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Spring 2023

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## **VILLA PARK ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

hosted by VFW Post 2801

Happy Independence Day!

Hosted by the Villa Park VFW Post 2801, Join us for this annual Villa Park event. This year's overall theme is "Reflections". The parade route is approximately 2 miles long. We step off at 10:00 am, going west on Central to Harvard, South on Harvard to Madison, East on Madison to Summit, North on Summit to Park, West on Park to Ardmore for dispersal.

# Community Events

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### Boards & Commissions

#### Village of Villa Park Board Meeting

May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26  
7 pm *Village Hall, Second Floor*

#### Committee of the Whole

Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10  
8:30 am, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

#### Village Summer Holidays Observed 2023

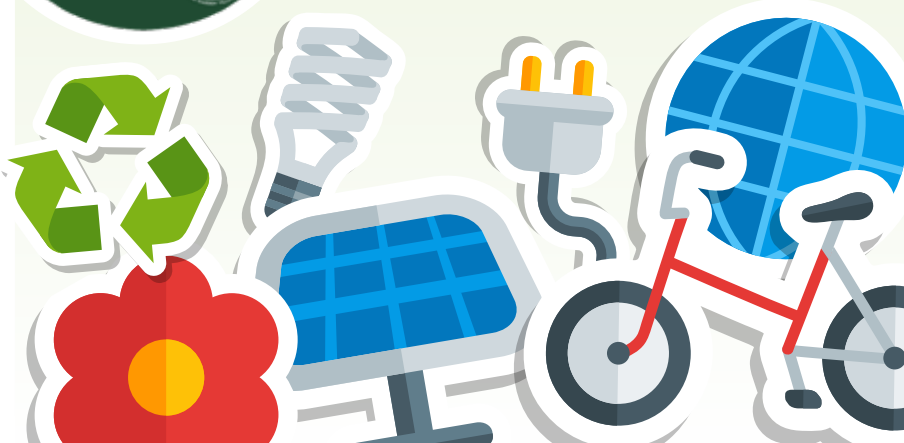
Memorial Day . . . . . Mon, May 29  
Independence Day . . . . . Tue, Jul 4  
Labor Day . . . . . Mon, Sep 4

#### Village Offices are Closed

May 29, 2023    Sep 4, 2023  
Jul 4, 2023

**2023  
SPRING  
SWEEP**

Spring Sweep 2023 will be held Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Home Avenue (Next to Village Hall). Follow the Village on social media for more information.



### Community Events

#### Electronics Recycling

Third Saturday of the month  
9 am-12 pm, *Public Works Garage*

**Arbor Day Celebration** - April 28

**Spring Sweep Recycling Event** - May 20

**Weekly Concert Series at Cortesi Park - Bands TBA**

Weekly in June

**Jefferson Pool Opening** - June 3

**Villa Park Summer Festival** - June 24

**Weekly Concert Series at Gazebo - Bands TBA**

Weekly in July

**Independence Day Parade** - July 4

**Weekly Concert Series at Cortesi Park - Bands TBA**

Weekly in August

**Villa Park Brewfest** - October 7

### Did You Know?

you can find all upcoming agendas for board and commission meetings online at [invillapark.com/803/Agendas-and-Minutes](http://invillapark.com/803/Agendas-and-Minutes). All agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance.





# A Message From...

## Village President Nick Cuzzone

### Fellow residents of Villa Park:

We made it through another Winter, although this past one didn't feel right. Where was all the snow and cold weather? I'm not complaining, it was nice not having to shovel feet of snow and wear heavy coats for months at a time. Now we are at that wonderful time of the year when the trees and flowers are starting to bloom and people are out walking and riding our Garden Village.

There was a lot of activity in Villa Park this past winter. Casey's gas station is scheduled to open this summer, replacing the former junk yard. The Jackson pond expansion began and included the installation of large piping to transfer stormwater from the Michigan Avenue sewer system, the Monterey Avenue sewer separation project is being completed, and plans are underway for the new recreation center and the Lufkin Park project. Village staff has been hard at work keeping these projects moving forward despite cost increases that were not anticipated.

Our new Village Manager Matt Harline has done a great job getting acclimated to life in Villa Park and learning the intricacies of our Village. Our new fire Chief, Steve Stapleton, was hired to replace former Chief Ron Rakosnik who retired in October and Matt continues the process of hiring new firefighters and police officers to replace those who have retired or left Villa Park.

Our new Village Board members will be sworn in at the May 8th meeting, please come out to welcome them and thank them for their interest in improving our Village for our residents. And now that the weather is improving let's enjoy all the Spring activities we love - bicycling the several paths in Villa Path, playing baseball, walking, jogging and planting the beautiful flowers and trees we see in our Village.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions or ideas for improvement. Have a great Spring!

Sincerely,

Nick Cuzzone  
Village President  
presidentcuzzone@invillapark.com

## 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.

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# Manager's Message



## Manager's Report

**Villa Park Residents, Business Owners and Visitors,**

Before we put out the next edition of the newsletter, I will complete my first year in Villa Park. A year ago I had not been to Villa Park, now I am resident and enthusiastic supporter of this amazing Village. One of my favorite experiences last summer was the outdoor music and festivals and we have a bunch coming up in Villa Park this spring. Because of a quirk in the calendar, we will have ten concerts in Cortesi Park on Thursday nights starting on June 1, 2023 and all the Thursdays in June and August. In July, me and my fellow Kiwanians will be hosting concerts at Ruggard Pavilion right by the Prairie Path on Thursday nights. In short, Villa Park has something for your family all summer long. We also have the Villa Park Summer Festival (f.k.a. VP Summerfest) in the Ardmore Business District. There are a lot more events too. Please see <https://www.invillapark.com/161/Community-Events> for more information.

The biggest recreation project of all, of course is the construction of the Recreation Center. While the Village will have difficult choices to make because of the rapid increase in costs during the last year, we will begin the bidding process soon for the construction of this breakthrough project for the Village. The lengthy public process that included public meetings in December of 2021 and January of 2022 gave the Village a framework for how the building should look. This has served as the ideal to which we have planned. To get everything we want in the building will take more funds than the Village currently has available so we will be applying for additional grants, reducing costs, and looking for other sources of finances in the Village budget and from the community at large. Once completed this building will be a focal point of activity in the community for athletics and other types of recreation, meetings, dance, and meeting friends.

We are moving forward on the projects paid for by the 2014 Referendum and will have over 85% of the miles of street rehabilitated by the end of this summer including Monterey from Washington to Park Avenue, Harvard St from Plymouth to Ridge, and Iowa and Vermont Improvement Project. We also plan to complete the Tri-Trail Connector Project that will connect the Village's three existing recreational trails: the Illinois Prairie Path, the Great Western Trail, and the Salt Creek Greenway Trail. Seventy-five percent of this project will be covered by Federal Surface Transportation Program funds. It will also connect the Ovaltine Court Apartments, the Villa Avenue downtown area, the Lions Park Recreation Center, and everything along the Prairie Path and Great Western Trail.

We continue to work on building better partnerships as well. We are engaging more with the Chamber of Commerce in Villa Park, working with District 45 to provide recreation opportunities for youth baseball and other sports, and we continue our relationship with the VFW Post 2801 on the Summer Concert series and the Villa Park Annual Independence Day Parade - Hosted by VFW Post 2801. The parade will start again this year at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4th, and will follow the same 2-mile path as last year.

It is such an honor and a privilege to serve this community. The sincere interest in the future of the community is refreshing. Having worked in communities where getting public input is like coaxing a mule, I much prefer the active participation of Villa Park. I also am impressed by the capabilities of this staff. I'm not saying that we don't make mistakes, or things get done as fast as we would like, but this group of people care and put that caring in their work every day.

Thank you,

Matt Harline,  
Village Manager



# Green Initiatives



## EARTH DAY

### Earth Day Celebration

The Illinois Prairie Path's 2023 Annual Earth Day Trail Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m. (Rain date April 30).

Each year the goal is to clean up all sections of the Illinois Prairie Path and Great Western Trails. We look forward to another successful year of stewardship shared by all users of these trails. If interested, please contact a site coordinator (below).

### Arbor Day 2023

Join us for our annual Arbor Day Celebration. Arbor Day is Friday, April 28. The location is still TBH. This will be our 38th year recognized as a Tree City USA.

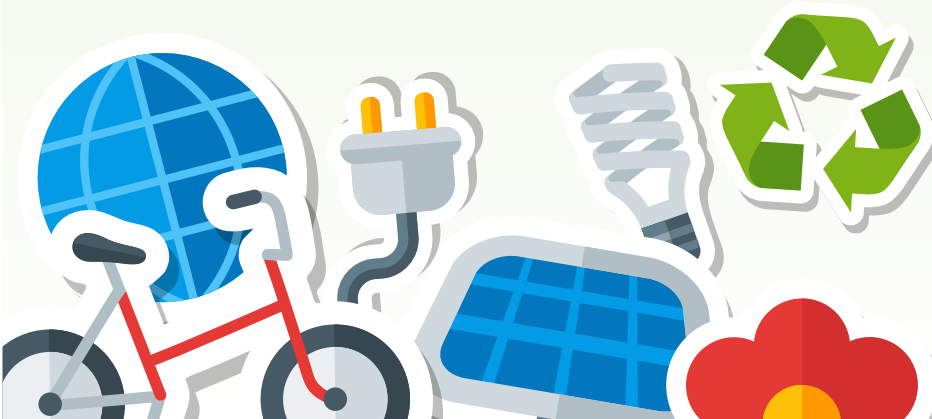
### Reduced Fare Taxi Permit

Villa Park residents age 65 and older, and residents with a disability (you must have physicians letter confirming disability) that live within the boundaries of Villa Park are eligible for subsidized taxi rides for \$1 per ride, per person each way. A photo ID card showing you current address and date of birth is necessary. This program only applies to taxi rides within Villa Park. The village partners with 303 Taxi ([www.303TAXI.com](http://www.303TAXI.com)) on this program. Eligible village residents should visit the front service desk at Village Hall to obtain the Reduced Taxi Fare Permit card. A photo of the resident will be applied to the card. Please call 630-834-8500 for further information.

The F.U.N. Commission and the Environmental Concerns Commissions are once again teaming up to bring residents the 2023 Villa Park Spring Sweep. Recycle from the safety and comfort of your vehicle. Drive your car to each station (below) and volunteers will collect and remove items for safe disposal. Simply load your car, drive to the event, and volunteers will be ready to assist.

Let us do the heavy lifting! Attendees are asked to please remain in their vehicles at all times. This year's event will be held on **May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** along Home Avenue.

***This event is FREE for Villa Park residents. There is a \$20 fee per vehicle for non-residents. Also, some vendors do require fees.***



# Economic Development

## The Village of Villa Park Welcomes New Businesses!



**Casey's General Store**  
Casey's newest store at the corner of North Avenue and Ardmore Avenue across from Target will open this summer.



**Crazy Pour**  
105 E. North Avenue  
Club Hawthorne held a grand opening January 13 for its newest sportsbook, PointsBet.

**Burlington**  
174 W. Roosevelt

Burlington's remodeled, smaller space opened February 3 in the Villa Oaks Shopping Center. The adjoining, vacant space is being prepared for an additional tenant.





# Public Works

## Construction Projects

### Monterey Avenue Improvement Project:

The village is in the process of wrapping up the Monterey Avenue Improvement Project. After beginning in the fall, construction was able to continue through the winter with only minimal interruptions due to winter weather. The 54-inch diameter storm sewer that was constructed on South Monterey Avenue between Washington Street and Highland Avenue as a part of this project is the first of three planned phases of new large-diameter relief storm sewers in the Washington Street corridor. The design of the future phases of these improvements is currently in progress.

### Jackson Pond Expansion:

After kicking off last fall with the construction of a new 72-inch diameter relief storm sewer, this project to expand the storage volume of the regional flood control facility located next to Jackson Middle School is currently underway. In addition to the work at the flood control facility itself, new relief storm sewers will also be constructed in the residential neighborhoods upstream of the facility. When complete, the expanded flood control facility and associated stormwater improvements will provide an increased level of protection against flooding for dozens of homes in the area.

### REBUILD Illinois:

The village is planning the resurfacing of a second and final group of streets utilizing funding received through the REBUILD Illinois bond program. Resurfacing of the first group of streets was completed last fall. This second and final contract will make use of the remainder of the roughly \$1.4 million in funds that the village received from the State of Illinois under this program.

### Michigan and Vermont:

The village is working towards breaking ground on the construction of the Michigan and Vermont Improvement Project. This project was awarded funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the construction of new water main on North Michigan Avenue from Vermont Street to Plymouth Street and on West Vermont Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Michigan Street. The project also includes selective pavement improvements.

Additional information on these and other projects can be found on the "Construction Projects" page on the village's website at <http://www.invillapark.com/961/Active-Projects>. We thank the residents, businesses, and commuters of Villa Park in advance for their cooperation and patience during the 2023 construction season.



## Water Main Flushing Operations

The village will be performing its semi-annual water main flushing operations in May of 2023. This is a necessary maintenance procedure intended to clear water mains of rust deposits and to check fire hydrants for proper operation.



Water main flushing will be performed on May 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to refrain from doing laundry during the above-indicated times, as rust stains could potentially damage clothing.

We regret any inconvenience these operations may cause, and thank the residents and businesses of Villa Park in advance for their patience. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department at 630-834-8505.

# Fire Department



## SPRING into Fire Safety



The arrival of Spring with its warmer weather reminds us to begin our indoor and outdoor safety checklists. As the winter snow melts away leaves, debris and scattered mulch must be cleaned up. Inside our homes we can begin to put away the snow apparel and any lingering holiday décor. It's also the perfect time for smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be tested and have batteries replaced. This past January the Illinois Smoke Alarm Law was updated, residents are encourage to replace their old alarms with the type that has a long-term 10-year sealed battery. Here are additionally safety tips for this upcoming season.

- Clear the clutter, a clean garage is a safer garage.
- Ensure fire extinguishers work and have not expired.
- Perform safe and proper maintenance to air conditioners.
- Replace air filters.
- Using a sturdy ladder, clean eaves troughs thoroughly.
- Clean chimney and gutters.
- Clean and check grills.
- Make your house number visible from the road.



## FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

The Villa Park Fire Dept. urges residents to prepare for April and May showers:

### Before a Flood

- Place storage at least two feet off the basement floor.
- Have a generator fueled and ready for use at all times.
- Have additional extension cords ready for use.
- Have flash lights ready and avoid candles.
- Have a battery back-up sump pump ready for use.
- Have a contingency plan ready!
- Where will you go if the power is out for two days and consider pets.

### During a Flood

- Watch for flash flooding. This can occur without rain clouds or rain in the immediate area.
- Never walk through moving water more than 6 inches deep.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. Did you know that cars can be easily swept away in just 2 ft. of moving water?
- If your vehicle stalls in water, exit it and move to higher ground.

### After a Flood

- Be careful in areas where floodwaters have receded.
- Watch for downed electrical lines and weakened roads and bridges.
- Stay out of flooded buildings.
- Use caution when entering damaged structures. The foundations may have weakened.
- Avoid coming in to contact with floodwater – it may be contaminated. Wash your hands if they get wet.
- Discard any food that has been in contact with floodwater.
- Flooded electrical outlets, wiring may need to be inspected by a licensed electrician.

### Terms to Know

- Flood Watch – Flooding is possible with 12 to 36 hrs.
- Flash Flood Watch – Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning.
- Flood Warning – Flooding is or soon will be occurring.
- Flash Flood Warning – Flash flooding is occurring.



# Police Department



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**  
**5:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Prairie Path Pavilion - Villa Ave & Central Blvd**

Join us for a night of fun with Food, Music, Games, Emergency Vehicle and Equipment Displays, Face Painting, Giveaways and more!

Visit [NATW.ORG](http://NATW.ORG) for more information on National Night Out.

## Prevent Your Vehicle From Being a Target for Thieves

Car burglaries are continually reported in Villa Park and the surrounding area. Don't allow yourself to become a victim and follow the simple tips listed below.

- **Always lock your vehicle**
- Never leave your keys in your vehicle
- Park in well-lit areas at night
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must, leave them out of sight or locked in the trunk.



If you see something, say something and **call 911** to report any suspicious activity!



## Parent's Guide to Fentanyl!

There is a significant risk for today's generation because of fentanyl. It is a deadly hidden threat. Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous.

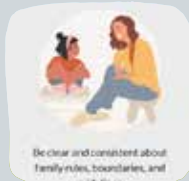
Parents, guardians, educators, and anyone responsible for children must rely on drug prevention education to safeguard children and teens from this growing threat.



Speak honestly with your kids about choices and risky behaviors.



Stay educated on current drug trends so you can teach your children.



Be clear and consistent about family rules, boundaries, and expectations.



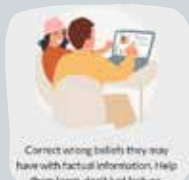
Listen to what they have to say, respect their opinions, and do not be judgmental.



Encourage positive friendships and encourage them to find things that interest them.



Create a safe space for them to ask questions. Never make them feel wrong for wanting to know more about drugs.



Correct wrong beliefs they may have with factual information. Help them learn, don't just lecture.



Educate them about online safety and safe and healthy social media use.

## How are Kids Getting Fentanyl?



Drug dealers use social media apps for advertising and selling their products. Prospective buyers use the apps and can easily search for drugs using codewords, emojis, hashtags, and other means. Drug traffickers also advertise using posts and stories; as quickly as accounts are shut down, a new one takes its place.

The buyer will direct message or comment on the post using code words or emojis. Conversations will then move to encrypted messaging platforms like Signal, WhatsApp, or Telegram. Once the deal is made, payment is made through Venmo, Paypal, or cryptocurrency. The packages are then shipped via standard post.

This disturbing trend becomes even worse when you realize that the majority of the drug bought this way are usually tainted with fentanyl. Unsuspecting adolescents who think they are experimenting with a non-lethal drug are in grave danger.

## Why Fentanyl is Hard to Avoid

While fentanyl is sold by itself, it is very rarely sought out by kids looking to experiment with drugs. Unfortunately, many individuals who aren't trying to use fentanyl end up in contact with it. This is because it is used as an additive to many illicit drugs. There have been traces of fentanyl found in heroin, cocaine, meth, and even marijuana. There are even fentanyl pills that are pressed to look like other legitimate prescription drugs. Adolescents who are experimenting with drugs are becoming more and more at risk.

Learn More About Fentanyl





## Parks, Buildings & Grounds

### Update - Lufkin Park Redevelopment - IDNR OSLAD Grant



Iowa Community Center Playground



Prairie Path Playground



Lufkin Park



Lions Park



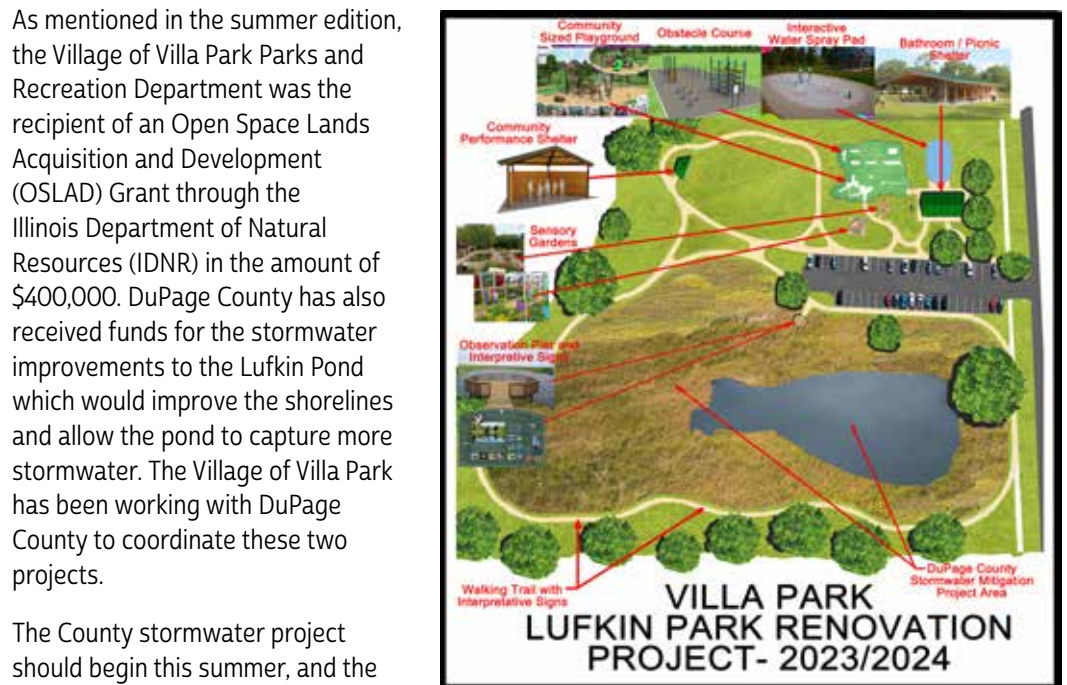
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park



Jefferson Park and Pool



Rotary Park



As mentioned in the summer edition, the Village of Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department was the recipient of an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in the amount of \$400,000. DuPage County has also received funds for the stormwater improvements to the Lufkin Pond which would improve the shorelines and allow the pond to capture more stormwater. The Village of Villa Park has been working with DuPage County to coordinate these two projects.

The County stormwater project should begin this summer, and the Parks and Recreation project will begin following significant completion of the County project. We look to provide more specific project dates as they are received from the DuPage County Stormwater Division.

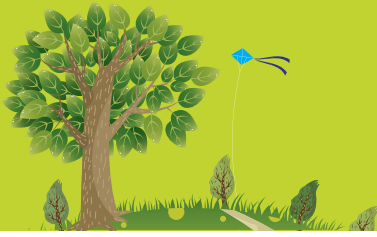
### Lions Park and New Lions Community Center

The Village of Villa Park was also the recipient of an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Grant in the amount of \$10,000,000 for a new rec center. The new rec center will be built at Lions Park where the current Community Recreation Building is located. Parks and Recreation has been working with Williams Architects on the development of this new facility. The Village is working to prepare the site for the new building, trees have been removed, any memorial items have been saved and will be reinstalled once the new building is completed, and demolition of the existing facility is being planned for this summer. Construction of the new building is also planned for this summer following the demolition of the existing building.

For more information on the Lufkin Park project and Lions Park Community Center project, as well as updates on other projects, please visit the Village Website and click on our Village Initiatives tab or use the link below.

<https://www.invillapark.com/1055/Parks-Recreation-Updates>

We are always working to improve our buildings, parks, and playgrounds. Routine our inspections of Parks, Sports Fields, Playgrounds, Buildings, and other amenities help us identify and address any issues in a timely manner. We value the assistance of Village staff and residents in notifying us of any concerns as soon as they arise.



# Recreation

## Family Events

NEW

# Senior Prom

**Friday, May 5 • 5-7 pm**

**The evening features dinner, dancing, and all of the prom trimmings. At the end of the night, a king and queen will be crowned.**

**AGES: 55 & up | \$25**

**IOWA COMMUNITY CENTER  
FEA52-30 F 5-7PM MAY 5**

NO EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

**i** As of press time programming is scheduled as shown on this page. Please call the Recreation Department for updates as needed.

**Please note that preregistration is required for all Recreation Department programs and events.**

All programs are 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.

## Summer Camp at Iowa Community Center

Register early to for a fun-filled summer at camp with days packed with crafts, activities, swimming and field trips. Camp runs 9 am – 4 pm daily and will be held June 5-August 11. Before and after camps available for additional fees.

Introduce your child ages 2 to 5 years to camp in a relaxed atmosphere. Each camp session includes crafts, stories, indoor games and waterplay. Swimming at Jefferson wading pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Camp runs 9 am – 1 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be held June 6-August 10. Extended camps available for additional fees.

Visit [inwillapark.com](http://inwillapark.com) for specific registration information.

### Job Opportunities

We are hiring for multiple summer positions. For a full list of seasonal positions, scan our QR code.

## 2023 POOL PASS INFORMATION

Announcing a new family discount rate for Jefferson Pool Season Passes. Pool passes go on sale May 1. Early Bird rates will be available through June 21. **Buy early, buy often!**

2023 SEASON PASS	EARLY BIRD RATE - THROUGH JUNE 21, 2023					
Residency / Age	Per Person	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6
Resident age 3-59	\$65	\$127	\$186	\$228	\$261	\$294
Non-Resident age 3-59	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Resident senior age 60+	\$60	\$117				
Non-Resident age 60+	N/A	N/A				

More than 6 members in one family = \$25 additional resident; \$30 non-resident

2023 SEASON PASS	REGULAR SEASON RATE - STARTING JUNE 22, 2023					
Residency / Age	Per Person	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6
Resident age 3-59	\$89	\$173	\$253	\$303	\$356	\$400
Non-Resident age 3-59	\$123	\$239	\$349	\$418	\$491	\$552
Resident senior age 60+	\$79	\$154				
Non-Resident age 60+	\$114	\$222				

More than 6 members in one family = \$25 additional; \$30 non-resident



## LIBRARY NEWS



### Summer Reading Program Kickoff!

**Saturday, June 3 • 12-4 pm**

**Animal Show #1: 12-1:30 pm (limit 75) -OR-**

**Animal Show #2: 2:30-4 pm (limit 75)**

Featuring Big Run Wolf Ranch, with special animal guests, face painting, and crafts. Registration is required for the animal show and will be available in person, by calling the library, or online, beginning Monday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.



### High School Exam Study Nights

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday • May 30, 31; June 1 • 5-10 pm**  
**High School Students**

It's that time of the year: final exams are here. Study with free Wi-Fi, snacks, and therapy dogs! We're open until 10 pm each night, so you can stay later. Therapy dog visits from 7-8 pm.



### Connect & Color

**Tuesday, June 6 • 2:30-4 pm • Ages 12-18**

Enjoy some low-key socializing and coloring with friends, or come and make new ones. Color a page that is part of a larger mosaic image, and then connect all of the pages to create a collaborative work that works to bring us all together now!



### Free Meals for Kids 18 & Under!

**June 6-August 10**

Kids ages 18 and younger are eligible for a free meal! Lunches will be available at the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Please call the library, visit our website, or follow us on social media for more information! Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Food Bank.



### New Online Resource!

#### *Gale LegalForms - Illinois*

Gale LegalForms - Illinois provides professionally written legal documents used by attorneys and law firms. You'll find downloadable forms covering real estate, wills, power of attorney, bankruptcy, small business - practically any area of law - alongside helpful tools like a Law Digest and Attorney Directory.



### PLEASE NOTE

Library programs and hours are subject to change. Please visit our website and social media channels for updates.

### Library Summer Concert Series

**Wednesdays: June 14, 21, 28**  
**6:30 pm • FREE • All ages**

**(children under 12 with adult)**  
**Ruggard Gazebo,**  
**along the Prairie Path**

Join us at the Gazebo in June! Bring along a blanket or chairs and enjoy the summer weather with fun and lively musical entertainment. Note: In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held indoors at the Villa Park Public Library. For more details, please visit the library website.



**June 14**  
**Little Miss Ann**



**June 21**  
**Istvan &**  
**His Imaginary Band**



**June 28**  
**ScribbleMonster**

### To reach the library. . .

For more information on these and other library events and services visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.



# Schools

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 88

### DuPage High School District 88: Guiding each student to success

At DuPage High School District 88/Willowbrook High School, we provide rigorous - yet flexible and individualized - programming to meet the needs of our students. It is our focus to have each student working toward a viable college and career integrated pathway, including access to college coursework, along with real-life career opportunities in the field of their choice.

District 88 students have access to Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level and dual-credit classes, as well as externally credentialed and dual-credit career pathways in automotive technology, culinary arts, business careers, engineering, medical careers, teacher preparation, building trades and robust internship and paid apprenticeship programs in the manufacturing and technology fields.

We invite companies and organizations to support students through offering career and college pathways, serving as a vocational site, advertising on a banner and more. Read more at [www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships](http://www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships).

### EXPANDING COURSES

Students can take classes at the College of DuPage and Elmhurst University to earn college credit. They also can take career and technical education programs at the Technology Center of DuPage, including cosmetology, criminal justice, fire science, medical or nursing assistant programs and more.



### BILINGUAL BENEFITS

More than one-third of Willowbrook students speak more than one language. We are committed to helping students develop this asset through workplace experiences, state credentials (the Seal of Biliteracy) and more.



For more details, scan the QR code!

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

### School District 45 Kindergarten registration for 2023-24

School District 45 Kindergarten registration is now open. To register your child for Kindergarten, your child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2023. Please contact the school where your child will be enrolled for more information and to schedule a time to submit your documents.

Ardmore: 630-516-7370

North: 630-516-7790

Schafer: 630-516-6500

Stevenson: 630-516-7780

Westmore: 630-516-7500

Visit <https://d45.org/registration> for more information.

Website: [d45.org](http://d45.org) | Facebook: School District 45, DuPage County

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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

[D45.ORG/REGISTRATION](https://d45.org/registration)

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# Around the Community

## VILLA PARK WASTE COLLECTION COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



### DO I HAVE TO USE THE LRS CONTAINERS?

Yes, LRS carts are to be used before additional non-LRS carts can be placed out.

### MAY I USE NON-LRS CONTAINERS FOR WEEKLY COLLECTION?

Yes, additional material that does not fit in the LRS cart can be placed in non-LRS containers. Non-LRS containers will be serviced as garbage if a weatherproof **RECYCLING ONLY** or **YARD WASTE ONLY** container label is not affixed to the container.

### HOW CAN I RECYCLE MY OLD NON-LRS CONTAINER(S)?

Unwanted, non-LRS carts may be placed out **EMPTY** with a note that reads "**REMOVE**" or "**RECYCLE PERMANENTLY**".

### WHERE CAN I GET WEATHERPROOF RECYCLING ONLY AND YARD WASTE ONLY CONTAINER LABELS?

Weatherproof **RECYCLING ONLY** or **YARD WASTE ONLY** container labels are available at Village Hall, 20 S Ardmore Ave

### MAY I RENT ADDITIONAL LRS CARTS?

Yes, LRS offers additional 95-gallon garbage carts and 65-gallon recycle carts for \$3.00/cart per month.

### WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND RECYCLING GUIDELINES?

Program information and recycling guidelines can be found online at [LRSrecycles.com/VillaPark](https://LRSrecycles.com/VillaPark).

### HOW DO I REPORT A MISSED PICKUP?

Online | [LRSrecycles.com/misled-pick-up/](https://LRSrecycles.com/misled-pick-up/) | E-mail [Service@LRSrecycles.com](mailto:Service@LRSrecycles.com) | Call **844.633.3577 (844-NEED-LRS)**

### HOW DO I SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL OR EXTRA PICK-UP?

E-mail (fastest) [Service@LRSrecycles.com](mailto:Service@LRSrecycles.com) | Call **844.633.3577 (844-NEED-LRS)**

### WHAT HOLIDAYS WILL IMPACT SERVICE?

LRS observes 6 holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on or before your service day, service will be delayed by one day.

### WHAT IF I NEED MY LRS CART REPLACED?

LRS carts that are damaged by service crews will be replaced for no charge. If damage occurs to the cart from other sources, LRS will gladly replace the damaged cart for a fee. Residents are responsible for basic cart cleanliness and to maintain the cart in good condition. Call LRS at **844.633.3577** to submit a request.

### HOW FAR APART (DISTANCE) SHOULD MY GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CARTS NEED TO BE PLACED?

Carts should be placed a minimum of three (3') feet apart with the lid opening facing the street.

### WHAT IF I HAVE AN ITEM THAT DOES NOT FIT IN MY CARTS?

Weekly collection includes one bulk item per week for no additional charge. Items can be placed where you normally receive collection service. Cardboard boxes should be broken down. You may place all broken down cardboard boxes into one cardboard box.

### IS LRS BILLING ME FOR GARBAGE & RECYCLE SERVICES OR THE NEW CARTS?

Residents are billed for refuse services through the Village carts are included in the new program. Garbage and recycle carts are included in the monthly rate. The new carts remain the property of LRS.

Please reach out to the Village at **630.834.8500** with any questions or refer to their webpage.



# Stay Connected

## Stay Notified with CodeRED Emergency Notification System

In July 2018, the Village of Villa Park implemented a brand new, free community notification system that informs residents by sending out alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact the area you're in. The CodeRED system helps the Village of Villa Park keep you informed as fast as we can, when it matters most, via phone calls, text messages, emails and social media.

The CodeRED system can pinpoint very specific streets or blocks in the village, so you may not receive certain messages if it will not affect your area, even if it is only one block away.

### Here's what you should do if you receive a CodeRED message:

- Listen Carefully
- Follow Instructions
- Don't hang up until you hear the whole message (the message will not be repeated)
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless instructed to do so (it will only tie up emergency lines)

If you have not signed up already, visit [www.invillapark.com](http://www.invillapark.com) and click on the CodeRED icon on the left side of the home page to enroll and learn more. Be sure to sign up using your physical Villa Park address and not P.O. boxes or out-of-town addresses. There is also a free CodeRED Mobile Alert app available in the App Store and Google Play.

During sign-up, make sure to click the weather alert box. This way you will be alerted of inclement weather and warnings from National Weather Service.

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

## Let's Get Social

Do you want to stay informed on all the happenings around town between issues of Village Matters? Be sure to follow all of our social media accounts for up-to-date information on events, news and all things Villa Park. We regularly host photo contests on our Facebook page to see the best of what this town has to offer through the eyes of our very own residents. Remember to use the hashtag #thegardenvillage or tag us for a chance to be featured on all of our social media pages.

[Facebook.com/villaparkgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/villaparkgovernment)

[Twitter.com/villapark\\_il](https://twitter.com/villapark_il)

[Instagram.com/villapark\\_il](https://www.instagram.com/villapark_il)

## Biweekly Enewsletter

Interested in receiving updates on Village happenings? Make sure you are signed up for our e-newsletter. This email provides up-to-date news, events and more! Visit our website ([invillapark.com](http://invillapark.com)), scroll down, and click on banner image.

**CodeRED**

**TEXT "VILLAPARK"**  
to 99411 to  
enroll in CodeRED  
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## Village Hall

20 S. Ardmore Avenue  
Villa Park, IL 60181-2696  
630-834-8500  
TDD 630-834-8589  
invillapark.com



## Village Hours

**HOURS may vary**

### Village Hall:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9 am-5 pm  
Wed: 7 am-5 pm  
630-834-8500

### Fire Department:

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

### Finance Department:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9 am-5 pm  
Wed: 7 am-5 pm  
630-834-8500

### Public Works:

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

### Community Development and Economic Development:

Mon-Fri: 9 am-5 pm  
630-433-4300

### Police Department:

Mon-Fri: 7 am-7 pm  
Weekends & Holidays Closed  
Non-Emergency Phone Number:  
630-834-7447

### Iowa Community Center:

Mon-Thu: 9 am-7 pm  
Fri: 9 am-6 pm  
Sat: 9 am-1 pm  
Sun: Closed  
630-834-8970

### Community Recreation Building:

No longer has regular office hours.  
Please bring all business to the Iowa  
Community Center.

### Villa Park Public Library:

Mon-Thu: 9 am-9 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am-5 pm  
Sun (Labor Day-Memorial Day):  
1 pm-5 pm  
Sun (Summer): Closed  
630-834-1164

## Elected Officials

### Nick Cuzzone

Village President · presidentcuzzone@invillapark.com

### Hosanna Korynecky

Village Clerk · clerkkorynecky@invillapark.com

### David Cilella

Village Trustee · trusteecilella@invillapark.com

### Jack Corkery

trusteecorkery@invillapark.com

### Christine Murphy

Village Trustee · trusteeemurphy@invillapark.com

### Kevin Patrick

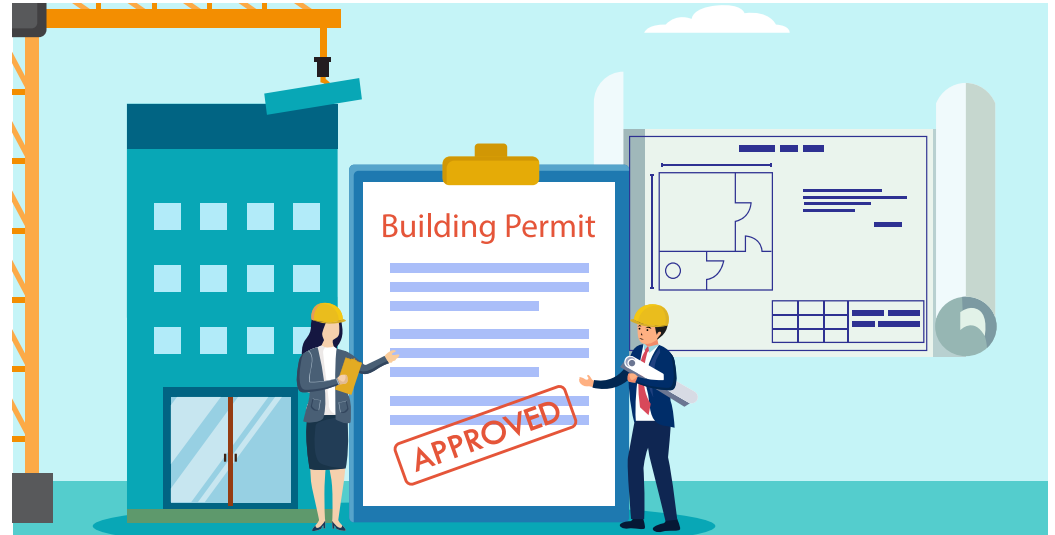
Village Trustee · trusteepatrick@invillapark.com

### Deepasriya Kumar

Village Trustee · trusteeekumar@invillapark.com

### John "Jack" Kozar

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## Apply online for your Building Permits

Did you know that building permit applications can be submitted electronically through our Permit Portal? Visit <https://citymobile.invillapark.com/Portal/> for links and information. The "permit Portal Help" page will guide you through the permit application process, and you or your contractor can electronically submit any required drawings or documents associated with the permit application. The Permit Portal also provides the tools to track application status, respond to correction notices and comments, make payments, and download approved documents and permit.

Information packets on each type of building permit are also online:  
<https://www.invillapark.com/928/Building-Informational-Packets-PDF>

If you have any questions while applying for your permit online, you can email [permits@invillapark.com](mailto:permits@invillapark.com) or contact the Permitting Division at 630-834-8505 during business hours of 7:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

## Extreme Heat-Cooling Centers

You can find a full list of heating and cooling centers by distance at [www.dupagecris.org](http://www.dupagecris.org). The Villa Park Public Library is a registered cooling center, during their normal business hours. Heat-related illnesses are preventable. Learn the symptoms and what to do if you or a loved one shows signs of having a heat-related illness at [www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html](http://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html).

