your Girl Scouts.

FREE Fitness Week

No need to use your Easy Pass punch card during FREE Fitness Week. Just drop in to any of the fitness and wellness classes listed in the fitness class schedule and work out for FREE! Morning and evening classes are available to fit all schedules. FREE Fitness Week is Jan. 16-21 and March 13-18.

Birthday Parties

Plan your child's next birthday party at the Iowa Community Center, and enjoy a stress-free, fun party. Parties are for two hours for ages 5-12 and include a gift for the birthday child, decorations, cupcakes, ice cream, drinks and paper goods. Staff decorate, plan and organize games and activities and do the clean up. Choose from several fun themes. Call the Recreation Department for party date and staff availability.

SAVE THE DATES!

Spring Soccer Season Registration (in-person)

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave.

Breakfast with the Bunny

Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.

Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave.

Mariners Swim Team Priority Registration

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

and Wednesday, April 12, 6-8 p.m.

Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave.

Mom and Son Night at Sugar Creek Golf Course

Friday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

500 E. Van Buren St.

Community Garden

Villa Park Community Gardens will be located at Westmore Park (between Westmore and Biermann avenues).

Garden plots will be available to community members of all ages who want to grow vegetables for themselves and their community. Anyone who has a green thumb or wants to learn about gardening is welcome. Plots will be available for planting in May.

The fee to reserve a plot is just \$10, and your costs will be defrayed when you attend our launch event where you will have your choice of a variety of free seeds and seedlings to plant in your garden. Those who share pictures of their vegetables grown in these plots will be given an additional thank you gift for your partnership to help make our community more vibrant and healthy.

If you want to reserve a garden for yourself or your organization, signups will be on a first come, first served basis, at the Iowa Community Center or the Villa Park Public Library, so don't wait! Visit the Grow Healthy Villa Park website at www.growhealthyvillapark.org, for more details.



ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

Birthday Bunch & Lunch

Seniors will enjoy lunch, socializing and playing Bingo at these monthly lunches held on the second Thursday of the month from 12-2 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Monthly birthdays will be recognized with cake and singing "Happy Birthday." The fee is \$5, payable at the door. Please call (630) 834-8525 to RSVP each month you'd like to join the group.

Pokeno, Coffee and More

You'll have a blast playing this fun and easy to learn card/board game. You'll be treated to snacks and coffee. All will leave with at least one prize (not monetary). Pokeno, Coffee and More is held the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$3 per person, payable at the door.

Fun on the Run Van Trips

Leave the driving to us as you sit back and enjoy the scenery on trips to many fun area destinations. The fee for transportation only is \$16 per person for residents (\$19 non-residents). Participants pay additional admission and meal fees. Upcoming trips will visit Glessner House, Sawa's Restaurant and Galos Cave. As on all trips we'll stop for a bite to eat after visiting our destination.



Police Department

Are You Using Your Child Car Seat Restraint Safely?

Studies show that between 72 and 84 percent of child seats are not being used properly. Some reasons for improper child seat use include the wrong seat is being used for the child's age and weight, the safety belt attachment is too loose, or the harness straps are not fitted properly on the child. Incorrect use of child safety seats increases the risk of injury to the child during a crash.

The website www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm has great information on car seat recommendations for children as well as several other topics such as children walking or riding bikes to school and teen driving.

The Villa Park Police Department also has two certified child safety seat technicians that can inspect car seats or assist parents with proper installation techniques. You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Police Department at (630) 834-7447.

Join the Villa Park Citizen Police Academy

The Villa Park Police Department is proud to bring back the Citizen Police Academy program. The Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Villa Park Police Department and how the department interacts with other agencies in DuPage and the surrounding counties.

The goal of the Villa Park Citizen Police Academy is to help create more informed citizens, debunk myths about law enforcement and open lines of communication between citizens and officers. The Villa Park Citizen Police Academy will help people see first-hand how the Police Department operates; learn about department policies, procedures and programs; meet local officers; and understand the challenges faced by law enforcement.



Classes will be held on a weekly basis beginning in Jan. 2017 and will be led by members of the Police Department. The academy will be open to residents and business owners in Villa Park. Classes will include topics such as conducting criminal investigations, traffic stops, gangs, juvenile law and firearms. Tours may also take place at locations such as the DuComm Dispatch Center and Jail.

Further details including class dates and times and will be posted on the Police Department Facebook page and Village website. Applications will be located at the front desk of the police department in November. For further information, please contact Sgt. Tim Walsh at (630) 592-6124.

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Smart911 Saves Time in an Emergency

Smart911 is a confidential service that allows users to create a profile for 911 dispatch centers. When someone with a Smart911 profile dials 911, his or her information automatically displays on the 911 call taker's screen. This profile can contain essential information that may save time in an emergency such as medical information, caregiver contact information and even a list of family members, photos and bedroom locations that can assist firefighters while responding to a house fire.

Anyone who lives, works or visits DuPage County can create a Smart911 profile. It's **free** and completely **confidential** – the information provided is available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. Households with young children, seniors, or anyone with a physical or mental disability may find this service especially valuable. DuPage First Responders encourage participants in the State of Illinois Premise Alert Program to also complete profiles.

Smart911 is a national service. This means your profile will display to any 911 center in the United States that has Smart911.

Visit www.smart911.com to create a profile. The step-by-step online process lets users decide which information they want to include on their profile. The profile can be updated or changed at any time. In Villa Park, always call 911 to report all issues to police.



Coffee with a Cop

In honor of National Coffee with a Cop Day, Oct. 7, Villa Park Police officers met with community members for a morning cup of coffee at Hi-View Restaurant, 425 W. St. Charles Road.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.



Get to know Villa Park Police officers at the next Coffee with a Cop event in the spring. Details including a time and place will be posted on the Village website.

Fire Department



Did you know that December is the peak time of year for home candle fires?

Candles may be pretty to look at but they can also cause home fires and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Candle with Care

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in bedrooms and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down – Put it out before the flame gets close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles!

Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

Consider using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.



Don't Wait – Check the Date

As part of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2016 Fire Prevention Week Theme “Don't Wait – Check the Date” the Villa Park Fire Department is urging all residents to check the manufacture date of their home smoke alarms to be sure they have not expired.



- Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every six months - “Change your Clock – Change your Batteries.”
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Free “Friends and Family” Spanish CPR Class

CPR Instructor and Firefighter Steve Gonzalez will be instructing an American Heart Association Heartsaver “Friends and Family” CPR Course for Spanish-speaking residents on Saturday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center.

People who should sign up for this class are lay rescuers such as babysitters, family members of patients at risk for sudden cardiac arrest and other laypersons who want to learn rescue skills for loved ones. Students will receive a course completion card and booklet. Enrollment is limited so register today at www.invillapark.com or by calling the Fire Department at (630) 833-5350. For more information, contact Steve Gonzalez at sgonzalez@invillapark.com.

Gratis en español “Amigos y familia” Clase de CPR

Instructor de CPR y el bombero Steve González le dará instrucción a una Asociación Americana del Corazón. “Amigos y Familia” Salvacorazones curso de CPR de españoles residentes hablando el sábado 25 de febrero de, 2017 a las 9 a.m.-1 p.m. en el centro comunitario de Iowa.

Las personas que deben inscribirse para esta clase son los socorristas como niñeras, familiares de los pacientes con riesgo de paro cardíaco repentino y otros laicos que quieran aprender técnicas de rescate para los seres queridos. Los estudiantes recibirán una tarjeta de la finalización del curso y el folleto.

La inscripción está limitada por lo regístrese hoy en www.invillapark.com o llamando al Departamento de Bomberos al (630) 833-5350. Para obtener más información, de contacto Steve González en sgonzalez@invillapark.com.



Fire Department

Stay Warm, Stay Safe

The winter season is upon us and while heating appliances and fireplaces make life comfortable, they are also a major cause of home fires and other problems. Anytime we add any type of heat to our homes, the risk of uncontrolled fire increases. Stay warm and safe this winter season!

Portable heaters should be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed and shut off automatically if tipped over. Keep them in good condition with no frayed wires or accumulations of dust. Never leave small children unattended in the same room with a portable heater, even for a minute. Keep all combustible items, including newspapers, bed linens, furniture, and draperies at least three feet away. Plug any heating appliance directly into a wall outlet. Do not use extension cords.

Every fireplace should have a sturdy screen across the front to prevent embers from flying or logs from rolling out. Keep combustible items, including extra firewood, at least three feet from the fireplace opening. If you use manmade logs in your fireplace, follow package directions carefully; don't attempt to break a log up. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other type of flammable liquid to start a fireplace fire.

The fireplace is no place to burn gift wrap, trash, or other debris. Burning these items can create and release toxic fumes or cause excessive heat that can damage the fireplace. When clearing ashes from the fireplace, be sure to put them into a metal container with a lid—never into a cardboard box or paper bag. Embers are capable of smoldering for days with disastrous results.

Have your furnace or boiler serviced at least annually by a qualified technician. Replace filters monthly and keep combustible materials at least three feet away.

The chimney should be cleaned by a qualified professional at least once a year—more if it's used extensively.



Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

Do you have a fire hydrant in front of your home or business? Help the Fire Department this winter by keeping it clear of snow and accessible in the event of a fire. Precious time can be lost if a fire hydrant is not easily seen, which can increase the possibility of a life loss and greater property loss.

Residents needing help clearing a hydrant can call the Fire Department at (630) 833-5350.

Christmas Tree Safety

Follow these tips when purchasing your Christmas tree this year:

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the "Fire Resistant Label."
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Fresh trees are green and the needles are hard to pull out of the branch. To check for loose needles, tap the trunk on the ground - the tree should not lose any needles.
- Place live trees away from heating vents, fireplaces and portable heating units since this will only speed up the drying process.
- Keep water in the base of the tree at all times and keep the tree out of any hallways, doorways, etc.

Be Safe This Holiday Season

- Heed warnings on ladders. Tens of thousands of people are treated for injuries related to ladder falls in November and December from putting up lights and decorations.
- Don't overload extension cords and power strips. Always look for the marking of a recognized testing lab.
- Prevent fires and shocks by throwing out damaged or frayed light sets.
- Avoid sharp, breakable decorations in homes with young children.



Odds and Ends



Cooking Oil Recycling

Through a grant from the DuPage Foundation, SCARCE provided a permanent cooking oil recycling receptacle at Villa Park's Salt Creek Sanitary District. Drop off used cooking oil from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 201 Illinois Route 83, Villa Park. The entrance can be accessed from northbound IL Route 83.

Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission plans to participate again in this year's Thanksgiving weekend Cooking Oil Collection Day from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 26 in the Village Hall parking lot, 20 S. Ardmore Ave.

The collected oil will be recycled into biodiesel. Bring cooking oil in a container that can be left behind. Only liquid cooking oil will be collected. No solid fats such as bacon grease or motor oil will be collected at this event. Cooking oil can clog pipes in homes and streets. It also pollutes local bodies of water.

You're invited to join Friday Night Connect!



Villa Park Middle School Students Invited to Friday Night Connect!

Friday Night Connect is a partnership between Willowbrook High School, the Villa Park Police Department and the local clergy to provide students with safe, positive activities. All students in sixth through eighth grades at Villa Park public and private schools are invited to join Friday Night Connect. They will be mentored by Willowbrook High School students, and adults will provide supervision. This program is FREE for participants.

Each Friday Night Connect will take place at the following three locations:

York Center Church of the Brethren, 1S071 Luther Ave. in Lombard

Harvard Avenue Evangelical Free Church, 206 W. St. Charles Road in Villa Park

Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 E. Highland Ave. in Villa Park

Friday Night Connects will be from 6-8 p.m. on the following dates:

Dec. 9, 2016 • Jan. 13, 2017 • Feb. 10, 2017

March 10, 2017 • April 14, 2017 • May 12, 2017

For More Information:

Call (630) 832-5580 or e-mail FridayNightConnect@gmail.com

Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission Seeking Green Champions

The Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission developed a Green Champion award program to recognize any outstanding environmental achievements of individuals, groups, organizations or businesses in Villa Park.

The commission is seeking nominations for the 2017 Green Champion award. The annual award will be presented in one of the following nine categories: energy efficiency; renewable energy; conservation of natural resources; recycling programs and use of recycled content products; green produce use and use of recycled content materials; water conservation; transportation; outreach and education; and other innovation projects and programs.

To make a nomination, download the nomination form from the Village's website, www.invillapark.com, and email the completed document to EnvironmentalConcerns@invillapark.com or send to Village of Villa Park (Attn: Environmental Concerns Commission) 20 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181. Nominations are due by March 15.

Get Involved with the Environmental Concerns Commission

For more information, visit www.invillapark.com or contact commission Chairwoman Jes Spivak at EnvironmentalConcerns@invillapark.com.

Villa Park Utility Billing

You can sign up at www.invillapark.com to receive an email bill no matter which payment method you choose.

How to pay your bill:

Direct debit Your utility bill payment will be automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date.

Online payments through your bank Pay your bill with a service provided by your own bank.

Online payment through the Village website Pay your bill online at www.invillapark.com. There is a minimal fee for this service.

By mail Please allow 7 to 10 days for mailing and processing, as the Utility Billing Division must receive your payment in the mail by the due date.

Drop box Pay your bill by dropping your check payment in the black utility bill drop box in the Village Hall parking lot. Payments are collected at 8:30 a.m. each business day.

In person Pay your bill in person at the Village Hall. We accept cash, check, credit and debit cards. There is a minimal charge for credit and debit cards.

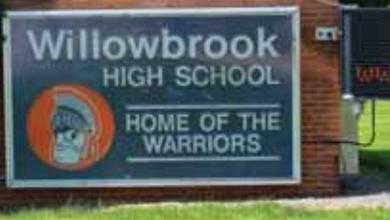
Over the phone Call 1-877-885-7968 and provide PSN with your correct account number. There is a minimal fee for this service.

Local sub-stations Pay your bill at one of two local sub-stations. If you're close to water shutoff or the due date, please pay directly at Village Hall.

Inland Bank 305 W. St. Charles Road

Johnson's Lighthouse Pointe 1 W. St. Charles Road

Visit www.invillapark.com/173/Billing-Payment for more information on any of these options or call (630) 834-8500.



Schools

School District 88



Greetings from Willowbrook High School

It has been a tremendous 2016-17 school year so far, and we look forward to more successes to come throughout the year. Below are several upcoming events:

Curriculum Showcase

On Jan. 12, 2017, Willowbrook will host its annual Curriculum Showcase to provide incoming and current students and parents/guardians with information about the academic courses and various programs offered at the school. Participants are welcome to take a tour of the building and visit booths with information about Willowbrook.

Athletic Hall of Fame

Founded in 2010, the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the athletic and personal successes of standout Willowbrook student-athletes. A screening committee comprised of current and former coaches, staff members, Athletic Booster Club members and community representatives selects the Willowbrook Warriors who are inducted each year. This year's Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will take place on Feb. 2, 2017, at The Carlisle in Lombard.

Brook Olympics

Willowbrook will host its annual Brook Olympics from March 13 to 17, 2017. During the Brook Olympics, classes go head to head in a weeklong series of events and challenges, with the hope of their class being named as the champion. A culminating assembly will take place on March 17, 2017. The Brook Olympics, a vision of teacher and coach Matt Scott, were created to help initiate a sense of class spirit at Willowbrook. The Brook Olympics not only brings tradition, spirit and pride to Willowbrook, but the event also supports the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth. This year's relay will take place on March 11, 2017, at Willowbrook to raise money for the society.

College & Career Awareness Week

From March 20 to 24, 2017, the Willowbrook Guidance Department will host events and presentations as part of College & Career Awareness Week. The purpose of those activities is to help prepare students for successful futures. The week will include a Military Fair, a Career Fair and a College/Vocational Fair. Counselors also will work with the Willowbrook Parent Organization to reach out to local businesses, alumni and community members to provide informational booths or presentations for students.

Performing arts events

Our bands, orchestras, choral groups, guitar ensemble and theatre will continue the legacy of Pride, Tradition and Excellence for which our music and theatre departments are known. See the online calendar at www.dupage88.net/wbcalendar for a list of upcoming performances.

Thank you for your continued support of Willowbrook High School!

With Warrior Pride,
Dan Krause
Willowbrook High School Principal

Highlights from DuPage High School District 88

Our mission at DuPage High School District 88 (comprised of Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools) is to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement. As part of that mission, we are excited to share with you a few highlights from the 2016-17 school year so far.

Community Nights: On Aug. 19, the field at Willowbrook was filled with Warrior Pride during the first Silver and Blue Community Night. Nearly 2,000 District 88 stakeholders attended Community Nights at Willowbrook and Addison Trail. The events featured a showcase of the schools' athletic teams and extracurricular activities and raised more than \$500 for the District 88 Foundation, which raises funds to benefit District 88 students.

Homecoming: From Sept. 12 to 17, Willowbrook celebrated Homecoming Week. One of the highlights was Willowbrook bringing back its Homecoming Parade on Sept. 16.

National Merit Scholarship Program: Willowbrook senior Hannah Hewitt has been named as a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

Football Team: Congratulations to the Willowbrook Football Team for qualifying for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 7A State Playoffs.

2015-16 Illinois Report Card: Highlights of District 88's 2015-16 report card include -

Graduation rate: District 88's graduation rate continues to be above the state level. District 88's four-year graduation rate is 86 percent, and the district's five-year graduation rate is 91 percent.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam: We are proud to have the largest PARCC-score growth in DuPage County this year, according to the Daily Herald. The improvement in our scores truly is a testament to our staff, students, parents/guardians, Board of Education members and community members. While we are proud of the improvements in our PARCC scores, we also are thrilled the Illinois State Board of Education listened to our concerns regarding that exam and will provide the College Board's SAT exam, including a writing component, at no cost to all public high school juniors this year. The SAT aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards and provides a college-reportable score for admissions purposes. This means Illinois high schools will transition from the ACT to the SAT as the state assessment.

Freshmen on Track: District 88 is above the state level in terms of the number of freshmen who are on track to graduate from high school at 85.3 percent.

To view the complete report cards for District 88 and its two high schools (Addison Trail and Willowbrook), go to www.illinoisreportcard.com.

Thank you for your support of District 88, and we look forward to continuing our work together to build futures for the students of District 88.

Respectfully,
Scott J. Helton, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools, DuPage High School District 88

Schools



School District 45

Lunchtime Composting in District 45

During the 2016-17 school year, a Lunchtime Composting Program is being implemented districtwide. At lunchtime, a District 45 student can put an apple, banana or any unopened container of peaches or bag of carrots on the Share Table. A law signed this summer allows for unopened/untouched food to be shared.

But wait! There's more! The last sips of milk in the carton can go into the Slush Bucket. The empty milk carton goes into the Recycling Bin. The straw goes in the Garbage Bin. The peel from the orange that was eaten goes in to the Compost Bin, along with the last few bites of uneaten green beans. The plastic reusable tray is tapped to remove any existing food waste. The trays are all stacked for washing to be reused for lunch the next day.

The District has partnered with School And Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE) for information and training on the composting program. There is a District Conservation Committee that provides resources for the Conservation Clubs at each of the schools. Students in the clubs will help with the program by making posters to explain the items that can go into each of the bins. Also on board with the program, are the food service providers and the waste haulers that service the District.

According to SCARCE Executive Director Kay McKeen, our students are helping with the Federal goal to reduce food waste 50% by 2030 through the District 45 Lunchroom Composting Program.

The first photo is of a waste audit conducted last spring at a District 45 school. Students became very aware of the amount of waste created during lunch.

The second photo is of an informational presentation given by SCARCE to District 45 students about the Lunchtime Composting program which is now a solution for lunchtime waste.



School District 48

Daily Use of Technology Tools for Salt Creek Students

"Students are excited about learning." "They're engaged in the projects." "They're motivated." These are what teachers in Salt Creek School District 48 schools are saying about our new program in which every 3rd-8th grader has a laptop to use. The Chromebook laptops do much to enhance learning and instruction. The students carry the laptops from class to class and use them for projects, assignments and research. The program, called 1:1 access, means that no time nor paper is wasted and learning is more immediate, exciting and innovative.

The 1:1 program is new this year for grades 3-8 and was recommended by

the District Technology Committee. The program changes how educators teach and as a result teachers have participated in intensive professional development. Teachers have also been trained in using Google classroom tools and applications. This allows teachers to communicate effortlessly with young learners, providing them with constructive feedback whenever they need it and to streamline the sharing of classroom documents and assignments. The use of Google tools prepares students for high school and beyond, where these tools and applications are used daily.

In the younger grades K-2,

students also have access to technology in a variety of forms, including laptop carts, computer labs and sets of iPads. In addition, all classrooms have Interactive Smart Boards or InTouch Boards that teachers and students use in innovative ways to spur creative thinking and problem solving.

Not only are our students being challenged but so are our teachers. They are finding innovative ways to incorporate technology into their classrooms to benefit student learning.

Finally, the 1:1 program has not increased our technology costs. The Chromebooks are more cost effective than the



District's outdated Apple computers and allow the District to provide a device for every 3-8 grade student. The District Technology Committee continues to meet to review how technology can support instruction and most importantly, learning for both teachers and students.

John H. Correll, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Salt Creek School District 48



Library

Programs

Health & Wellness Resource Center Online Resource

This online resource provides 24/7 access to thousands of full-text medical journals, periodicals, reference works, multimedia and much more. Perfect for researchers at all levels, this comprehensive consumer health resource provides authoritative information on the full range of health related issues, from current disease and disorder information to in-depth coverage of alternative medical practices. A valid Villa Park Public Library card is needed to access this database from home.



VPPL Mini-Library Returns!

Thursdays, Jan. 12-April 27 • 3-4 p.m.
(Please note: March 2 mini-library hours will be noon-1 p.m., March 30 mini-library will be closed)
Special Location: Jefferson Middle School, 255 W. Vermont St., Villa Park
All ages

In partnership with School District 45 and Jefferson Middle School, the VPPL mini-library at Jefferson Middle School is back! Apply for a library card, check-out books, movies and videogames, or stop by and make a craft.

Free Electronic Tax Preparation @ YOUR Library!

Sundays, Feb. 19, Feb. 26; March 5 • 1-4 p.m.
College of DuPage is offering free assistance with electronic preparation of state and federal tax returns at the Villa Park Public Library. Students in Accounting 2200, under instructor supervision, will help residents prepare 1040 IL, 1040 and Schedules A-B forms. Free assistance is also provided for schedules C-EZ and small Schedule Ds (three items or less). Participants must bring tax information, the previous year's return and account numbers if participants would like direct deposit. To register for your 30-minute appointment, please contact the library. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

Adult Services

Team Trivia Tuesday

Jan. 17; March 21 • 7:30 p.m.
Special Location: Crazy Pour, 105 E. North Ave., Villa Park
If you have knowledge of pop culture, history and other weird facts and want to show off your skills, then join us for our Team Trivia Tuesday. Enter as a team of up to eight or come on your own and we will pair you up. Win prizes and have fun. Registration is suggested but not required.

Medicare Seminar ☎

Saturday, Jan. 14 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Limit 40
This informational program is designed for those approaching age 65, or already age 65 or older. Attendees will learn about Medicare changes; how to select the best Medicare Supplement Plan; Part D Drug Plan; learn how to avoid making a mistake in selecting a plan; and the lowest cost Medicare Plan. Registration begins Dec. 15, 2016 for this program.

Get Ready for Villa Park Community Gardens!

In partnership with Grow Healthy Villa Park, the Villa Park Public Library is offering two gardening programs. Learn skills to enhance your own garden or contribute to the new Villa Park Community Garden at Westmore Park. Find out more about the Community Garden on page 5.



Seed Starting: Giving your garden a head start ☎

Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Limit 40
Jump-start the spring growing season. Learn about the equipment and methods used for starting seeds indoors. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

Vegetable Gardening ☎

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Limit 40
Learn the basics of vegetable gardening: preparation of the soil, choosing the right location and selecting plant varieties to help you successfully grow your own vegetables. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

For more information on these and other Library events and services, visit the Library's website at www.vppl.info or call (630) 834-1164.

Library



Youth Services



DuPage Children's Museum Presents: Wheels, Levers, & Pulleys! 📞

Tuesday, March 28 • 1-2:30 p.m.
For grades K-2

Get a grip on simple machines! Lift yourself up with a pulley system! Try your hand with gears, levers, and more in this hands-on workshop that introduces the world of simple machines. This program will be led by staff from the DuPage Children's Museum. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

Science Minors:



MSI Kids Club 📞

Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8; March 1, 8;
April 5 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
For grades 3 and up

Explore the world of TOYS in this new season of Science Minors. This time, we're "Playing Around" and investigating the science of toys over the course of five

different sessions. Learn about how each toy works, then make one of your own to keep. We'll experiment with light, gravity, mirrors, air, and more to make a kaleidoscope, helicopter, pop-up book and other toys! Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

LEGO® Builders Club 📞

Wednesdays, Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 15, 22; March 15, 22; April 19, 26
3:30-4:30 p.m.

For ages 6 and older, as recommended by LEGO®
Create something unique using a selection of LEGO® bricks and accessories. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

LEGO® DUPLO® Build + Play

Fridays, Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; March 10, 24; April 14, 28
10-10:45 a.m.

For children ages 2 to 5 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Library now has LEGO® DUPLO® bricks to play and learn with! Join us for an hour to build, play, and socialize with other kids and families. Registration begins Dec. 15 for this program.

Winter Reading Program

Winter Reading Program

Jan. 2-Feb. 28

Kick-start the New Year with Winter Reading! Stop in to the Library and sign up starting on Tuesday, Jan. 3. We are proud to once again partner with Chicago Wolves Hockey for our Youth program, Read to Succeed. Our adult reading program will be Master the Art of Reading. Participate in our adult program and earn drawing slips for a fabulous prize. Both programs are free, easy, fun, and open to everyone!

Other News

Giving Tree

Looking for the perfect gift? Choose a tag from the Giving Tree at the Villa Park Public Library (305 S. Ardmore Avenue). Purchase the item at the first floor service desk. Then, dedicate the item to a loved one. The item will be added to the library's collection with a dedication and bookplate. The Giving Tree will be on display in the library through Dec. 31.



Little Free Libraries

In partnership with the Friends of the Villa Park Library and the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department, the Villa Park Public Library's Little Free Libraries (LFLs) are popping up in select locations around town. Little Free Libraries are being installed throughout town to promote literacy within our community. Visitors can take a book and leave a book, or just take a book! The Little Free Libraries are at the following locations:

- Jackson Middle School, 301 W. Jackson Street
- Jefferson Middle School, 255 W. Vermont Street
- Tot Lot located by the Villa Avenue playground
- Tot Lot located near Harvard and Park
- Coming soon to Oakbrook Terrace

Visit one today! If you have any questions about the Little Free Library buildings, please call the library at (630) 834-1164.



Economic Development



National Retailers Open on North Avenue

A brand new 13,000 square-foot outlot building at 298 W. North Ave. in front of North Park Plaza Shopping Center is now home to several national retailers, bringing big names to Villa Park.

Dunkin' Donuts

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce members and Village officials welcomed Dunkin' Donuts to the new building on North Avenue with a ribbon cutting Sept. 30, 2016.

The new Dunkin' Donuts features a drive thru and outdoor patio.



Firehouse Subs

Village Officials and members of the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce welcomed Firehouse Subs to Villa Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 14, 2016.

The national sandwich chain, founded by a pair of firemen brothers, specializes in hot subs and submarine sandwiches made on a toasted private recipe sub roll.



Welcome to Villa Park!

21 East Gallery

21 E. Park Boulevard
Antique, Art and Collectibles

Angel Nails & Spa

100 E. Roosevelt, Unit #22-23
Manicure, Spa Pedicure, Acrylic Nails

Auto Tipp

733 N. Harvard
Auto Electrical Repair

Baffi, LLC (Motorcar Solutions)

739 N. Yale Avenue
Internet and Retail Vehicle Sales

Car Place Inc.

748 N. Michigan
Internet Used Car Sales

Clean Time, Inc.

420 W. Stone Road, #G2
Office of Residential Cleaning Service

Dunkin' Donuts

298 W. North Avenue, Unit #8
Coffee Shop

Fancy Nails

381 E. North Ave.
Nail Salon

Great Lakes Auto Body Parts, Inc.

130 E. St. Charles Road
Retail Auto Parts

Kevin's Auto Diesel Repair

119 W. Home Avenue
Automotive Diesel Repair

Lal Qila Restaurant & Banquet

123 E. St. Charles Road
Indian and Pakistani Restaurant & Banquet

OptimEyes

630 N. Addison Road
Optometry Office

Smoke Villa (Deval & B Inc.)

707 N. Addison Road
Convenience Store and Tobacco Shop

Sprint (Tri-Corp Wireless)

298 W. North Avenue, Unit #3
Sprint Dealer - Sales of Sprint Phones and Accessories

Star Auto Upholstery & Glass, Inc.

726 N. Princeton
Auto Interior and Glass

T-Mobile (TCC Wireless, LLC)

298 W. North Avenue, Unit #5
Retail Electronics Business - Sell/Buy Used Electronics

Victoria's Mexican Cocina

345 W. North Avenue
Restaurant

Zip Cabinet, Inc.

1190 N. Villa Avenue
Kitchen Cabinet Wholesaler

Economic Development



Park Art Center Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary!

The Park Art Center (PAC) at 9 E. Park Blvd., has had an amazing inaugural year with exhibits, films, speakers, classes, fairs, and much more. For many people in the community this was their first opportunity to attend a gallery opening, art exhibits and take classes including painting, sculpture, watercolor and sewing.

The gallery exhibits are free and open to the public, and the studio is also available for rental for private gatherings or art parties for adults or children. There is a fee for classes. For more information, visit the Park Art Center website at www.parkartcenter.org, find it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/parkartcenter/ or call (630) 501-1455. The Park Art Center is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on community support and donations.



The Odeum Celebrates 35 Years in Villa Park!

Thank You Villa Park! We could not have done it without your continued support!

The Odeum, founded and built by Emil and Phyllis Greco, is a family-owned and operated multi-use facility and is DuPage County's largest sports and expo center. Over the years, with more than 130,000 square feet of indoor exhibition space and 14-acres of outdoor parking, the Odeum, located at 1033 N. Villa Ave., has hosted events as varied as simple breakfast meetings, trade shows, haunted houses, athletic competitions, concerts, and outdoor events!

The Greco family and Odeum staff would like to thank the Village Presidents, Trustees, and all of the Village Departments Staff, along with the thousands of Villa Park residents that have supported us in so many ways over the years! We could not have done it without you!

Some Fun Odeum Trivia

The Odeum....

- was originally built in 1974 as the Hat Trick Ice Arena with 3 indoor rinks.
- averages 1 million visitors annually.
- **has hosted some of the top musical artists including:**
 - Robert Plant
 - The Smashing Pumpkins
 - Rob Zombie
 - Limp Bizkit
 - Kenny Roger
 - Beach Boys
 - Barry Manilow
 - Jonathon Brandmeier
 - Alabama
 - Amy Grant
 - **And of course, our favorite, The Plain White T's**
- **has hosted top celebrities including:**
 - Oprah Winfrey
 - Chuck Norris
 - Mike Ditka
 - John McCain
 - Walter Payton
 - Danny Gans
 - Mickey Mouse and Goofy
 - Stan Mikita
 - Ron Santo
 - Ernie Banks
- has hosted over 20 years of haunted houses with 20,000-60,000 annual victims.
- largest one-day event was BlazeFest (radio) which hosted 20,000 people, almost the entire VP population, rocking out to KISS.
- record beer sales took place in 2003 at WrestleMania II with over 16,500 cold ones sold.
- longest running client of 35 years has been the Lyons Township Dog Training Club.
- has hosted 63 Arts & Crafts Festivals with an average attendance of 15,000 – 20,000 people at each fest.
- has played more indoor soccer than all other Chicagoland indoor soccer facilities combined.
- hosted the Insane Clown Posse band that threw over 800 – 2 liter bottles of Faygo soda on their fans during the performance and ----- will never be invited back!

We greatly appreciate and thank the Village of Villa Park and all our neighbors for your continued friendship and support.
You truly are our extended family!!!

The Greco Family





Rotary Club / Lions Club



Lions Club

The longstanding service club has contributed much to the Villa Park community during that time including annual scholarship awards to local students, sponsoring community events and supporting local

organizations like NEDSRA, the Villa Park Public Library and Spectrois to name a few.

After answering Helen Keller's challenge in 1925 to work for a day where there would be no blindness, the Lions have been known as the Knights of the Blind. Locally, Lions are dedicated to serving the Villa Park community.

Lions Club Check Presentation

The Villa Park Lions Club presented a check to the Village of Villa Park for \$4,777 at the Oct. 24 Villa Park Village Board meeting. The money was raised by the Lions Club sponsored beer tent at Villa Park Oktoberfest 2016.



Lions Candy Days

You may have noticed Villa Park Lions sporting their iconic yellow vests outside local businesses this fall. Lions Candy Days are an annual fundraising effort for the club, and all donations collected support the Villa Park community.

Meetings

Second Thursday of the Month

Noon @ Hi-View Restaurant
425 St. Charles Road

Last Thursday of the Month

6:30 p.m. @ Villa Park Public Library
305 S. Ardmore Ave.



The Rotary Club of Villa Park was established in 1971 and has served the community of Villa Park for 45 years. Our Rotary Club is made up of local business owners, neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive lasting changes in our community and throughout the world. Our club's motto is "Service above Self". Members meet weekly to discuss what organizations in the community need the club's assistance. Our club raises funds throughout the year and donated over \$20,000 towards worthwhile community causes. We've supported numerous community projects such as: Rotary Park; the Centennial Clock at Ardmore Avenue near the Prairie Path; the North Terrace Park fishing pier; scholarships for Willowbrook students; District 48 Family Science Night; and the annual "Shoe and Boot Drive" where we purchase shoes and boots for students in District 45. Additionally, our club supports organizations such as:

- Willowbrook Interact Club
- Easter Seals of DuPage
- Outreach House Mobile Food Pantry
- NEDSRA
- Tri-Town YMCA
- Illinois Special Olympics
- Villa Park Public Library
- Ray Graham Association
- and many others.

Not only does our club help out within the Villa Park community, we also participate in initiatives such as clean water and health (End Polio Now) campaigns worldwide. If you are interested in attending a meeting or joining the club, please contact Jay Tovian, President at: jtovian@comcast.net. We'd love to have you as a member! More details about our club are located on our website at: www.villaparkrotary.org/

Meetings

Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.
Crazy Pour
205 E. North Ave.



Check presentation is to Kelly Ann Hennessey of Ray Graham Association



Club Social Outing

Villa Park Students Support Kiwanis Peanut Days

Despite the rain, students from Villa Park schools came out to man their posts outside of local businesses and offer peanuts in exchange for donations to the Villa Park Kiwanis Club. All proceeds from the sale of peanuts help Kiwanis support many community charities, such as: NEDSRA, Early Childhood Reading Program, Food Pantries, DuPage Easter Seals, Spastic Paralysis Research, and Humanitarian Service Project.

Students from Willowbrook High School's Key Club, Jefferson School's Spirit Team and Jefferson School's Builders Club all volunteered their time to participate in Kiwanis Peanut Days this year.



Students from Jefferson School's Builders Club represented Kiwanis at Jewel-Osco, 33 E. St. Charles Road, Saturday, Oct. 1.

How do you become a Kiwanian? We'd love for you to be a member! Kiwanis Club of Villa Park meets every Wednesday at 7:15 AM at Hi-View Restaurant at the corner of Addison Road and St. Charles Road in Villa Park.

Amador Medallion Award Recipient

Villa Park Police Deputy Chief Mike Lay was recently awarded the Amador Medallion Award at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. The Amador Medallion Award is named in honor and memory of Dr. Luis V. Amador, the medical director of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation from its inception in 1952 through 2004.

This district-wide award recognizes and honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service within his or her community. A club member, Deputy Chief Lay is a very dedicated individual and contributes a lot of his time and talent to the Kiwanis Club and to our community.

Police Deputy Chief Mike Lay (right) and other Kiwanis Club of VP Members pack food for needy families at Humanitarian Services Project.



Vidalia Onion Sale Starts in March

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will again be sponsoring its annual **VIDALIA SWEET ONION SALE** to benefit local charitable services. The Villa Park Kiwanis Club gives scholarships to Willowbrook Key Club students, supports Jackson and Jefferson Middle Schools' Builders club, sponsors the summer concert series in partnership with the Villa Park Recreation Department, gives assistance to NEDSRA, Easter Seals and responds to residents who need assistance throughout the year. This year a designated portion of the onion sales will go towards Easter Seals.

The price for these premium onions is just \$10 for a 10-pound bag of jumbo Vidalia Sweets. Contact Sandra Hill at (630) 834-1164, Ext. 111 for more information.

Young Children Priority One

Young Children Priority One (YCPO) is an ongoing service program of Kiwanis International. This service program is geared at addressing the needs of young children.

Last year, the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park initiated a "Bright Beginnings" reading series for preschoolers in District 45's Early Childhood Program. Club funds are used to purchase preschool books and toys for the classes held at Schafer and Iowa Community Center. Club members visit the classes and read favorite stories to the kids as part of an early literacy initiative.



A Message From...

Village Manager Rich Keehner, Jr.

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As the weather grows cooler, your mind may turn to the Village's snow and ice control efforts, but Village staff also looks ahead to spring when the rains and melting snow can cause flooding.

Subsequent to the storms in April 2013 that affected many portions of the Village, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. (CBBEL) entered into a contract with the Village to develop a Comprehensive Flood Plan. That plan can be viewed in full at www.invillapark.com either in the Public Works files of the Document Center under "Reports" or by searching "CBBEL Final Flood Report" in the search bar on the homepage. The plan identifies 13 study areas within Villa Park and proposes drainage improvements to reduce flooding.

The plan relies on separating the remaining combined sewer system. To date, the Village has successfully separated 23.4 miles or 72.3 percent of the originally combined sewer system. By separating the sewer system into a storm sewer and sanitary sewer, the probability of basement backups is reduced. In addition, the Village then has the opportunity to create stormwater storage to further lessen overland flooding. This is not possible when sewage and stormwater are combined in the same sewer system.

All of the proposed projects come with a cost, and Village staff continues to seek funding sources including grants and low interest Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loans to move forward on these important infrastructure improvements, such as the Washington Street Corridor project presented by CBBEL at a recent Village Board meeting. You can view the presentation under "Presentation" in the Public Works files of the Document Center at www.invillapark.com. The proposed project would add approximately 7,000 feet of new storm sewers, reducing sewer backup potential for approximately 400 homes and is estimated to cost \$8.7 million.

In addition to continued efforts by Village staff to combat flooding, DuPage County is also working to remap floodplains throughout the county, including Villa Park. This remapping process involves among other areas, the Congress Street area, Van Buren Street area, Lufkin Park area and Villa Avenue area. DuPage County Stormwater Management received a \$2,050,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2008 to restudy and remap the floodplains for 24 watersheds in DuPage County. The County is working with the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) to create a new County-wide floodplain map, replacing the FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) dated Dec. 16, 2004.

According to the latest staff update at the Nov. 1 DuPage County Stormwater Committee meeting, the County is currently collaborating with ISWS on revising preliminary floodplain maps and expects ISWS to begin the FEMA Quality Review process at the beginning of 2017.

I hope you find this information useful. Please have a safe and warm winter!

Sincerely,

Rich Keehner, Jr., Village Manager

Community Events



COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22, 2016

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour
 Sugar Creek Golf Course Administrative Board — 6 p.m. at Sugar Creek Golf Course
 Community Pride Commission — 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall

November 23, 2016

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving — Village Offices Closed

November 25, 2016

Day After Thanksgiving — Village Offices Closed

November 29, 2016

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

November 30, 2016

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

December 1, 2016

NEDSRA Board — 7:30 p.m. at NEDSRA Office

December 3, 2016

Coffee with the Village Board — 9 a.m. at Village Hall

December 5, 2016

Joyful Traditions — 6-8:30 p.m. at Ruggard Gazebo (Park & Ardmore)

December 6, 2016

Cable TV Commission — 6 p.m. at Village Hall

December 7, 2016

Senior Concerns Commission — 6 p.m. at Village Hall

December 8, 2016

Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

December 12, 2016

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

December 13, 2016

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission — 7 p.m. at Iowa Community Center

December 14, 2016

Traffic & Safety Commission — 8 p.m. at Village Hall

December 17, 2016

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

December 20, 2016

Electronics Recycling — 9 a.m.-noon at Public Works Garage

December 21, 2016

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

December 22, 2016

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

December 23, 2016

Economic Development Commission — 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

December 24, 2016

Fire & Police Commission — 7 a.m. at Village Hall

December 25, 2016

Environmental Concerns Commission — 7 p.m. at Village Hall

December 26, 2016

Village Offices Closed

December 27, 2016

Christmas Eve

December 28, 2016

Christmas

December 29, 2016

Village Offices Closed

December 31, 2016

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

January 2, 2017

Village Offices Closed

January 3, 2017

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

January 4, 2017

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

January 7, 2017

Coffee with the Village Board — 9 a.m. at Village Hall

January 9, 2017

Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

January 10, 2017

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

January 11, 2017

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission — 7 p.m. at Iowa Community Center

January 12, 2017

Traffic & Safety Commission — 8 p.m. at Village Hall

January 17, 2017

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

January 18, 2017

Economic Development Commission — 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

January 23, 2017

Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

January 24, 2017

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

January 25, 2017

Sugar Creek Golf Course Administrative Board — 6 p.m. at Sugar Creek Golf Course

January 26, 2017

Community Pride Commission — 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

Fire & Police Commission — 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Lions Club — 6:30 p.m. at Villa Park Public Library

Environmental Concerns Commission — 7:15 p.m. at Village Hall

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April 11, 2017

April 12, 2017

April 13, 2017

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

Historical Preservation Commission — 7:30 p.m. at Historical Museum

Coffee with the Village Board — 9 a.m. at Village Hall

Cable TV Commission — 6 p.m. at Village Hall

Senior Concerns Commission — 6 p.m. at Village Hall

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

Summerfest Commission — 7 p.m. at Iowa Community Center

Lions Club — noon at Hi-View Restaurant

Planning & Zoning Commission — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission — 7 p.m. at Iowa Community Center

Traffic & Safety Commission — 8 p.m. at Village Hall

Kiwanis Club — 7:15 a.m. at Hi-View Restaurant

Economic Development Commission — 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

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Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Rotary Club — 12:15 p.m. at Crazy Pour

Sugar Creek Golf Course Administrative Board — 6 p.m. at Sugar Creek Golf Course

Community Pride Commission — 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall

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* If a Coffee with the Village Board is on a holiday weekend, it will be canceled. Please see our online calendar available on our website, www.invillapark.com.



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Village Hall

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Villa Park, IL 60181-2696
(630) 834-8500
TDD (630) 834-8589
www.invillapark.com



Village Hours

Village Hall:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 5 pm
(630) 834-8500

Fire Department:

Mon – Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm
(630) 833-5350

Finance Department:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 5 pm

Public Works:

Mon – Fri: 7:30 am – 4 pm
(630) 834-8505

Community Development and Economic Development:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 5 pm
(630) 433-4300

Police Department:

Sun – Sat: 7 am – 11 pm
Non-Emergency Phone Number-
(630) 834-7447

Iowa Community Center:

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am – 7 pm
Fri: 8:30 am – 6 pm
Sat: 9 am – 1 pm
Sun: Closed
(630) 834-8970

Community Recreation Building:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – noon;
1 pm – 4 pm
Saturday and Sunday : Closed
(630) 834-8525

Villa Park Public Library:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 9 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday (Labor Day – Memorial Day):
1 pm – 5 pm
Sunday (Summer): Closed
(630) 834-1164

Elected Officials

Deborah Bullwinkel

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Hosanna Korynecky

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Connecting with the Village

In an effort to provide residents and community members with information quickly and conveniently, the Village employs several forms of media. Here's a look at the wide variety of sources for Village information.

Subscription-based services

CivicReady: il-villapark.civicready.com

CivicReady allows residents to sign up for emergency alerts such as boil water advisories, missing persons, weather warnings or other notifications. Residents can customize which alerts they wish to receive as well as by what method (text, email, voice call) they prefer to receive them.

Notify Me: www.invillapark.com (click the blue Notify Me button on the left side)

Notify me also allows residents to customize notifications by content type and delivery method (email or text). These notifications are usually less urgent than CivicReady alerts. Residents can subscribe to notifications about job postings, events, agenda postings, monthly e-newsletters or Newsflash items (village news).

Traditional methods

Website: www.invillapark.com

The village website aims to be the go-to source for village information whether you are wondering when the next Village Board meeting will be, how to organize a block party or you would like to pay your water bill. We encourage you to visit and explore our website.

Phone: (630) 834-8500

Always feel free to call the main Village Hall number during regular business hours. You can also find direct phone numbers for each village department on our website. Always call 911 in emergencies.

Email: www.invillapark.com

Email contacts for each of the village departments as well as the Village Board are available on our website.

Social Media

Social media provides community members a very convenient method of communication with the Village, but please note our social media accounts are not monitored 24/7. Please call 911 in an emergency.

You can find the Village on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Our social media pages are full of community photos, videos and village news. Follow us on whichever platform you like best or all three. Many of our commissions and individual departments have their own social media accounts so be on the look-out for them as well.

Twitter: [@villapark_il](https://twitter.com/villapark_il)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/villaparkgovernment/

Instagram: [@villapark_il](https://www.instagram.com/villapark_il)

TV Villa Park Style

The Villa Park Cable TV Commission oversees Villa Park's public access, education and government channel. Residents can watch TV Villa Park Style programs through any of the following methods.

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/TVVillaParkStyle

Live Streaming: www.tvvpstyle.com/watch

Television: AT&T U-verse (channel 99) or Comcast (channel 6)