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*We are here
for you!*

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*Villa Park is now on
Twitter*

Now residents and business owners can receive late breaking news and information from the Village of Villa Park through the Twitter website. To access Villa Park's Twitter page, visit <http://twitter.com/invillapark>.

Village of Villa Park



ST. CHARLES ROAD

PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNERS MEETING

The Economic Development Commission of the Village of Villa Park would like to invite property and business owners along St. Charles Road to an informal meeting.

When: Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

(Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Villa Nova Restaurant)

Where: Villa Nova Restaurant and Banquets

237 W. St. Charles Road, Villa Park

Topics to be discussed at this meeting include, but are not limited to:

- Introduction of the new Village Manager
- Status of various developments in the Village
- Status of various road construction projects (schedule, timeline, details)
- Business Retention efforts (survey, shop local campaign coupons, meetings)
- New regulations and codes
- Questions / comments / suggestions from you....

The Village President, members of the Economic Development Commission, Village Manager and other Village staff will be there to listen to your opinions and recommendations, to respond to your concerns and to answer your questions. This will be an open discussion and a great chance to communicate with each other. We want to hear from you!

We encourage you to attend whether you are a property owner or a business owner along St. Charles Road, and ask that you please RSVP your attendance by calling the Community Development Department at (630) 592-6072, or via e-mail at business@invillapark.com by July 5, 2011. Please also let us know if there are any specific issues you would like discussed at the meeting.

OFF-TRACK-BETTING/RESTAURANT OPENING JULY 18

The Salerno-Pincente Restaurant /Off-Track-Betting will be opening their doors to the public on July 18, 2011. This 15,000 sq. ft.



building is located at 105 E. North Avenue and includes an Italian menu for the restaurant and pizzeria, and several conference and meeting rooms. The Village of Villa Park welcomes this new addition to our community.



**New Businesses
Opened in Villa Park in
the past few months:**

AAA Futura Auto Repair
735 N. Yale, Unit B

Alliance Financial LLC.
721 E. Madison, Suite 100

American E-Mail
1015 W. North Avenue

Browns Chicken LLC
55 E. Park Boulevard

Care Bound Home Health, Inc.
221 E. St. Charles Road, Ste. F

CS Cabinet
337 E. North Avenue

CSL Lawn & Snow Management
700 N. Wisconsin Avenue

Dental Care Center
144 W. Roosevelt Road

Farmers Insurance Agency
401 E. North Avenue, #8

Furniture Values
250 W. North Avenue

Global Foot & Ankle Clinic
638 N. Addison Road

All questions and comments regarding public construction projects should be directed to the Engineering Division of the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505. Residents may also check the Public Works section of the Village of Villa Park website at www.invillapark.com for construction updates. Village Staff would like to thank the residents and commuters of Villa Park for their ongoing patience throughout the course of these and other projects. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call the number listed.

Business Retention Survey

This past winter, the Village conducted a business retention survey. The Village received 51 responses to the Survey. The feedback received from the survey provided valuable feedback on how businesses in our community are doing and how village policies and programs are affecting you. Thanks to all who participated!!! Congratulations to Kevin Anderson of LeisureTime Laundromat (414 N Ardmore) and Bruce Ingstrup of Ingstrup Paving (201 E Hill St).



BRUCE INGSTRUP



KEVIN ANDERSON

They were the winners of the \$100 gift cards. This is a continuous process. If you still have your survey, please feel free to fill it out and send it back in. If you don't have your survey, give Community Development a call at 630-592-6072 and we can fax or mail it to you. You can also download the survey on line at <http://www.invillapark.com/> and just click on the business tab. There will be a link to the business retention survey.

Construction Projects

The Village has a number of construction projects that are either currently underway or are nearing the completion of planning efforts.

Ardmore Avenue Bridge

This project consists of the rehabilitation of the bridge structure carrying North Ardmore Avenue over the Canadian National Railroad (formerly the Illinois Central Railroad). The project is tentatively scheduled to be bid in August 2011. Construction could start as early as the end of this year, and is expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

Plymouth and Vermont Patching

This project consists of concrete patching on West Plymouth Street and West Vermont Street between Westmore Avenue and Ardmore Avenue. Construction is nearing completion, and is expected to wrap up within the next few weeks.

South Villa Avenue

This project consists of the reconstruction of South Villa Avenue from St. Charles Road to Madison Street. The project includes the installation of new storm sewer and a new lighting system. Construction is progressing rapidly, and operations are currently five weeks ahead of schedule. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Facade Grant Program for TIF Districts:

The Village of Villa Park has a facade grant program in place in two of the four TIF Districts. If your business is located within the North Avenue or St. Charles Road TIF districts, please contact the Community Development Department for more information at 630-592-6072.

Welcome New Village Manager, Richard Keehner, Jr.

Village President Cullerton and the Village Board are very pleased to introduce to you our new Village Manager, Richard Keehner, Jr. Mr. Keehner was selected from a field of very well-qualified candidates. Prior to joining Villa Park, he served as the City Administrator of the City of East Moline, Illinois. He brings to the Village exceptional managerial experience in the public and private sectors with an extensive background in economic development and redevelopment.

Mr. Keehner holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration and Political Science from Augustana College and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University.



Advertising/Coupon Opportunity for Businesses

In an effort to drum up more customers for our existing businesses, the Village will be including coupons in the next issue of the Village Matters newsletter. About 9000 homes will receive the newsletter with your coupons by early September. All coupons will be the same size and cost \$50.

All business owners were sent a letter inviting them to participate in this program. If you would like to advertise and include a coupon for your business, please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 592-6072, or email your information to business@invillapark.com by July 25, 2011.



Kash & C Wireless and More
354 N. Ardmore

Las Islas Marias
345 W. North Avenue

Lasani Spice & Grill Inc.
100 E. Roosevelt Rd., #37-#39

Look'n Dandy Inc.
320 S. Ardmore

Mahoney's Pub
121 S. Villa

Mon-Sons
229 W. Stone

Nicholas Financial Inc.
100 E. Roosevelt Rd., Ste. 9

Omelet House Grill
525 E. St. Charles Road

Optima Plumbing Supply LLC
13 E. Park Boulevard

O'Reilly Automotive Services
204 E. North Avenue

Patriot Boxing & Fitness
645 S. Route 83

Positive Impressions, Inc.
115 S. Villa

Pro-Rider Leather
103 W. Roosevelt, Unit A

RPSW Discount Inc.
543 E. St. Charles Road

The Sandbagger Corp.
765 S. Route 83

SCK Inc. - Kiosk
50 E. North Avenue

Silver's Clothing
270 W. North Avenue, #24B

Spa Sheli, Inc.
318 S. Ardmore

Torque N' Traction Automotive
727 N. Addison Road

Tu Cleaners
401 E. North Avenue, Unit 7

Villa Building Supplies Corp.
712 N. Iowa

Wash Cycle, Inc.
1650 S. Ardmore

The Village is Adopting New Building Codes

The current building and fire codes that Villa Park uses are out of date. The Village will be adopting the 2009 International Building Code. While the Village has periodically adopted local amendments, a comprehensive update of the codes is necessary in order to address changing methods of construction, new technology and new building materials that are now available. For instance, PVC is proposed to be allowed for underground drain, waste and vent - big cost savings. We also need to incorporate state mandated energy efficiency requirements. Staff has been working on updating these codes with the help of the consulting firm of B & F Technical Code Services, Inc. If you are planning a building project, you should give Community Development a call at 630-593-6072 to find out if we have adopted the new codes. As part of the code update, the building permit fee schedule will be revised.

CONSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Royal Bridal & Tuxedo, **621 E. St. Charles Road**, has started on an extensive exterior remodel and facade improvement project.

Wal-Mart, located at **900 S. Route 83**, will soon be starting construction of a 23,500 sq. ft. addition to the east side of the current building, making it a Super Wal-Mart.

Construction is still underway at **302 E. St. Charles Road**. This 4,200 sq. ft. building will be the home to a dental office and other commercial space.

RC's Grille #2, a breakfast and grill restaurant, is now open in the old Taco Bell location at 117 W. St. Charles Road.

Due to restrictions from existing tenants in the Villa Oaks Shopping Center on Roosevelt Road, **Sonic** is unable to construct their building at the previously approved location next to Starbucks. However, Sonic is looking at a pad west of the traffic light in the same shopping center, which will allow for a slightly larger building and better traffic circulation.



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Commerce Chit-Chat:

All Villa Park businesses are invited to attend an informal gathering to meet and mingle with other businesses.

**2nd Tuesday of every month
7:45-9:00 a.m. at Starbucks on Roosevelt Road
Villa Park**



Whether it is to market your business, get more information about what is happening in the Villa Park market, discuss issues or to simply socialize....

Bring Business Cards and a friend. Coffee courtesy of Starbucks!

Monthly Electronics Recycling in Villa Park

Beginning on April 23rd the Village's Environmental Concerns Commission in conjunction with Creative Recycling Systems is sponsoring a monthly Electronics Recycling day on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The recycling event will take place from April through November and will be held in the Village Hall parking lot

A partial list of what will be accepted is available on the village's web site. For more information about Creative Recycling Systems please visit their web site at <http://www.crserecycling.com/>.



OKTOBERFEST

If your company/business is interested in becoming an Oktoberfest sponsor, please contact Jenny Casale at (630) 834-8525 or e-mail Jenny@vprd.org. With a minimum \$250.00 sponsorship, you will be entitled to a space at the event on September 10 & 11.

2011 Summary of Development Activity January-May, 2011

- Total number of permits issued: 374 for new construction, rehabs, home improvements, etc.
- Total Value of Construction: \$2,843,765
- New Businesses Opened in 2010 to date: 22

Available Property Database

Are you looking for a new location? The Village is maintaining and continually updating a database of available commercial properties. The database can be found at <http://www.invillapark.com/business/availableproperties.asp>.

If you own property in the Village and you have space available, please let us know and we would be happy to list your space in the database. You can email the information to properties@invillapark.com or fax to 630-941-5979 Attn: Melissa Headley or give us a call at 630-592-6074.

GET FREE ADVERTISING

The Community Development Department has just recently published a business directory on the Village website. If you are an existing business in Villa Park and would like to be included in the directory, please email us at business@invillapark.com or fax us at (630) 941-5979 with the following information:

Business Name
Address and Phone No.
Email Address and Website
Owner/Manager/Supervisor Name (*please indicate title*)
Type of Business with a Brief Description



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