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Village of Villa Park Creates a One-Stop Permit Shop!

In order to make the building permit process more efficient and easier for residents and developers to navigate, the Village has created a One-Stop Permit Shop. All of your permitting needs will be accommodated in one convenient location at Public Works. The new permitting hours will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Effective January 9, 2012, you can:

- **Apply for a building permit or certificate of occupancy** by stopping by the Public Works Department at 11 W. Home Avenue.
- **Ask questions about permitting or certificates of occupancy** by calling the Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505.
- **Set up an inspection** by calling the Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505.
- **Submit your bond and insurance information** by mailing it to: Village of Villa Park, Public Works Department, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181, or fax it to (630) 834-8509.

E-WASTE

"The Right Way"

E-Waste Banned from Illinois Landfills



As of January 1, 2012, Illinois law prohibits electronic devices from being collected for disposal in an Illinois landfill. Businesses and residents will no longer be able to set out certain electronic components for disposal, and waste haulers will be prohibited from collecting such items for final disposal in a landfill.

The Village of Villa Park is coordinating with Roy Strom, the Village's waste hauler, to assist the Village to ensure residents and local businesses have an alternate disposal option. To meet the objective, the Village is starting **E-Waste "The Right Way"**, a program designed to provide a convenient "no cost", environmentally responsible solution for the community. A registered IEPA collector, recycler and refurbisher of electronic waste will properly process program accepted electronics.

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Shop Local

When you shop local, you invest in your community, in your neighbors and in yourselves. In this economic climate, the best return on investment is in local businesses. It is estimated that for every dollar you spend, twice as much will be reinvested in the community by a local store.

Clip & Save!

Check out pages 13-14. You will find coupons offered by Villa Park businesses. In order to promote our local businesses and help residents save, we have solicited coupons from Villa Park businesses for you to use when you shop.

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A message from...
Village President Cullerton

Dear Residents,

The days are getting shorter and the temperatures have dipped, winter is here! The leaves have fallen from the trees and shortly snow will begin to fall. Hopefully this year we will not have a repeat of last year's snowfall but Villa Park has several community events planned for the winter months ahead. Winter is an exciting time of year to enjoy winter sports such as ice skating at Lions Park and sledding at the hills by North and Jackson Middle Schools.

Our Village staff has been working hard to move projects forward such as the S. Villa roadway project, Asphalt Rejuvenation Project, and initiated reconstruction of the Ardmore Avenue Bridge which is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2012. Stop by our business district on South Villa for your Holiday shopping!

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce celebrated the annual Joyful Traditions event with the festivities including free pictures with Santa, food, music and more! We also kicked off the Holiday Season on December 3rd with a tree lighting ceremony that lit 75 trees along our Prairie Path. Please visit our Parks and Recreation Department to learn more about exciting winter and spring events planned for 2011/2012.

Stay safe this winter. Please be courteous of your neighbors and ensure that the snow on your walkway is shoveled to avoid any accidents. The success of our Village and the safety of our residents require that we all look out for each other. Take extra precautions on the roadways to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy winter season.

Tom Cullerton
Village President



Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, January 9, 2012

6:00 p.m.

**Village Hall Board Room
20 S. Ardmore Avenue**

On January 9, 2012, there will be a brief ceremony where Joey Egan will present a check of the funds collected from the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program to President Cullerton and the Villa Park Board of Trustees before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the 2011 Adopt-A-Hydrant contest will also be announced.

The Village of Villa Park is pleased to announce that the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program has been a success, raising more than \$3,000 in funds for the Villa Park Fire Department. The program will resume in the Spring of 2012.

To enjoy the completed hydrants visit the photo gallery found on the Village of Villa Park's website, www.invillapark.com.

Please contact Confidential Administrative Assistant Erin Knackstedt at (630) 592-6052 should you have any questions relating to the adopt a fire hydrant project.

VILLA PARK SNOW & ICE CONTROL

DECEMBER 2011 PRESS RELEASE

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 2" of snow. Please refer to the map and list, which indicate the arterial streets. No parking is permitted on these "snow route" streets after a snowfall of 2" or more until after the storm has ended and all the snow route streets have been completely cleared. Violators will be subject to ticketing and towing.

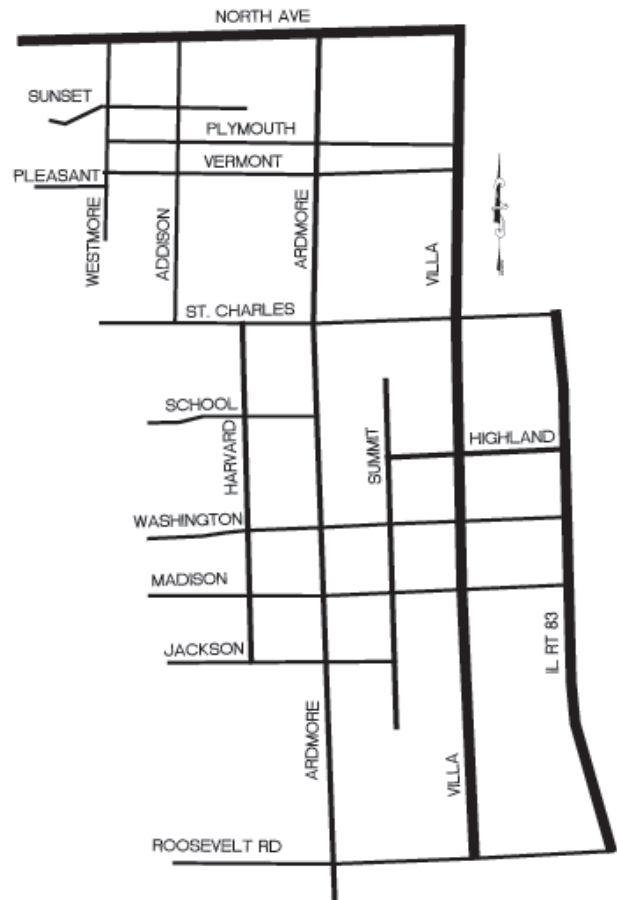
The Village has revised the salting policy for all secondary streets due to skyrocketing salt prices and to control the cost of manpower and equipment. The

Village will no longer routinely salt 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 residents are within two blocks of main arterial streets that will be plowed and salted for safe travel. When snow accumulation is predicted please keep garbage cans 4 feet back of curb to eliminate or prevent garbage spills.

In the case of a major storm, when snowfall is predicted to exceed 8", it may be only possible to keep a centerlane open on secondary streets for emergency vehicles until the snowfall stops. On-street parking is the major factor preventing effective snow removal. Therefore, the Village is enlisting the residents' cooperation in planning ahead to remove their cars from the street when 2" or more of snowfall occurs. This is important so streets can be opened for residents' use and emergency vehicle use as quickly as possible.

ARTERIAL STREETS

STREET	FROM	TO
SUNSET	LINCOLN	HARVARD
PLEASANT	WESTWOOD	WESTMORE
VERMONT	WESTMORE	VILLA
PLMOUTH	WESTMORE	VILLA
ST. CHARLES	WESTMORE	ROUTE 83
SCHOOL	ADDISON	ARDMORE
HIGHLAND	ARDMORE	ROUTE 83
WASHINGTON	ADDISON	ROUTE 83
MADISON	ADDISON	ROUTE 83
JACKSON	ADDISON	SUMMIT
WESTMORE	TERRACE	NORTH AVENUE
ADDISON	ST. CHARLES	SIDNEY
HARVARD	ST. CHARLES	JACKSON
ARDMORE	NORTH AVENUE	13TH STREET
SUMMIT	KENILWORTH	HARRISON
VILLA	NORTH AVENUE	ROOSEVELT



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR PROCEDURES FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PLEASE CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS AT (630) 834-8505.

THE ARTERIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SHOWN ON THE MAP ARE THOSE THAT ARE CLEARED FIRST BY SNOW PLOWING CREWS. VILLA PARK RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THESE ROUTES IN PREFERENCE TO OTHER LOCAL STREETS.

Odds & Ends

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected the first two weeks of January 2012 on residents' regularly scheduled collection day those two weeks.

Snow and Ice

Now that winter is upon us, please remember that moving snow to the public way and/or the street is not permitted. Please keep the sidewalk clear for our students and pedestrian visitors to the Village.

Water Pipes

Water pipes could be 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, you should make sure your basement is heated where the water meter and water pipes are located. Also, insulate water pipes which are against outside walls. Make sure all windows or cracks which allow cold outside air in are sealed.

Selling Your Home?

The Village of Villa Park requires an inspection of your property prior to the transfer of property to verify that all connections to the sanitary sewer comply with Village code. There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection. Any improper sewer connections must be corrected before a Certificate of Compliance can be issued. If you are planning to put your building up for sale, please contact the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department at 834-8505 to schedule an inspection.

Holiday Lights

The Village electrical code allows temporary electrical power and lighting installations for a period of ninety days. So please remove your decorative lighting and displays at the end of the Holiday season.

Villa Avenue Tot Lot

The new Villa Avenue Tot Lot structure is up and mulch will be added. The playground will be ready by spring.

E-Waste Banned

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The Village's alternative disposal solution, **E-Waste "The Right Way"** will accept state landfill banned electronic items (see list below), and any additional business office, household, and entertainment electronics that are generated by residents and local businesses, at no cost.

The Village's "FREE" drop off site for program accepted electronic components is conveniently located 200 feet west of Village Hall on the north side of Home Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505.

Computers	Televisions	Servers, Hard Drives
Laptops	Computer Monitors	Videocassette Recorders - VCR
Printers	Electronic Keyboards	Video Game Consoles
Zip Drives	Electronic Mice	Digital Video Disc Recorders
Cable Receivers	Satellite Receivers	Portable Digital Music Players
Fax Machines	Computer Cable	Portable Digital Assistant - PDA
Scanners	Mobile Phones	



Pool Passes for the 2012 season will go on sale May 1st. For more information, please call the Recreation Department at (630) 834-8970 or (630) 834-8525.

Attention All Hydrant Adopters

For everyone that adopted a hydrant this summer, and for those homeowners and business owners that have a hydrant in front of your home or business, the Fire Department is requesting assistance in keeping the fire hydrants cleared of snow. Making hydrants accessible before a fire occurs will ensure that precious time is not lost trying to locate a hydrant, thus increasing the possibility of a life loss and greater property loss. ***And the beautiful artwork many have created can be seen all winter long!***

If you have a hydrant in front of your home or business, please take a moment to clear the snow away, or call the Fire Department at 630.833.5350 so they can send personnel to clear it.

Willowbrook Field House Track Open to the Community

Don't forget to take advantage of Willowbrook's facilities! From 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. on school days, community members can use the school's field-house track. You just need to present a valid ID. Many youth organizations such as the Villa Park Parks and Recreation and Lombard youth programs use Willowbrook's facilities after school.

Egg Hunt and Visit With the Bunny

March 31

1:00 p.m.

Iowa Community Center

\$4 per child

Enjoy an outdoor egg hunt then go inside to visit with the bunny. Bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. Children will be separated by age so that no child is disappointed. One special prize egg per age group. The egg hunt will be held indoors rain or shine.

Come to the Iowa Community Center and join in on the fun.



Odds & Ends

Did You Know.....

- that the Fire Department can train your staff to be certified in CPR/AED, First Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens?
- that the Recreation Department's Life Size Candy Land event received top honors as the Outstanding Special Event of 2010 from the Illinois Parks & Recreation Association and the Illinois Association of Park Districts. The award was given in recognition of outstanding achievements in program development and implementation.
- that the Villa Park Police Department offers several unique services and opportunities for the residents of Villa Park, including the Police Ordinance Enforcement unit, Police Explorers, K-9 unit, D.A.R.E., Elderly Services, Child Safety Seat, Neighborhood Watch, Police Chaplaincy, Railroad S Safety (Operation Lifesaver), School Crossing Guard, NIXLE, and SMART911 programs. For details and contact information, refer to the Village of Villa Park website, where you will find a link to the Police Department web page. On the front page of the Police Department website is a drop down menu of services (listed as **Police Directory**). If this option is not available, residents can elect to stop into the Police Department, or call the non-emergency number at (630) 834-7447 for further details.
- that the Community Development Department has issued over 1,000 permits so far this year and, of those permits issued, 70% were issued over the counter (same day) and over 90% were issued within 1 to 5 days. The remaining permits either required a plan review by Community Development and other departments, required additional information during the review process, or were waiting for contractors to supply their appropriate paperwork.

WHERE IN VILLA PARK CAN I:

Get martial arts training – *Top Notch Fitness on Stone Rd.*

Get auto body work - *Turi's Auto Collision Center on North Avenue*

Get my vehicle detailed - *L & M's Superior Power Washing and Detailing on Stone Road*

Find an Irish Pub - *Mahoney's Pub on Villa Avenue*

Get swinging doors - *Bemmco Doors, Hardware & Installation on Harvard Avenue*

Get a hot cup of coffee - *Starbucks (in the Target Store) on North Avenue*

Bet on horses - *Off-Track Betting on North Avenue*

Get music lessons - *Perry's Music on St. Charles Road*

Buy gourmet meats - *Mike's Meat Market on St. Charles Road*

Check out our new web site page, "Business Directory", for a list of local businesses that you can consider for whatever need you have. This site is brand new and growing everyday. Keep checking back to see who else might be listed on the site for your needs and services. Remember to shop local!

Recommendations To Prevent Burglary From Motor Vehicle

Villa Park Police are encouraging residents to take actions to reduce their susceptibility to burglaries to automobiles. To put it more bluntly, there are simple actions that residents can take to impact the likelihood that they will not be targeted. The following is a list of actions that can be taken by residents to decrease the possibility that they will be the victim of a burglary to automobile incident.

1. Park in a well-lit area that does not provide too much cover for a perpetrator to have little fear of being discovered.
2. Refrain from leaving valuable items in your unattended vehicle, and **never** leave these items on the seat, dash, or in plain sight. Doing so, may invoke a greater sense of reward for the perpetrator to justify taking the risk rather than moving on.
3. The question: Should you leave your vehicle locked or unlocked? The answer: It is *urban legend* that by leaving your vehicle unlocked will reduce victimization anxiety by eliminating the possibility of finding that your vehicle has been forcibly entered. By parking your vehicle unlocked, you present yourself as easy-target for thieves seeking the least amount of resistance to perpetrate this crime.
4. Audible vehicular alarm systems provide an extra concern for the would-be perpetrator, and often have the effect of a possible thief moving on to the next less formidable victim.

By following these straightforward recommendations, residents may reduce their exposure to crime. As always, the public is reminded that these are only recommendations. There is of course no substitute for a resident or better still, a group of residents, displaying through their actions and activities that their neighborhood is aware and watching, and therefore, the ability for a perpetrator going undetected is greatly reduced. That is why this Department remains vigil and active with the numerous established neighborhood watches active in the Village of Villa Park.

VILLA PARK'S HISTORIC PLAQUE PROGRAM

SHOWS EVERYONE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR HOME!

Are you proud of your old house?

The Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission presents a historic plaque to owners of buildings that have historical merit and are important to our heritage.

Villa Park is rich in diverse and historic architecture that gives the Village its unique character. The Village is proud to have over sixty properties that have been honored with this distinction.

For more information, go to www.invillapark.com and click on **Government**, then **Boards and Commissions**, and then **Historical Preservation Commission**. At the bottom of the page is a link to the Historic Plaque Application Form, which gives the information you need to get started.

Ice Skating and Sledding

Ice skating is available at Lions Park, 320 E. Wildwood, and is open to hockey play and free skating. The timing of the skating season is dictated by weather conditions. Call 630-834-8970 or visit www.vprd.org for details.

Sledding hills are located at North School and Jackson Middle School, and are great for sledders of all ages.



Blood drive

Willowbrook's Student Council will host its second blood drive of the year in February. About 150 students participate in Willowbrook's blood drives. Depending on the number of units collected, Willowbrook receives funds, which are used for student events during the year. Community members can help Willowbrook raise funds by donating at LifeSource on Roosevelt Road in Villa Park and mentioning they would like credit to be given to Willowbrook.

Planning To Move?

Before you move, be sure to notify the Village regarding your water/sewer account. Give ample notice for a final reading. New owners should contact water billing 2-4 days prior to possession to avoid disconnection of their service. If you have any questions or concerns, call the Village of Villa Park Water Billing Department at (630) 834-8500.

Check Us Out Online!

Now you can access our website, no matter where you are. Scan our QR code with your smart phone and navigate your way to find what you are looking for.



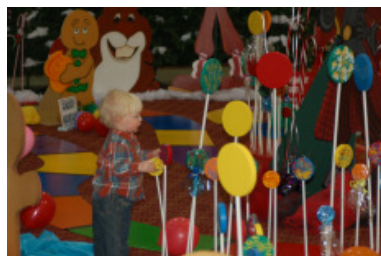
The Spring 2012 Program Brochure will be delivered to residents the week of 1/24. Register for programs through 2/4 and receive \$3 off the advertised fee on most programs. There are certain programs that are not eligible to receive the Early Bird Discount, and they are indicated within the program brochure.

LIFE SIZE CANDY LAND

Join us as we bring the award winning game of Candy Land to life with you as the gingerbread boy or girl! You dont want to miss out on the fun with Mr. Mint, Jolly, Lolly, Gloppy and the rest of the Candy Land characters. Players go through the game in groups of four, but before they start their sweet adventure they can participate in different Candy Land themed activities like making lollipops and decorating cupcakes. Cupcakes once again generously donated by Villa Park's Kuppies Bakery.

No walk-in registrations. You must pre-register at the Villa Park Recreation Department. Call (630) 834-8970 or (630) 834-8525 for details.

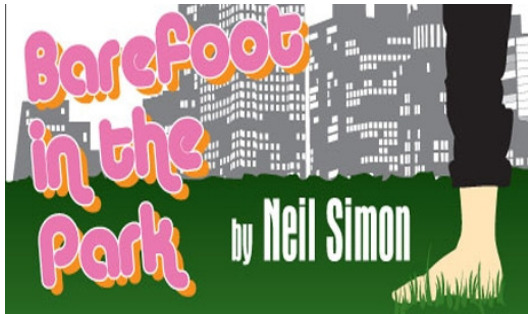
February 25
12:00-7:00 p.m.
Iowa Community Center



All Ages
\$7 per person

Willowbrook High School

PLAYBILL



“Barefoot in the Park”

February 9, February 10, and February 11

7:00 p.m.

Willowbrook High School Auditorium
1250 S. Ardmore Avenue

Set in the 1960s, the play follows Paul and Corie Bratter, who are newlyweds in every sense of the word. He’s a straight-as-an-arrow lawyer, and she’s a free spirit always looking for the latest trend. Their new apartment is her most recent find – too expensive, with bad plumbing and in dire need of a paint job.

After a six-day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie’s loopy mother and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their neighbor (who lives in the attic), Velasco. At that dinner, everything that could go wrong – does. Paul just doesn’t understand Corie. He’s too staid, too boring, and she just wants him to be a little more spontaneous – running “barefoot in the park” would be a start.

“The Haunting of Hill House”

April 19, April 20, and April 21

7:00 p.m.

Willowbrook High School Auditorium
1250 S. Ardmore Avenue

This modern suspense drama (by Shirley Jackson, adapted for the stage by F. Andrew Leslie) is a chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror, in which a small group of “psychically receptive” people are brought together in Hill House, a brooding mid-Victorian mansion known as a place of evil and contained ill will. Led by Dr. Montague, who is conducting research in supernatural phenomena, the visitors have come to probe the secrets of the old house and to draw forth the mysterious powers it is alleged to possess – powers that have brought madness and death to those who have lived there in the past.



Tickets: \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and children 12 years old and younger; \$3 with Student Activity Pass; senior citizens are free with Gold Card

For more information: Contact Regina Wathier at 630-782-2860 or rwathier@dupage88.net

Ice Fishing Event

The Villa Park Sportsmens club invites you to join them for a FREE Ice Fishing event at North Terrace Lagoon, on February 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Learn about ice fishing safety, how to drill holes in the ice and how to catch fish. Bring your own bait. Hot cocoa and treats will be served indoors. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult and age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license to fish. The date of this event may change if it is determined that there is inadequate ice thickness.



Willowbrook Veterans Memorial

On November 11, 2011 (Veterans Day), Willowbrook dedicated a memorial to U.S. veterans. The memorial is called "Willowbrook Remembers" and features a beautiful brick pathway and a stone memorial in honor of soldiers who have fought to protect our freedoms. The project wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of community members, who bought personalized engraved paver bricks to create the pathway.

Living' On the GREENER Side....

If you use a de-icer on your sidewalk or driveway, look for products made from magnesium chloride instead of sodium chloride (salt) or calcium chloride. Magnesium chloride melts ice at temperatures as low as minus 17 degrees (salt stops working at 15 degrees above zero) and does less damage to concrete, your car and surrounding plants.

If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden.

And...a few ways to feel warmer without turning up the heat:

In the winter, make the most of natural sunlight by opening window coverings on south-facing windows to warm your home. Also, consider closing window coverings in rooms that receive no direct sunlight to insulate from cold window drafts. At night, close window coverings to retain heat.

Run fans in reverse. Counterclockwise rotation produces cooling breezes while switching to clockwise makes it seem warmer by making an updraft that sends the warmer air pooled near the ceiling back into the living space.

Drafts can waste from 50% of your energy use. **Use draft snakes** along window sills and /or door jams to stop drafts. They can be as simple as rolled up towels. Stopping drafts will keep your thermostat from getting false readings.

Dress warmer, even inside. A light sweater is worth about two degrees of warmth and a heavy sweater is worth around four degrees.

The Villa Park Fire Department offers CPR/AED and First Aid Training

For 2012 class dates, call (630) 833-5350 or check our schedule online at:

http://www.invillapark.com/government/village_departments/fire/faq.asp



Villa Park Welcomes New Businesses!

We would like to welcome these new businesses into our community. Let's all support our local businesses by stopping in and seeing what they have to offer.

September thru December 2011

Bemmco Doors, Hardware & Installation LLC <i>Furnish & Install All Types of Swinging Doors</i>	733 N. Harvard Avenue
DB Wash LTD <i>Laundromat</i>	805 W. North Avenue
Drive Staff Inc. <i>Technology Recruiting Firm</i>	54 E. St. Charles Road
GMR LLC, dba Tobacco Road <i>Retail Tobacco Sales</i>	305 W. North Avenue
L & M's Superior Power Wash & Detailing <i>Vehicle Detailing</i>	227 W. Stone Road
Mobile Auto Diagnostics <i>Electric Auto Repair</i>	726 N. Ardmore Avenue, Unit A
Optimal Health & Rehabilitation Clinic, LLC <i>Chiropractic, Massage, Therphy, Esthetics, Rehabilitation</i>	142 W. Roosevelt Road
Overhead Material Handling of IL, Inc. <i>Overhead Bridge Crane Sales and Service</i>	25 W. North Avenue
Pardis LLC <i>Custom Leatherwork, Fashion Design, Repair/Restoration</i>	122 W. Roosevelt Road
Reliable Car Source, Inc. <i>Internet Auto Retail Used Car Dealer (with showroom)</i>	224 W. Stone Road
Roosevelt Tobacco Inc. <i>Retail Tobacco Store</i>	133 W. Roosevelt Road, Unit B
Salon Centric <i>Salon Distribution</i>	100 E. Roosevelt Road, #12
Scottish Plumber LLC <i>Plumbing Storage</i>	413 N. Villa Avenue
Taco Real #2 <i>Mexican Food</i>	1029 W. North Avenue
Top Notch Fitness <i>Mixed Martial Arts Training/Training Fighters</i>	226 W. Stone Road
Villa Detail Shop + <i>Auto Detailing, Mega Dent Repair, Windshield & Glass Repair, interior repair, mechanical work</i>	726 N. Ardmore Avenue, Unit B



Villa Park Police Department

Upcoming Activities

I.D.O.T. Special Enforcement Grant Activities Streets of Villa Park

January	Super Bowl Weekend
March	St. Patrick's Day
May	Cinco de Mayo
	Memorial Day Weekend

Seniors And Law Enforcement Together

S.A.L.T. Community Meeting Schedule
Wildwood Community Center

February 15, 2012

May 16, 2012

Citizens Police Academy

Spring & Fall 2012

In addition to the above scheduled dates, plans are being made for activities involving the below listed programs. Please watch your local newspapers or check the Departments webpage on the Village's website for announcements & schedule releases.

- **Tobacco Enforcement Program**
- **Drivers Education D.U.I. Seminars at Willowbrook H. S.**
- **Villa Park Police Explorer Program**
- **C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team)**
- **C.P.A. (Citizens Police Academy) Alumni Association Volunteer Opportunities**

Candle Meant To Decorate... Can Devastate!

Recent trends involving the decoration of candles as well as decorating with candles could bring disaster to your home. While they can enhance the mood and bring warmth to a room, candles must be used properly to prevent a fire in your home.

Make sure that candles are secured in stable non-flammable holders, such as metal, ceramic, or glass. Anything made of wood or decorated with dried materials or fabric is asking for trouble. Never use a candle without some sort of holder; otherwise, it can burn down to the surface on which it stands.



Keep candles away from flammable materials including papers, towels, and silk and dried flower arrangements. Keep in mind that curtains can drift across a candle flame and ignite.

Whenever children are in your home, keep candles, matches and lighters out of their reach. Never leave a child unsupervised in a room with a lighted candle.

Don't leave any candle unattended. If you must leave the room, extinguish all candles; that way, you'll be saving them for the times you will be there to enjoy them!

The BEST way to fight fires is to prevent them from starting in the first place!

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

Construction Highlights



Wal-Mart

The 23,500 sq. ft. addition and remodel of Wal-Mart at 900 S. Route 83 is progressing right on schedule.

Medical Office and Commercial Space

Construction on the commercial building located at 302 E. St. Charles Road is nearing completion.



and.....

1 New Single Family Home is under construction:

1144 N. Ardmore Avenue

Cozy, Warm, and . . . Safe!

Winter is definitely here and while heating appliances and fireplaces make life comfortable, they are also a major cause of home fires and other problems. Villa Park Fire Department hopes you will keep the following concerns in mind:

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.

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.

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.

The chimney should be cleaned by a qualified professional at least once a year—more if it's used extensively. Look up "Chimney Sweeps" in the yellow pages.

Anytime we add any type of heat to our homes, the risk of uncontrolled fire increases. The Villa Park Fire Department hopes you'll keep that in mind and wishes everyone a warm but safe winter.



Utility Bill Payment Options

Option 1 - Direct Debit Program

This program allows for your utility bill payment to automatically be deducted from your checking account on the due date. You will still receive a billing statement so that you will know the amount that will be deducted from your bank account. What is the benefit of this program? No future check writing, no stamps, no late payments, no confusion.

Option 2 - Drop Box

Pay your bill by dropping your payment in the black water bill drop box in the Village Hall parking lot. NOTE: There is also a gray drop box for Salt Creek Sanitary District payments.

Option 3 - On-Line Payments through your bank

Pay your bill with a service provided by your own bank NOTE: When you make a payment this way, your bank withdraws the money from your account, processes a check made payable to the Village, then mails it. This is NOT done electronically. Please allow 7 to 10 days for the check to be received by the Village.

Option 4- In Person

Pay your bill in person at the Village Hall.

Option 5 - On-Line Payment through the Village Website

Pay your bill on-line at www.invillapark.com. The credit card company charges a 5% fee for this service

Option 6 - By Mail

Please allow 7 to 10 days, as the Utility Billing Division must receive your payment in the mail by the date it is due, regardless of when the payment is postmarked.

Option 7 - Local Sub-Stations

Pay your bill at one of two local sub-stations. Payments are received at Village Hall from the sub-stations on Wednesdays,. If you're close to water shutoff, please pay directly at the Village Hall:

- Inland Bank
305 W. St. Charles Road
- Johnson's Lighthouse Pointe
1 W. St. Charles Road

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 9	One Stop Permit Shop Relocates: Permits will now be issued at the Public Works Department, 11 W. Home Avenue, Monday thru Friday - 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	February 15	S.A.L.T. Meeting, Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Avenue
January 9	Adopt-A-Hydrant Winners Announced, 6:00 p.m., Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore Avenue	February 17*	Rules of the Road Class, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Avenue, FREE
January 16*	Winterfest, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Lions Park, Pre-registration required.	February 17*	Princess Ball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Iowa Community Center, Pre-registration required.
February 9-11	Willowbrook High School Play, "Barefoot in the Park", 7:00 p.m., Willowbrook High School Auditorium, 1250 S. Ardmore Avenue	February 25*	Life Size Candy Land, 12:00-7:00 p.m., Iowa Community Center, Pre-registration required.
February 11*	Ice Fishing Event, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, North Terrace Lagoon, FREE	March 31*	Egg Hunt and Visit With the Bunny, 1:00 p.m., Iowa Community Center, \$4 per child
		April 19-21	Willowbrook High School Play, "The Haunting of Hill House", 7:00 p.m., Willowbrook High School Auditorium, 1250 S. Ardmore Avenue

Please Note: Above events noted with an () are offered through the Recreation Department. For more information about these programs or other programs, please call 630-834-8970 or 630-834-8525. You may also visit our website, www.vprd.org.

Channel 6 Programming

Here is a sample of what is available on Sundays:

5:00-6:00 a.m.

News About Town

6:30-8:00 a.m.

Village Special Programming

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Village Special Programming

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Village Board Meeting Rebroadcast

3:30-4:00 p.m.

American Democracy TV

5:00-6:00 p.m.

News About Town

7:00-7:30 p.m.

Students Thrive in 45

8:00-8:30 p.m.

Army News Watch

9:00-9:30 p.m.

Road to Recovery

11:00-11:30 p.m.

American Democracy TV

The complete weekly programming schedule is available on Channel 6.



A Note from the Principal

The 2011-12 school year is well under way, and we are excited about the work of our students and staff in continuing the Pride, Tradition and Excellence that is Willowbrook High School.

Our students and staff are committed to continuously improving their performance and building on previous success. Graduates of Willowbrook regularly attend the most prestigious universities, earn more than \$4 million in scholarships and show outstanding academic and personal growth during the course of their high school career.

As a result of that commitment to success, Willowbrook has been recognized as one of the Top High Schools in America for the past four years and regularly has students represented at the local, regional, state and national levels for academics, athletics and fine and performing arts.

Along with our work in the school, our students and staff are focused on supporting our local community, volunteering their time and services to organizations that support those in need. Last year, Willowbrook students and staff raised more than \$100,000 and completed more than 30 service projects for foundations and charities, including American Cancer Society, Greater Chicagoland Food Depository, Salvation Army and local residents and families in need. And we are committed to surpassing those totals this year.

All of that is possible because of the tremendous support we receive from our community. Whether you are a parent, a resident, alumni, a business owner ... or all of those, we thank you for your continued support of Willowbrook High School.

– Dan Krause, Principal of Willowbrook High School

VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Villa Park, now and in the future, in a cost effective, efficient, and courteous manner, by carefully balancing the needs of the people with their ability to pay for those needs.”

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Ardmore Ave. Bridge Improvement Project

After several years of planning and design, the Village broke ground this fall on the Ardmore Avenue Bridge Improvement Project. This project consists of the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying North Ardmore Avenue over the Canadian National Railroad (formerly the Illinois Central Railroad). The project includes the replacement of deteriorated bridge piers, support panels, and bridge deck. The project is being funded in part by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP), with the Village receiving Federal funding for approximately 80% of design and construction costs. The total amount of the construction contract awarded for the project is approximately \$1.8 million.

Since construction began in October, work has been progressing at a rapid pace. Removal of the previous bridge structure was completed in November, and operations are now focused on the construction of the new bridge. Construction has already been completed on one of the two new bridge piers which are to be built, and work is currently taking place on the second. These efforts will be followed by the installation of the new bridge deck and, eventually, the final driving surface, pedestrian sidewalks, and street lighting. Construction is currently on schedule at this point for a mid-2012 completion date.

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)8348505. Residents may also check the Public Works section of the Village of Villa Park website at <http://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.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency (Fire/Police/EMS)
 9-1-1

Village Hall
 (630) 834-8500

Community Development Department
 (630) 592-6072

Public Works Department
 (630) 834-8505

Parks and Recreation Department
 (630) 834-8970

Police Department (Non-emergency)
 (630) 834-7447

Fire Department (Non-emergency)
 (630) 279-8773

Library
 (630) 834-1164

Get Connected...



Community Calendar

Find out what's happening in and around Villa Park on our Web site Calendar of Events. Planning an event of interest to residents of Villa Park? Submit your information using our "Contact Us Form" and we'll post it on our calendar. Click on the calendar, under Community Events, to see what is happening in Villa Park.

Garage Sales...Post your sign online!



Submit your garage/rummage/craft sale information to invillapark.com and your "sign" will be available to the daily visitors of our Web site. Garage sale "signs" and the Garage Sale Form can be found under Resident Information on our home page.

While the Village of Villa Park does not require any special permit or license in order to have a garage sale, certain zoning rules apply:

1. Garage sales may not be longer than 3 days in length.
2. A household can only have a garage sale twice a year.
3. Garage sales signs may only be located on the household's private property (not on the parkway, tacked up on light poles, stop signs, or put on corners in public rights-of-way).