



Village Matters

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From Pot Holes to Smooth Pavement

Bids have been opened and construction will soon begin for the first projects included in the voter-approved bond referendum road improvements. The Village also opened bids and anticipates construction work to begin shortly for work on streets using non-referendum funds. The street improvements will consist of a variety of different rehabilitation methods, including reconstruction, resurfacing, and patching.

Construction work was completed in multiple Village-owned parking lots in late spring as part of the *2014 Village Parking Lots Contract A & B*. As part of this work the Village resurfaced four parking lots. After the resurfacing work was completed the Village used its recently purchased striping machine to paint the new parking stalls.

In addition to these street and parking lot improvements, the Village has also completed its first pavement maintenance effort for 2015. The *2015 Street Maintenance Program*, which included hot-mix asphalt patching on several streets throughout the Village was completed in early summer. The work completed as part of the *2015 Street Maintenance Program* was year 2 of a multi-year joint bid effort. Other maintenance projects including the *2015 Crack Sealing Program* and *2015 Asphalt Rejuvenation Program* are planned to be completed this fall. These two programs will help extend the life of the pavement by filling cracks in the pavement and restoring the flexibility to the pavement, respectively. All of these maintenance programs are performed in an effort to extend the life expectancy of the Village streets.

For more information on these and other construction projects please visit: <http://www.invillapark.com/302/Construction-Projects> or call (630) 834-8500.

We thank the residents, businesses and commuters of Villa Park in advance for their cooperation and their patience during the 2015 construction season.



Villa Park's New Engine 81 Makes Debut at July 4th Parade

The Villa Park Fire Department debuted the brand new Fire Engine 81 during the annual 4th of July Parade sponsored by the Villa Park VFW.

The custom-made Pierce Impel engine sports energy efficient LED lights, a 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump and 750 gallon tank. Most importantly, the new engine is completely National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certified and will offer enhanced safety for firefighters. Forward facing seats and air bags will benefit firefighter-paramedics responding to emergencies.

A \$432,000 FEMA grant, which Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth as well as other legislators helped Villa Park secure, allowed the Village to purchase the much-needed new engine.



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A Message From...

Village President Deborah Bullwinkel

Dear Residents of the Village of Villa Park:

Summer is upon us and even though this is the time for barbeques with friends and family, vacations in far-away places and lazy afternoons in the sun, there's little rest for the weary because the Village of Villa Park is on the move!

Amongst the top priorities keeping Villa Park hopping is an unprecedented number of street improvements occurring throughout the Village. These projects are covered by road referendum funds that were approved by the residents (THANK YOU!) in November 2014 and non-referendum funds that the Village budgeted for completion in Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Road construction that will break ground shortly includes nine streets and one alley affiliated with the 2015 Street Resurfacing Plan. This is in addition to 11 streets that are being completed as a part of the Twin Lakes Area Street Improvement Project and the 2015 Concrete Street Improvement Program. Other road projects are forthcoming once engineering design is finalized.

To track these projects and their progress, as well as many other construction projects happening throughout the Village, go to www.invillapark.com/302/Construction-Projects or call Village Hall at (630) 592 – 6052. We truly appreciate your patience as we work hard to improve YOUR Village!

Another really big change coming to Villa Park is an aesthetic transformation of the North Ardmore Avenue corridor near the commuter train station, which is expected to commence by early fall.

The highly-anticipated Ardmore Streetscape project will include the installation of new decorative pedestrian lighting, new and widened sidewalks, new benches, directional signage and enhanced landscaping with trees and planters. This endeavor is separate from the planned (and also highly-anticipated!) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project that is currently in the works.

The Village received a federal grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) to help cover the costs of this mega-beautification project, which carries a price tag of more than \$900,000. We ask for and greatly appreciate some additional patience from our residents as this project gets underway.

There's so much happening in Villa Park these days! Engage with the Village by attending a Village Board meeting, joining a Village Commission, or simply sending a note or giving us a call. I love hearing from you!

Here's to you, Villa Park!

Deborah Bullwinkel
Village President
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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



Villa Park to Offer Fall Brush and Leaf Collection

The Village will once again offer a fall leaf collection program. Residents will be allowed to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves **without affixing yard waste disposal stickers** during a seven-week period beginning Monday, Oct. 19 and ending Friday, Dec. 4. Residents are reminded that brush must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet and not larger than eighteen inches in diameter. No limbs over four inches in diameter will be accepted. Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles.

Utility Billing

As a reminder, all bills will be mailed the last business day of the month and are due three weeks from that date. Residents who are on direct debit, please notice the new date that the amount due will be deducted from your account.

Please visit www.invillapark.com to sign up. You do not have to pay through the website in order to receive an electronic bill.

Please note that no late bills or shutoff notices will be mailed. You will only receive one bill monthly.

Also, be aware Village communication may be distributed to residents in their monthly bills.

Warm Weather Maintenance Reminders

In Villa Park, weeds and grasses may not exceed six inches in height. Residents are also asked to keep sidewalks clear from overgrown vegetation of bushes and other plants so that residents and visitors to the Village may easily travel the public way.

Also, in warm weather, please remember to keep all trash cans covered and that items placed at the curb for removal may only be placed out for pick up one day prior to the scheduled date.

Please assist the Village and emergency services by having address numbers attached to the front of the residence and easily readable from the public way.

A New Look for Ardmore

The Ardmore Streetscape project will enhance the walkability, drivability and aesthetic quality of the North Ardmore Avenue corridor through the installation of new streetscape elements and enhancements. Proposed enhancements to Ardmore Avenue between Vermont Street and the Union Pacific Railroad include decorative pedestrian lighting, new and widened sidewalks, wayfinding signage and enhanced landscaping such as trees and landscape planters. The remaining portion of the enhancements to Ardmore Avenue between Vermont Street and Schiller Street include decorative pedestrian lighting, wayfinding signage, and trees. This project includes improvements that were envisioned as part of the Village of Villa Park Station Area Plan. The federally-funded Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) will provide funding for up to 80% of the project costs. The Village anticipates construction starting in August with substantial completion this year.

Rain Barrels Still Available for Purchase

Residents can still purchase and pick-up a rain barrel at the Public Works building located at 11 W. Home Avenue for a cost of \$75, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

NO DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE.

Available colors are black, slate and terra cotta. For more information, visit www.invillapark.com or call (630) 834-8505.

New Stump Grinder, Chipper Improves Tree Removal Efficiency

In the past year, the Public Works Department purchased a new stump grinder and chipper in order to increase tree removal efficiency. The new stump grinder grinds down stumps from recently removed trees as well as trees removed in previous years. This allows the Department to be self-sufficient, and not burden other municipalities by loaning their equipment to the Village. With the new stump grinder, Public Works staff has removed and restored (dirt and seed) 371 stumps throughout the Village. Public Works is now in the process of moving through the Village to grind down all stumps, whether they are from recently or previously removed trees. Crews remove wood chips following tree and stump removal as quickly as possible. If wood chips are left in the parkway, the Village is aware and will be removing them shortly. The Village also provides mulch free to residents. Free mulch can be picked up when available at North Terrace Park, 300 North Westmore Avenue, or Fire Station 81, 1440 South Ardmore Avenue.





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.

Family Events

Big Rigs & Kids and Early Childhood Open House

Aug. 1 • 10 a.m. – 12 noon • All Ages • **FREE**

Come out to see, climb on and touch Villa Park Fire and Police Department vehicles, the Mobile Command Center, monster tow trucks, dump trucks, mowers and smaller equipment. After the outside fun, head indoors to tour the Funtime Junction child care facility and preschool, meet the staff and make a fun craft.

Oktoberfest

Celebrating 36 years of family fun

Sept. 11-13 • Lions Park, 320 E. Wildwood Ave.

Oktoberfest features live entertainment, food vendors, carnival games & rides, bags tournament, Kids Zone, Cold Blooded Creatures featuring Bubba the Alligator, sponsor booths, Villa Park Lions Beer Tent and more. Hours will be 5-11 p.m. Friday, 12 noon-11 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

The DOG Gone Egg Hunt

Rotary Park, 600 E. Wildwood Ave.

Sept. 26 • 10 a.m. • \$7 per dog

This one's for the dogs. Come out to Rotary Park where dogs will hunt for treat filled eggs, receive a bandana, meet and play with other dogs and have the chance to win exciting dog prizes. All dogs must remain on a leash, and please bring clean-up materials.



Halloween Happenings

Oct. 16 • 6-8:30 p.m. • All Ages

\$5 per person (pre-registration)/\$8 per person (day of event, provided space is available)

Ghosts and goblins of all ages are invited to come in costume to trick-or-treat outdoors at "Spooktacular" Halloween scenes created by local merchants and organizations. Indoor activities will include pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin and carving tools) and a show featuring the Big "Scary, Silly" Balloon Show by Smarty Pants. Halloween Happenings will be held rain or shine.

Halloween Happenings Wants You!

Area merchants, scout groups, clubs and organizations are invited to join Halloween Happenings by sponsoring a "Spooktacular" scene. Your outdoor scene will give you ample exposure in the community. Scenes don't have to be elaborate; just make it fun! You provide the creativity, treats and a canopy if you wish. The Recreation Department will provide the table, chairs and electricity. Contact Brian Sherry at (630) 834-8970 or bsherry@invillapark.com to participate. The fee is \$15 per scene.

"Howl"ing Halloween Fun

Oct. 9 • 1-3 p.m. • \$10 • Ages 4-12

Get in the Halloween spirit at the fun-filled afternoon where children will make spooky snacks, play ghostly games and participate in a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded to all children dressed in costume.

Fairy Catching

Oct. 27 • 5 p.m. • \$29 • Ages 3-10

Villa Park Historical Society, 220 S. Villa Ave.

The magic of fairy life will be explored during this mystical night. Children can come dressed in fairy attire and make a fairy craft, listen to a story read by a special fairy princess and go on a fairy catching activity along the Prairie Path.



You Belong Here!



Fall Camp

Nov. 23-25 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$28 daily

Enjoy your break from school at Fall Camp. Campers will be kept busy with lots of games and activities. Please send a sack lunch each day; snacks and drinks will be provided. Sign up for all three days or just the ones you want. If campers need to extend their camp day, before and after camps are available for additional fees.

Preschool

Register now for the next school year. Preschool is available for 3-5 year olds. Morning class options are Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday. Pay only a registration fee at registration; tuition payments are made once the school year starts.

Funtime Junction Child Care

Funtime Junction is a DCFS licensed child care program and a one-of-a-kind resource that serves the diverse community of Villa Park and beyond. Funtime Junction welcomes children ages 6 weeks up until their 7th birthday. Use the facility as much or as little as you need; there are no registration fees, deposits or annual fees. The program specializes in flexible drop-in agreements or scheduled time agreements. Reservations for Funtime Junction are made at the top of the hour with a 2-hour minimum for each visit. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Heather Carlson at (630) 834-8970 or hearlson@invillapark.com.

Discover Dance

Aug. 31-Feb. 27 • \$210 (includes recital and costume)

Join the Discover Dance program! Dancers ages 3 and up can choose from a variety of classes in this exciting dance program designed for all skill levels. The session concludes with a recital held at Willowbrook High School.

Children's Birthday Parties

Hold your child's next birthday party at the Iowa Community Center and enjoy a stress-free party as staff does all the work! The two-hour parties are recommended for ages 5-12. Choose from a variety of fun themes. Party staff will decorate, organize activities, serve refreshments and clean up. Check with the Recreation Department for availability and fees.

Birthday Bunch & Lunch

Area seniors are invited to join this monthly celebration, which features a buffet lunch, Bingo with prizes and sweet treats. The group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12-2:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The \$5 fee is payable at the door. Upcoming dates are Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12.

Fun on the Run Van Trips

Let someone else do the driving and parking while you enjoy these fun trips to great destinations. Pick-up and drop-off is at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The transportation fee is \$16 per person for residents and \$19 for non-residents. You pay additionally for admission fees, meals and other expenses. Upcoming trips will visit Chinatown, Long Grove, The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Galos Caves.

Hauntings and History- Another Eerie Experience

Oct. 3 or October 10 • 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$25 per trip (meal paid separately)

Ages 21 and older

This trip will head to haunted locations in Naperville including Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. Come prepared to share your eerie tales on this ghoulishly fun and fascinating trip. Lunch will be at the popular Heaven On Seven restaurant, which is said to be haunted.

School Day Off with All-Star Sports

Oct. 12 • 1-3 p.m. • Ages 5-12 • \$10

Looking for something fun to do on your day off of school? Spend the afternoon playing sports like soccer, basketball, football and more with the coaches of All-Star Sports. The event will start with warm-ups followed by games. You'll finish by cooling down with a cold drink.

DuPage Basketball Alliance

In-person registration: Oct. 14, 4-7 p.m.

and Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Fee: \$72

Open registration: Oct. 19-31; Fee: \$82

Kids in grades 1-8 can register for this co-ed basketball league. Practice is once a week at various locations within the participating communities. Games are played on Saturdays in the Willowbrook High School Field House.





Police Department

Police to Host National Night Out

Tues., Aug. 4 • 6-9 p.m.

Join the Villa Park Police Department and the Village of Villa Park for the 32nd Annual National Night Out (NNO). More than 38 million people participated in NNO events throughout the United States, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide last year in an effort to help build community and police partnerships. This year, the Villa Park Police Department and Village Staff will host a local National Night Out event for all residents at the Iowa Community Center located at 338 N. Iowa Ave. from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be music, activities and games for all ages. Food and drinks will also be provided.

Villa Park will also be celebrating the career of Villa Park K-9 Officer Inoe. Officer Inoe came to the Police Department in 2008 and has played an important role in the Department's drug enforcement efforts. He will be retiring from service later this year, and this will be an opportunity for everyone to show their appreciation for his years of service.

Please check the Police Department's web page at www.invillapark.com and Facebook for additional information. The Villa Park Police look forward to seeing you at the event. If there are any questions, please feel to contact the Police Department at police@invillapark.com for further information.



Villa Park Grand Prix Returns

Villa Park is excited to announce that the 4th Annual Villa Park Grand Prix bicycle race will be held again this year on Aug. 9. This event brings both professional and amateur bicycle racers from throughout the area to Villa Park for a day of racing. Several races will be held throughout the day for various age groups and levels of expertise. Registration begins at 8 a.m., closes 30 minutes prior to the start of each race and is open to all racers. For a list of races and online registration please visit <https://www.bikereg.com/28400> for more information.

Race Course

If you are not a racer but would like to enjoy this event as a spectator, the first race starts at 9 a.m. at the corner of Yale Avenue and Park Boulevard. The race will travel east on Park Boulevard to Princeton Avenue, south on Princeton Avenue to Washington Street, west on Washington Street to Harvard Avenue, north on Harvard Avenue to Park Boulevard, and then east back to the starting point. Each race consists of numerous laps around the course.

Parking/Driving During the Race

The ability of residents who live along the race course to drive in and out of the area will be extremely restricted, if not, completely impossible. Even if residents are able to drive out of the area, they may not be able to drive back into the area. Residents are encouraged to complete their necessary errands on Saturday and park their car out of the race area before 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The Village realizes that this is an inconvenience for some residents and appreciates everyone's patience as well as cooperation on this community event.

Please look for uniformed police personnel on the route before attempting to drive a car on the route. The officers will direct any vehicle movement during the short intermissions between the races. Residents who need to park their cars outside of the race area on Saturday night, please notify the Police Department for parking permission and mention "race parking" when you call (630) 834-7447.

To facilitate parking, there will be a moratorium on timed parking restrictions from 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9. The designated moratorium area is a box bounded by Park Boulevard, Addison Street, Madison Avenue, and Ardmore Avenue.

If there are any questions concerning this event, please contact Deputy Chief Robert Budig, at rbudig@invillapark.com or (630) 834-7447.

Golf for the Villa Park Police Benevolent Association

Join the Villa Park Police Benevolent Association for their Golf Outing Aug. 21 at Sugar Creek Golf Course, 500 East Van Buren Street. The event offers golfing, dinner and raffles. T-times start at 2 p.m. and tickets cost \$50 for nine holes of golf and dinner. Dinner only tickets are available for \$15. Contact Bryan at vppba1947@gmail.com or (630) 592-6130 for advanced tickets and T-times.



Fire Department



EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

firepreventionweek.org

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Join the members of the Villa Park Fire Department at Station 81, 1440 S. Ardmore Ave., on **Saturday, Oct. 10** from **noon – 3 p.m.** for the **Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House!** This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm."



Some of the activities planned for this year's Open House include:

- Fire truck and ambulance displays.
- Meet and take a picture with Sparky the Fire Dog.
- "Put out a fire" with a real fire hose and wear kid-size firefighter gear.
- Get a Fire Department patch temporary tattoo.
- Be the star of your own "Be a Firefighter" Book.
- Live fire demonstration at 2:30 p.m.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries.

Smoke alarms save lives. During a home fire, smoke spreads quickly, and smoke alarms provide the necessary time for people to get out. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Here's what you need to know!

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarms every month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years or according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Learn more about the importance of smoke detectors in your home at the Fire Department's Open House on Oct. 10. Bring the family out for a fun and educational day.

Kids have a chance to win free raffle prizes every 15 minutes, and adults can win prizes also as they test their "Smoke Detector IQ."

For more information, contact the Fire Department at (630) 833-5350.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

On Sunday, Nov. 1 daylight savings time ends, and it's a good time to "Change Your Clock and Change Your Batteries" in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Help keep your family safe from fire and the deadly effects of carbon monoxide this winter.



Fire Department

Open Burning

Pursuant to the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC), Section 307 (Open Burning, Recreational Fires, and Outdoor Fireplaces) as amended and adopted by reference in Section 7-1201 of the Village of Villa Park Municipal Code, open burning is prohibited except with the express written permission of the fire code official or his designee.

Fire pits, fire rings or other fires on the ground are prohibited.

Exceptions include recreation fires for cooking food on grills, barbecues, kettles, smokers, and similar appliances.

The burning of seasoned firewood in an approved outdoor fireplace is allowed, as long as:

- The wood used shall be cut into logs and not freshly cut or “green”. The appliance used shall have a secure, suitable cover and suitable screening in place on its sides.
- The fire code official or his designate may prohibit the use of an outdoor fireplace if the products of combustion create or add to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or if a neighbor calls and complains that the smoke emissions create a hazard for them.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- A portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing agent such as sand, dirt, or water in sufficient quantity shall be available for immediate use.
- The fire shall not be permitted to create excessive flames, flying embers, or smoke.

It is unlawful, under any circumstance, to burn cardboard, leaves, twigs, branches, grass clippings, construction materials, furniture, or other types of waste or refuse.

For more information about open burning, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (630) 833-5350.

Congratulations to the 2015 Citizens Fire Academy Graduates!



Front row left to right: Villa Park residents *Alicia Bassett*, *Robert Fliege*, and *Marcia Basciano* and *Liz Chaplin* (DuPage County Board Member representing Villa Park)

Second row left to right: Villa Park residents *Justin Cinert*, *Brian Carambot*, *Tom Rehr*, and *Sharon Pedersen* and *Mari Grigaliunas* (Public Information Officer for the Village of Villa Park)

During the 8-week academy, students participated in live fire scenarios at the Addison Tower, hands-on use of extrication tools, special operations including hazardous materials and Technical Rescue Team. Students were certified in CPR/AED, and were familiarized with Fire Department engine and ambulance operations.

Check www.invillapark.com in the spring of 2016 for information on applying for the 2016 Citizens Fire Academy.



Schools



School District 88

Willowbrook Looks Ahead to the 2015-16 School Year

As District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton mentioned in his column, the 2014-15 school year brought many accomplishments and highlights to Willowbrook High School and its sister school, Addison Trail, and we couldn't be more proud of our students and staff.

While summer is a time to reflect on the successes of the past school year, it also is a time to look ahead and start planning for the 2015-16 school year. To achieve that goal, we would like to share important information regarding summer registration. District 88 parents and guardians will receive detailed information in the mail.

Registration dates

Class of 2016: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 10

Class of 2019: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11

Class of 2018: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 12

Class of 2017: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13

Open registration (all classes): 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 13

Late registration (all classes): 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 14

First day of the 2015-16 school year: Aug. 19

Residency verification

District 88 will continue to implement its residency verification process to ensure the district can maximize its resources for families who reside within District 88 boundaries. Residency verification must be completed for all incoming freshmen, new students and transfer students before registering for the 2015-16 school year. To access the residency verification form, go to <https://dupage88.net/site/page/3951>.

New state immunization requirement

Illinois is requiring students who are entering grade 12 or higher in August 2015 to have one dose of the meningococcal vaccine after their 16th birthday. Documentation of this vaccine must be provided to the Nurse's Office. This update is required before these students can register in August. For more information, call the Willowbrook Nurse's Office at (630) 530-3457.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at dkrause@dupage88.net or (630) 530-3439. Thank you for your partnership and support of Willowbrook, and we look forward to another great school year!

With Warrior Pride,
Dan Krause
Principal of Willowbrook High School

Thank You for Another Great School Year at District 88

On June 7, nearly 1,000 students walked across the stage during the commencement ceremonies at Addison Trail and Willowbrook and into the next chapter of their lives.

As the students received their diplomas, I couldn't help but reflect on the legacy they're leaving behind. Each class leaves its mark on District 88, and the members of the class of 2015 are no exception. They and their younger classmates have given us another amazing school year – with seemingly endless accomplishments to celebrate. As we officially say goodbye to the 2014-15 school year, we would like to share eight highlights from District 88.

Our graduation rate continues to be above the state level, and more than 90 percent of the class of 2015 at Addison Trail and at Willowbrook has been accepted to a two- or four-year college or university. Addison Trail students will attend schools in 17 states – including Washington, D.C. – and Willowbrook students will attend schools in 21 states.

More students than ever enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses this year, which allow them to earn college credit while in high school.

We had students qualify to compete at the State and National levels in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); DECA; Business Professionals of America (BPA); Ford/AAA; SkillsUSA; Speech; Math; Science Olympiad; and the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA).

This year, District 88 had nine All-State and six Academic All-State athletes recognized by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Twenty-three individuals and teams from District 88 qualified for IHSA State competition, including the Addison Trail Boys Volleyball Team (which competed in the State Tournament for the first time ever and earned 3rd place) and Willowbrook's Kelly McNamara becoming our first State champion in Girls Swimming. We also had two 2nd-place State finishers from Willowbrook in wrestling. In the West Suburban Conference, District 88 won five conference titles. Nearly 100 athletes received All-Conference recognition, and 186 athletes received Academic All-Conference honors. Two athletes were named as All-American, and 40 students from District 88 signed to play their sport at the collegiate level.

Our students and staff continue to give back to their communities. They raised more than \$60,000 for the American Cancer Society, hosted blood drives to benefit LifeSource, participated in numerous community events and more.

We've partnered with Addison Community Television (ACTV) this year to film a new video segment called "The State of District 88." The show takes place every other month and highlights student successes, as well as important information about the district. Shows can be viewed on local cable in Addison and in Villa Park, and the video segments also are posted on our website at <https://dupage88.net/site/page/3803>.

In March, we hosted the first-ever Villa Park Intergovernmental meeting at Willowbrook. The goal of the intergovernmental initiative is to bring together leaders of the community to discuss how we can continue to improve Villa Park, including District 88. We have an intergovernmental group in Addison, and we're excited to implement this initiative in Villa Park as well.

District 88 has been named as "Top High Schools" by Newsweek and as "America's Most Challenging High Schools" by The Washington Post since 2008. Addison Trail and Willowbrook also were named as "Best Public High Schools in the Chicago Metro Area" in the 2015 Niche Rankings, and District 88 was ranked 47th in Illinois. Addison Trail and Willowbrook also were named as "Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report in 2012 and 2015.

To reach this level of success, it truly takes a village. DuPage County was recently recognized as one where low-income children have the best odds of growing up to escape poverty. We know it's because of our stakeholders and communities working together that we're able to build futures for District 88 students and accomplish our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement. Thank you for your continued support of District 88.

With District 88 Pride,
Scott Helton, Ed.D.
DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent of Schools



Schools

School District 45



District 45 Invites Stakeholders to Contribute to The D45 Drive

School District 45 will welcome all stakeholders to take part in building the future for our students. The District 45 Board of Education conducts a Strategic Planning Process every two years to determine the District's priority goals. After the goals are determined, they are captured in a document entitled, The D45 Drive. Throughout the year, the D45 Drive is referred to for planning by all staff and District leaders. The District 45 Board of Education monitors the completion of each of the goals on a quarterly basis. This fall, we will be inviting our school and larger community to participate in the Strategic Planning Process.



Although the traditional process has been followed over the years, this coming year the District will focus on one additional component. We plan to develop a new mission and vision. The District has been focused on a mission that served its purpose for nearly three decades, but the time has come to revisit our beliefs and values and to ask ourselves what we desire our children to know, understand, and do in the 21st Century. The District's vision is more related to short-term activities through which we hope to accomplish the new mission. This vision will then guide our practices for the next two school years.

Throughout the 2015-16 school year, we will be inviting stakeholders to participate in a two-part series to complete the full Strategic Planning Process. Part I will entail a Saturday workshop with representatives from every stakeholder group including teachers, parents, community leaders, Board of Education members, administrators, and students. Strategic Planning Part I will be held in the early fall and will focus on developing the new mission and vision. Then Strategic Planning Part II will include another set of representatives including the Board of Education and will be held during the winter. Part II will focus on developing the District's priority goals. In preparation for our work, we will use data collected from District leadership teams, our curriculum department, human resources, and our finance department. We will also include data collected from all the stakeholder focus groups.

This summer, we will begin holding our stakeholder Strategic Planning focus groups to determine what is working and what we would like to improve. Separate focus groups will be held at each of the eight schools throughout the fall. We also plan to conduct a focus group with the freshmen staff and students at Willowbrook High School.

Visit the District website at www.d45.org for dates/times and more information.

With the pride of District 45,

Anthony Palmisano, Superintendent

School District 48

Back to School in Salt Creek District 48

Even though it is still summer, we are well underway with the planning and preparation for the 2015-16 school year in Salt Creek School District 48. Our schools have been cleaned and repaired over the summer, and we are ready for teachers and students to return. We hope everyone has had a great summer break!

Teachers return on Thursday Aug. 20, 2015 and students return for a full day of school on Monday Aug. 24, 2015.

We are excited about a number of things this coming year, including several new curriculum and instruction initiatives. We have a new K-5 social studies curriculum that will put our students in a great learning environment with the latest in engaging and interactive social studies materials. We will be recommending updates in the 6-8 social studies curriculum for the 2016-17 school year. We have also adopted some new teacher resource materials in science, grades K-8, that will give our teachers more tools to use for our interactive science curriculum. We are in constant contact with Willowbrook High School and our other area elementary districts for collaborative ideas in curriculum. Our goal is to make sure that our students are fully prepared to be successful at the next level of learning.

In the spirit of collaboration and our theme of "Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders," we are planning a joint FTC/PIE Foundation event in November. Funds raised will support student leadership training that will be scheduled next winter or spring.

Finally, to obtain community feedback, District 48 will be engaging in a Strategic Planning process with the Board and community on Sept. 12, 2015. We will be seeking input on priorities and activities to support the district in the years to come.

Thanks to all for your support of Salt Creek School District 48. Here's to a great 2015-16 school year!

John H. Correll, Ed. D.

Salt Creek School District 48 Superintendent of Schools



Odds & Ends



Villa Park Celebrates Members of Armed Forces

A flood of red, white and blue filled the sky over the Villa Park VFW Post 2801 at 39 East St. Charles Road in Villa Park Monday, May 25th as balloons donated by Ardmore Florist were released at the conclusion of the VFW's annual Memorial Day ceremony.

The annual event honored those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Following the presentation of the colors by Villa Park Boy Scout Troop 242, Village President Deborah Bullwinkel joined several other speakers in commemorating fallen service members.



Halloween at the Odeum Expo Center

Put October 2015 on your calendar NOW to attend the annual haunted attraction at the Odeum Expo Center! The Odeum has a long history of incredible haunted attractions, including Hades Haunted House from 1985-1997, Screamfest from 1998-2000, the Asylum Xperiment from 2009-2013 and voted the #1 haunt in the entire state of Illinois two years in a row for 2012 & 2013, and the ever-popular show from 2014, Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare! What's in store for October 2015? Make sure to sign up for the Odeum e-newsletter at www.OdeumExpo.com or LIKE the Odeum's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OdeumSportsExpoCenter to stay up-to-date on all of their events.

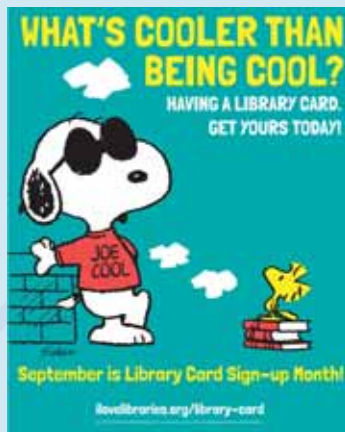
New Development Proposed Near North Park Mall

Mosaic Properties is seeking a Planned Unit Development amendment that would allow the construction of an approximately 13,000 square foot building near where the former bank building used to be in front of North Park Mall. The building will be constructed with masonry materials and have a façade that includes unique architectural detail and significant landscaping. Anchor tenants could include a Chipotle restaurant and a Dunkin Donuts. Construction is expected to begin in the fall with occupancy in spring of 2016.





Library



National Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when we join with public libraries nationwide to ensure everyone has a library card. This year, the American Library Association has chosen Snoopy as the honorary chair for this special month! To celebrate, the Villa Park Public Library is hosting two special events,

Food for Fines and the Be a Cool Reader Read-a-thon. For more information or to find out how to sign up for a library card, visit us in person, call (630) 834-1164 or go online at www.vppl.info.

Food for Fines

Sept. 20–26

The library will attempt to solve two problems with one can of peas when it launches its Food for Fines program. For one week, instead of digging into your pockets for fines, search your cupboards for donations. Only Villa Park Public Library fines will be waived with donations. This offer does not apply to collection agency fees, lost/damaged items, postage or fines from other libraries.

Your donations will benefit the Christian Church of Villa Park Disciples Food Pantry and Hands & Feet Outreach Center. Only shelf-stable foods, such as canned fruits, vegetables and meats, soups, cereals, boxed meals, pasta, peanut butter and jelly will be accepted. Personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner and deodorant will also be accepted. The library will not accept homemade canned goods, opened items or foods past their expiration dates.

A collection box will be set up at the first floor Public Services Desk. Find out the amount of your outstanding fines by calling (630) 834-1164 or by visiting the library's website at www.vppl.info and logging into your library card account.

Be a Cool Reader Read-a-thon

Sat., Sept. 19 • 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

This year, the Villa Park Public Library is holding its inaugural Read-a-thon! As a nod to Snoopy's famous alter ego, Joe Cool, the library's Be a Cool Reader Read-a-thon will feature 24 preselected individuals reading out loud continuously. All are welcome to stop by the live reading marathon at any time. The Read-a-thon is a Friends of the Villa Park Library fundraiser and all proceeds benefit the library. Help the Friends by sponsoring a reader. Donations can also be made directly to the Friends of the Villa Park Library.

Programming Highlights



Ceramics Classes

Thu., Sept. 10 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Fall Candleholder

Thu., Oct. 8 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Halloween Witch

Thu., Nov. 12 • 6:30–8:30 p.m. • Snowman

Create seasonal décor at our ceramics classes! Make a stylish piece at each session and decorate your home for years to come. A \$15 materials fee for each class is required. Class size is limited to 25.

Essentrics Program

Tue., Sept. 15 • 6–7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 24 • 10–11 a.m.

Essentrics is a full-body stretching and strengthening workout through everyday movements to varying degrees, involving circular patterns through various joints. Improve posture, increase flexibility, rebalance the body, reduce pain, and get help with weight loss. Wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing and bring a yoga mat, exercise mat or large towel for floor work. All participants must sign a waiver. Registration is required. This program is for ages 13 and older.

Genealogy: A Key to the Past

Genealogy 101: Tue., Oct. 20 • 6–7:30 p.m. (Annex)

Genealogy 102: Tue., Nov. 17 • 6–7:30 p.m. (Annex)

Explore your family tree using popular online genealogy databases, including familysearch.org, findagrave.com and more. Basic mouse, keyboarding and web navigation skills are required. Registration is required. Class size is limited to 8.



Murder Mystery Play

Save the date! Every year at their annual Murder Mystery Play, the Friends of the Villa Park Library shock and awe audiences with plot twists and interaction. This year's performance will be presented during the Nov. 6–8 weekend. Those savvy enough to figure out whodunit will have the chance to win fabulous prizes from local businesses! Tickets are \$12 in advance (available at the library beginning Sat., Oct. 3.) and \$15 at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Library



Digital Media

Digital Media Lab

The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to announce the establishment of the Richard and Rae Rupp Srch Digital Media Lab. The lab features an iMac, scanner, audio mixer, and other equipment. Use the software and hardware in the lab for image digitization and editing, audio creation as well as editing, graphic design, digital dictation tools and more. “The Digital Media Lab will be available for Villa Park patrons to create quality works of art, music, homework, and entrepreneurship in the lab or edit ones produced abroad,” said Dan Criscione, the library’s Digital Services Librarian.

This endeavor is made possible by a donation in memory of Richard Srch and will continue his legacy of promoting lifelong learning and digital literacy.



Hoopla Update

Hoopla is an online service that allows you to view and listen to thousands of movies, music CDs, audiobooks and TV programs on your PC, Mac or mobile device. Now it has even more to offer with eBooks and graphic novels! Use your Villa Park Public Library card to set up a Hoopla account online, then download available titles onto your computer or use the Hoopla mobile app to access available titles from your smartphone and tablet. Borrow, instantly stream and download fabulous free content from anywhere, with no wait lists! And remember to check back often as Hoopla is always expanding its collection.

Computer Courses

Hands-on computer classes are offered at the library’s Annex unless noted otherwise. The classes are open to high school ages and up. A \$10 deposit is required at the time of registration and will be refunded to those who attend the class. All Microsoft Office courses are taught using Office 2010 and Windows 7. All classes are taught in English.

Intro to Computers 1

Tue., Sept. 8 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Intro to Computers 2

Tue., Sept. 15 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Word 1

Tue., Sept. 22 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Word 2

Tue., Sept. 29 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 1

Tue., Oct. 6 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 2

Tue., Oct. 13 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Intro to Social Media

Sat., Oct. 24 • 9:30–11 a.m.

Computer Buying

Tue., Nov. 24 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Meet our new Youth and Teen Librarian, April Howe!

The library welcomes our new Youth and Teen Librarian, April Howe. April recently completed her MLIS degree at Wayne State University. She also received a Certificate in Public Library Services for Children and Young Adults with a focus on creative programming and outreach for youth in diverse urban areas. April has worked at the Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan, at the Oak Park Public Library and most recently at the Addison Public Library.

As our new Youth and Teen Librarian, April is spearheading two initiatives to give teens more of a stake in the library: establishing a Teen Advisory Group (TAG!) designed to give teens a chance to give input on library programming and creating a dedicated teen space, giving them a chance to “hang out, mess around, and geek out” at the library.

In addition to this work, April will be working with the local school districts, both public and private, to maintain and create new partnerships that will benefit both families and teachers throughout Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace.

Teen Read Week: Oct. 18–24

Celebrate Teen Read Week with fun programs at the library! Teens in grades 6–12 are all welcome to attend. Registration is required for all programs.

Teen Read Week Kickoff Party

Mon., Oct. 19 • 4–5:30 p.m.

Come to the library for a scavenger hunt, a chance to redesign your favorite book covers and other fun activities. Pizza will be provided, sponsored by our local partner Dominick’s Pizza & Pasta.

Book-to-Movie Night

Tue., Oct. 20 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Come to see a movie based on a book. Delicious snacks will be sponsored by Whole Foods Market Elmhurst. Free giveaways to the first few teens to register for this event!

Build Your Own Frankentoy

Wed., Oct. 21 • 4–5 p.m.

Fire up your imagination! Use old toys and other random objects to create your own creature and develop its backstory.

Writing Workshop for Teens

Thu., Oct. 22 • 4–5 p.m.

Bring your imagination to our writing workshop, where anything goes! You can present what you have written at Teen Open Mic Night on Friday.

Teen Open Mic Night

Fri., Oct. 23 • 3:30–4:45 p.m.

Close out Teen Read Week with a bang by sharing original work at our Teen Open Mic Night. Participants can enter for a chance to win a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

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.



Economic Development

Business is Booming New Businesses

- A & G Auto Repair**, 752 N. Yale Avenue
- Allegra Banquet of Villa Park**, 237 W. St. Charles Road
- Ardmore Station Liquors 2**, 332 S. Ardmore Avenue
- Auto Performance Modifications**, 737 N. Harvard
- Classic Remedy Autos**, 331 W. Stone, Unit A
- Finishline Car Wash**, 44 W. St. Charles Road
- J & R Cycle & Ski**, 240 W. St. Charles Road
- Jose Herrera Frames**, 220 W. Ridge Road
- JT's Vintage Treasures**, 9 E. Park Boulevard
- La Michoacana Premium de Villa Park**, 631 W. North Avenue
- LS Nails Spa II, Inc.**, 507 E. St. Charles Road, Units A & B
- Metro PCS**, 337 E. North Avenue
- Reliance Accounting, Inc.**, 51 W. St. Charles Road
- Sterling & Knight Jewelry and Pawn**, 341 E. North Avenue
- Marst Insurance Services**, 43 W. St. Charles Road, Unit A
- Sir Speedy**, 250 E. St. Charles Road
- Sal's Beverage World**, 298A W. Roosevelt Road
- Typhoon Golf**, 19 E. Park Boulevard
- Wilde Tomcat & Pooch Center**, 401 E. North Avenue, Unit #11

Keyway Lock & Security

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and Village staff welcomed Keyway Lock & Security to town with a ribbon cutting. The modern locksmith is located at 39 E. North Avenue in Villa Park.



Midas

The Villa Park Midas celebrated new ownership with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce. Midas is located at 5 E. North Avenue in Villa Park.



Sal's Beverage World

Sal's Beverage World recently opened a brand new location at 298 West Roosevelt Road in Villa Park. The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and Village officials welcomed the new business with a ribbon cutting.



Preserving Pioneer Garden and Feed

What began as a feed store in 1918 has grown into a Villa Park icon known as Pioneer Garden and Feed.

"People would be brokenhearted if it went away," says Angie Rojek explaining why she and her husband Tony purchased the store in April 2015.

Like so many Villa Park residents, the Rojeks have visited Pioneer Garden and Feed year after year because the landmark is more than a store, it's become a gathering place for aspiring and expert gardeners alike.

"[People] like it because they can come here and get a cute gnome for their garden, but they can also get aluminum sulfate for their hydrangeas," Angie explains.

In addition, the store also offers plenty of organic supplies. Pioneer is also working together with the Village on future Cortesi Park improvements.

For those who have come to depend on Pioneer for more than just materials, Bill Karges, Pioneer's staff botanist, continues to man his post as "plant guru," offering solutions to the trickiest botanical bothers or simply sharing stories.

"Everybody who comes in here has a story," says Angie, who loves getting to know the store's loyal customers.

While the Rojek family represents a new beginning for a Villa Park fixture nearly as old as the town itself, they value the history.

"It was very important to us to keep a family business alive," says Angie.



Community Events



COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 1 Coffee with the Village Board, 9 a.m.
August 2 Cable TV Commission, 6 p.m., Village Hall
August 7 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
August 10 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
August 11 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., ICC
Traffic and Safety Commission, 8 p.m., Village Hall
August 13 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - Noon Meeting at Hi-View Restaurant
August 14 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
August 19 Economic Development Commission, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall
August 21 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
August 24 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
August 25 Community Pride Commission, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall
August 27 Fire and Police Commission, 7 a.m., Village Hall
Environmental Concerns Commission, 7 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - 7 p.m. Night Meeting at Villa Park Public Library-Annex Building
August 28 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
September 4 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
September 5 Coffee with the Village Board, 9 a.m., Village Hall
September 7 Labor Day — All Village Offices Closed
September 8 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., ICC
Traffic and Safety Commission, 8 p.m., Village Hall
September 10 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - Noon Meeting at Hi-View Restaurant
September 11 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
Oktoberfest, 5 to 11 p.m., Lions Park
September 12 Oktoberfest, Noon to 11 p.m., Lions Park
Paws on the Path — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gazebo on Park Blvd.
Oktoberfest, Noon — 5 p.m., Lions Park
September 14 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
September 16 Economic Development Commission, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - Villa Park Lions Annual Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Links
September 18 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
September 22 Community Pride Commission, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall
September 24 Fire and Police Commission, 7:30 a.m., Village Hall
Environmental Concerns Commission, 7 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - 7 p.m. Night Meeting at Villa Park Public Library-Annex Building
September 25 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
September 28 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall

October 2 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
October 3 Coffee with the Village Board, 9 a.m., Village Hall
October 5 Cable TV Commission, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall
October 8 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
Lions Club - Noon Meeting at Hi-View Restaurant
October 9 Lions Club - Villa Park LIONS Club Candy Day
Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
October 10 Lions Club - Villa Park LIONS Club Candy Day
October 12 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
October 13 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., ICC
Traffic and Safety Commission, 8 p.m., Village Hall
October 16 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
October 21 Economic Development Commission, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall
October 22 Fire and Police Commission, 7 a.m., Village Hall
Environmental Concerns Commission, 7 p.m., Village Hall
Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
October 23 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
October 26 Community Pride Commission, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall
October 27 Lions Club — 7 p.m. Night Meeting at Villa Park Public Library-Annex Building
October 29 Friday Fish Fry — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
October 30 Happy Halloween!
October 31 Happy Halloween!
November 2 Cable TV Commission, 6 p.m., Village Hall
November 7 Coffee with the Village Board, 9 a.m., Village Hall
November 9 Village Board Meeting — 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
November 10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 7 p.m., ICC
Traffic and Safety Commission, 8 p.m., Village Hall
November 13 Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
November 16 Village Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Village Hall
November 18 Economic Development Commission, 5:30 p.m., Village Hall
November 20 Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW
November 24 Community Pride Commission, 6:30 p.m., Village Hall
November 26 Thanksgiving - All Village Offices Closed
November 27 Day After Thanksgiving - All Village Offices Closed





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Village Hall

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TDD (630) 834-8589
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Village Hours

Village Hall:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
(630) 834-8500

Fire Department:

Mon – Fri: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
(630) 833-5350

Finance Department:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Public Works:

Mon – Fri: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
(630) 834-8505

Community Development and Economic Development:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
(630) 433-4300

Police Department:

Sun – Sat: 7:00 am – 11:00 pm
Non-Emergency Phone Number-
(630) 834-7447

Iowa Community Center:

Mon – Thu: 8:30 am – 7:00 pm
Fri: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sun: Closed
(630) 834-8970

Community Recreation Building:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm;
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday : Closed
(630) 834-8525

Villa Park Public Library:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday (Labor Day – Memorial Day):
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sunday (Summer): Closed
(630) 834-1164

Notify Me and the Village

Communication with our residents is a priority for the Village of Villa Park. In order to foster communication between our residents and the Village of Villa Park, we have an email-based program through our website, www.invillapark.com. Located on the homepage of the Village website is a link. Click on “Notify Me,” which will bring you to the Notify Me sign-up page.

This service is free of charge, and will provide you with information regarding upcoming projects, emergency information, board meetings, and construction information. We strongly encourage citizens to sign-up for Notify Me. Please, note this service is separate from CivicReady, which provides emergency alerts. Citizens are also encouraged to register for CivicReady through the Village website. **Your email will be used solely for Village purposes, and will not be shared/sold.**

Villa Park – The Garden Village

Villa Park resident Paulina Jimenez brings community engagement to a whole new level. When she noticed some landscaping near the Prairie Path could use some sprucing up, she got right to work.

“I had this idea of bringing the garden village back,” says Paulina who is no stranger to community involvement and started the Villa Park Community Foundation in 2010 – a key supporter of the Villa Park Skate Park completed in 2012.

After getting the go-ahead from the Village, Paulina got right to work. Pretty soon, others joined Paulina, planting beautiful new flowers or donating blooms from their personal gardens. The effort is the latest in Villa Park’s history of community-maintained gardens. A plaque commemorates the Fanning family’s donation to the garden adjacent to the Villa Park Historical Museum, and local landscape architect Cris Poggi as well as her daughter Valentina have also contributed to Villa Park’s beatification.

“There’s no way I could have done all of that,” Paulina says crediting the help of neighbors, business owners, friends and engaged community members.

This year, the group planted and maintained three vibrant gardens along the Prairie Path near the Historical Museum, around the clock tower and outside the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce building.

“What I’d like to see is a chain reaction,” says Paulina, and it looks as though she’s well on her way to materializing that vision.

The foundation has completed several other garden projects at local schools and other public areas.

When Paulina moved to Villa Park from Chicago several years ago, she remembers falling in love with the people who make up the Garden Village. Now, she’s immersed herself and her family in the community, transforming it for the better.

“The community takes pride because everybody pitches in, in their own way,” Paulina says.

To get involved with the Villa Park Community Foundation, email Paulina at paulina@vpcommunityfoundation.org or visit www.vpcommunityfoundation.org.

