






VILLAGE MATTERS

Newsletter of the Village of Villa Park

SUMMER 2023

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BREWFEST
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Brewfest 2023

Summer may be over, but luckily you can keep the party rolling at Brewfest 2023. Last year, we sold a record of over 500 tickets! Enjoy an afternoon of craft beers with family, friends, neighbors, and strangers at the annual fest on Saturday, October 7 at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. For ticket information visit: <https://villaparkbrewfest.com/>.

This event is a 21 and older event; even the Designated Driver ticket holders need to be 21. No pets of any kind are allowed. Children are strictly prohibited from attending (including but not limited to babies in strollers or being carried in any sort of baby carrier).

Community Calendar

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Welcome!

Welcome back trustee Kevin Patrick, Welcome new trustees Carnine "Cari" Alfano and Jorge Cordova

Boards & Commissions

Village of Villa Park Board Meeting

Aug 14, Aug 28, Sep 11
7 pm Village Hall, Second Floor

Committee of the Whole

Aug 14, Sep 11
8:30 am, Village Hall, Second Floor

Coffee with the Board

Aug 5
9 am, Village Hall, Second Floor

Village Summer Holidays Observed 2023

Labor Day Mon, Sep 4



Community Events

Electronics Recycling

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

National Night Out

August 1

Movie in the Park

August 9
Minions: The Rise of Gru
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Chicago's Own Piano Man Band

August 10

Big Rigs and Kids

August 19

Wednesday ConMurley Music

August 17

Strung Out

August 24

Jose Valdes & the Mambo All Stars

August 31

Movie in the Park

September 8
Hotel Transylvania: Transformania
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Love your Neighbor Day

September 16

Autumn Jubilee presented by the Villa Park F.U.N Commission

September 30

Villa Park Brewfest

October 7

Village President's Message

Fellow Residents of Villa Park:

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather, although we could sure use some rain. This has always been one of my favorite times of the year, school is out, vacations are starting and we are in the middle of the baseball season. And our outdoor concerts are in full swing. The Thursday night music at Cortesi Park was well attended and the bands were all entertaining. The Wednesday concerts at the Ruggard Gazebo sponsored by the Kiwanis are beginning and we have the Thursday nights in August at Cortesi to look forward to.



As we in the Chicago area like to say, there are two seasons here – winter and construction. The construction season is definitely here with the Jackson pond expansion recently completed, the Monterey Avenue sewer separation project wrapping up, expansion of the Lufkin Park pond starting and soon construction of the new recreation center will commence. Numerous street projects are ongoing, the Casey's gas station is operational and we will soon start to see activity at the Eco Terra site by the Metra station. It has been a busy 2023 in Villa Park!

I would like to thank all our first responders in Villa Park for their dedication and hard work. These have been trying times but they all display the utmost in professionalism and service in our village. We truly have the finest police and fire departments in the County.

I would also like to thank all our residents who have served this year on our many commissions, giving of their time and talent to help out. There are many opportunities to volunteer, if you're interested visit the Village's website for information on each commission. Also, take time to read through this edition of Village Matters to see what else is happening in Villa Park. You may find an activity you would enjoy!

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Cuzzone".

Nick Cuzzone
Village President
PresidenCuzzone@invillapark.com
630-592-6052

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

Villa Park Residents, Business Owners and Visitors,

Today (June 30) is one year since my wife and I moved into our house in Villa Park and became residents of the Garden Village. We want to thank you for making us so welcome and Thursday night concerts, and the festivals, and everywhere. No growth happens without change, so this return to the central time zone for us is change, growth, and still very familiar.

In the Village municipal government, we have seen a lot of change this past year as well. We have seen change, growth, but also familiar. We have added new faces in Community Development, as we try to change the culture to find ways to get residents and contractors to workable solutions. Marc McLaughlin, the new Community Development Director, has hired new staff and is preparing to implement the 2021 International Codes Commission codes for building by January 1. The new Finance Director, Chuck Howard, led the effort to choose new accounting software which will improve monthly financial reporting within the departments, to the Board and to the public. Mr. Howard was a bit familiar in that he had served as an interim through GovTemps. Our new Fire Chief, Steve Stapleton, is an example of a new leader in a department experiencing growth, but with 26 years of experience at all ranks in Villa Park, he is also certainly familiar to us and with us. Under his leadership we moved swiftly to hire eight new firefighter/paramedics, taking steps to accelerate the decision-making steps to make sure we had our pick of the best recruits out there. We also have a new Executive Assistant, Cheryl Wagner who is doing an amazing job organizing the Commissions, and the records of contracts and Board actions. Ms. Wagner, grew up, partly, in Villa Park, so she is, in a way, returning home too.



The Village has accomplished some major achievements over the past year as well. The project on East Maple to Division was completed this fall. With a lot of input from residents on Maple Street between Villa and Illinois, the project was improved to avoid deep ditches in front of people's homes. It also highlighted the need to make sidewalks a higher priority in future projects. We will soon complete another major sewer separation project on Monterey between Washington and Park. My thanks to the patient neighbors on those streets. We also completed the FEMA funded project to expand Jackson Pond. These will have major affects on our stormwater and sanitary sewer utilities. We fixed sidewalks in several parts of the Village including in front of our Fire Station 81 and Willowbrook High School, with their participation. We also saw forty-two new businesses open in Villa Park from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, and that doesn't count the Casey's or Charley's on North Avenue that opened in June 2023.

Despite this, the last year has been one of frustration for many because of delays in the 330+ unit apartment EcoTerra (formerly Garden Station) complex project on Ardmore near the Metra station, the 220-unit project (The Union) on Villa Avenue, and the recreation center. But progress is coming soon. Demolition is underway for the Community Recreation Center to make way for the new recreation center and bids for materials and subcontractors are underway. By this time next year we will have a building well under construction with completion expected in fall of 2024. There will be an expanded pond and new park amenities in Lufkin Park and the major new apartment complexes will be started. We will also have a new Comprehensive Plan that you will have a chance to shape. If you haven't signed up for the Village e-newsletter, that is the best way to keep up with upcoming events and to see the Weekly Staff report that includes my weekly message. You can also follow us on Facebook.

As I have said before, it is an honor and a privilege to serve this community. I look forward to seeing you at the Kiwanis concerts at Ruggard Gazebo on Wednesdays, at Cortesi Park in August on Thursdays, at the Autumn Jubilee lead by the Community F.U.N. Commission on September 30 by the Gazebo, and then back at Cortesi Park a week later for Brewfest.

Sincerely,

Matt Harline,
Village Manager

Green Initiatives

Drop Off Your Used Household Batteries and Your Pens, Pencils and Marker Waste

Did you know that there is a convenient way to properly dispose of your used household batteries and your pens, pencils and marker waste?

In the lobby of the Public Works Offices at 11 W. Home Avenue, there are receptacles for recycling your household batteries (no lithium ion batteries) and your used pens, pencils and markers. These receptacles are accessible during most weekdays from 8 AM - 4 PM.



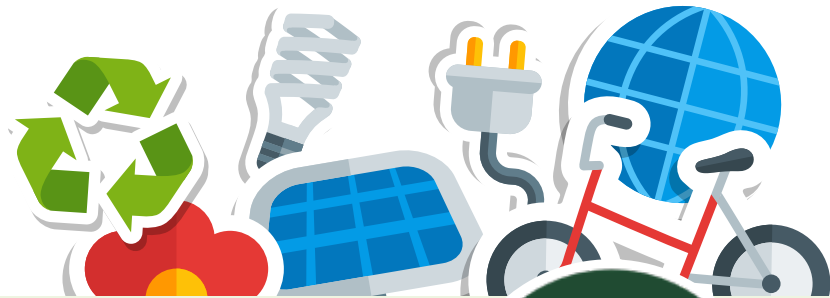
With respect to pens, pencils and marker waste, pens, pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers, marker caps, permanent markers and permanent marker caps are accepted.

Please do not include: paint brushes, colored pencils or wooden pencils. Also, no household hazardous waste such as lithium ion batteries, pressurized canisters, pesticides, paint or medical sharps.

Keep Cooking Oil Out of Your Sink!

Even if hot water is running and grease is liquid when it goes down the drain, cooking oils and fats solidify when they reach cold pipes. Cities and homeowners spend thousands of dollars on resulting sewer clogs. Garbage is for solid waste only so what's a person to do?

Recycle your used cooking oil into biodiesel! Save your vegetable cooking oil in a container and bring it to Salt Creek Sanitary District, 201 Route 83, Villa Park from 8 AM - 3 PM. The entrance to Salt Creek Sanitary District can only be accessed from northbound Route 83. They will accept liquid, vegetable-based cooking oil only – no animal fats (i.e. those solid at room temperature).



Thank you for attending our Spring Sweep

The 2023 Spring Sweep was held on Saturday, May 20th, which is the third Saturday of the month and is also the established day for the monthly electronics collection. This year we had 376 vehicles.



Spring 2021 amounts collected:

- **Working Bikes:** 14 bicycles
- **Interstate Battery:** 24 Marine and Automotive batteries
- **P.A. Crimson:** 16 fire extinguishers
- **VFW:** 27 U.S. flags
- **Villa Park Lions Club:** 94 Printer cartridges, hundreds of keys, 30 mobile phones, 133 eyeglasses, 1 hearing aid, 1 Latitudes monitor, 1.5 lbs pop tabs,
- **SCARCE:** 23 boxes assorted books, 1 box vinyl records, 1 full box of school supplies, 2 boxes of children's games
- **Simple Recycling:** 1,200 lbs. of assorted clothing, fabrics and houseware items
- **Earth Paint:** 260 gallon cans, 40 quart containers, 12 five gallon pails, 4 propane tanks, 20 butane cans, 35 aerosol cans, assorted drywall mud and grout containers
- **LRS Recycling:** 1 skid of fluorescent light bulbs, 1 carton load of CFL bulbs, 1 carton load of incandescent bulbs, 5 pails of household batteries
- **Pro-Shred (paper shredding):** Total of 7,800 lbs. or approximately 3.9 tons of paper
- **Kuusakoski (electronics recycling):** 919 lbs. of printers, scanners, and copiers, 3,037 lbs. of plastic cover and household mix, 1,439 lbs. of complete PC's, 846 lbs. of CRTs and TVs – plastic covered, 1,162 lbs. of CRTs/LGS - mix, 2,246 lbs. of LCD TVs, 47 lbs. of projection TVs. Total collection of 9,696 lbs.

Economic Development

The Village of Villa Park Welcomes New Businesses!

Villa Park welcomes three new businesses to the North Avenue commercial corridor.



Casey's General Store

45 E North Ave

Casey's General Store opened in June on a former contaminated junk yard site.



Daily Outlet

300 W North Ave

Daily Outlet opened in the former Chicago Kitchen Outlet space at the North Park Plaza Shopping Center.



University Dermatology & Aesthetics

15 W North Ave

University Dermatology & Aesthetics opened in the former Martin's Big & Tall space.

Public Works

Construction Projects

Lufkin Pond Drainage Improvement

The Village has partnered with the DuPage County Stormwater Department for the expansion of the Lufkin Pond Basin Project. The County is utilizing a portion of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund the expansion of the Lufkin Pond Basin to alleviate some of the stormwater flooding that the Village has historically experienced. This project was identified in the previously adopted Sugar Creek Watershed Plan performed by DuPage County to expand the existing pond to allow for additional storm water storage in response. This project was designed in coordination with the Village Park Department as to enhance the Village's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) and to allow for an additional 6.9-acre feet of stormwater storage. The County started construction on this project in July and will have the project completed in the fall of 2023.

Michigan and Vermont Improvement Project:

The Village has recently awarded a contract to begin construction of the Michigan and Vermont Project. This project will replace and upgrade the water main on Vermont from Michigan to Wisconsin and the water main on Michigan from Vermont to Plymouth to improve the water distribution system capacity and reliability. Additionally, Michigan will be reconstructed with new pavement and curb and gutters along with select sidewalk replacement. This project has funding assistance with a DuPage County HUD grant.

Monterey Improvement Project:

The Village has recently finished the construction of the Monterey Improvement Project. This project is the first portion of separating the Washington Street combination trunk line and allow for separate sanitary and storm sewer water. Completion of this project will allow for the advancement for two more future projects to continue the separation of the combination sewers. This \$4.4 Million project is funded with IEPA low interest loan and street referendum bonds.

Jackson Pond Expansion Project:

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.

Rebuild IL Funds:

The Village is planning the resurfacing of several streets in the community (Harvard from Central Blvd to St. Charles Rd, Central Blvd from Addison Ave to Cornell Ave, Cornell Ave. from Madison Street to Park Blvd and Cornell Rd from Central Blvd to Kenilworth Ave, Congress Street from Ardmore Ave to Summit Ave., and Van Buren from Congress St. to Summit Ave.) with funding it received through the Rebuild IL Bonds. In total the Village receive approximately \$1.4 Million in Rebuild IL bond funds.

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 would like to thank the residents, businesses, and commuters of Villa Park for a safe and productive construction season in 2022 and look forward to breaking ground on another round of projects in 2023.



FREE Fall Leaf Collection

The Village will once again offer a fall leaf collection program. Residents will be allowed to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags and approved resident owned containers not exceeding 35 gallons and 50 lbs. of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers during a seven-week period beginning in October and ending December 15th. Residents are reminded that brush must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet and not larger than eighteen inches in diameter. No limbs over four inches in diameter will be accepted. Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Please follow the Village website and social media for exact dates.

Fire Department

Summer Fire Safety Tips

Summer is finally here! As we look forward to enjoying hot summer days with family and friends there are few safety tips to keep in mind. In the upcoming months there will be Holidays, picnics, graduations, and pool days to celebrate. Together we can have a wonderful summer while keeping ourselves and loved ones safe.



Grill Safety

Nothing is better than the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs on a grill, yum! Children and pets are drawn to the grill when hungry, it is up to us to keep them safe. Proper maintenance of a grill is important, be sure to clean any excess grease after use. When grilling make sure the grill is away from any structures and is set up in a well-ventilated area. Always have a fire extinguisher nearby in case of an emergency.



Fireworks

July 4th brings a day of parades, picnics, and fireworks. Obey the Village's ordinance regarding the use of fireworks. Use fireworks outdoors in a large clear area and keep small children and pets away. Never allow children to play or light up fireworks by themselves, always have adult supervision. Be sure to have a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of a fire. Remember fireworks can be fun and wonderful to watch but it is always best to let the professional put on the display.



Pool & Beach Safety

Swimming is one of the best summer activities, whether at a beach or a pool it is always best to be safe to make the most of your summer. The warm sun can feel great but always remember to apply sunscreen and reapply after a few hours. Be mindful of pool chemicals, chlorine may keep pools clean, but an overload can irritate skin and cause chemical burns. Be sure to keep a first aid kit in your beach/pool bag stocked with bandages and antiseptic spray in case of scrape or cut on your bare feet.

Police Department



Welcome our first-ever social worker

As our first-ever Police Social Worker, Mary "Luz" Lumbreras will provide case management and therapy to individuals, families, and youth. With 14 years of experience, Luz has serviced many from different cultures, ethnicities, and populations. Luz believes in empowering, educating, and encouraging the Human Spirit to become healthy and self-sufficient. Fascinated by "The holistic approach" is how Luz interprets those individuals that come through her door.

Lumbreras graduated with a master's degree in social work from the Dominican University and earned a bachelor's degree in applied behavioral science from National Louis University. With cultural sensitivity and diversity in mind, Luz will service community members and individuals.

Luz came to our community through a partnership between Tri-Town YMCA, Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services, and the Villa Park Police Department thanks to a grant that was made possible through the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership, an initiative of the DuPage County Board and DuPage Foundation.

Welcome new officer!

Congratulations to our newest part-time police officer! We're thrilled to welcome Elsa Franco to our dedicated team. Join us in extending a warm welcome to Officer Franco.

Villa Park Police Explorer Program

The Villa Park Police Explorer Program offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth. For those who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement.

How do I Join?

You are able to become a member by attending the next upcoming meeting! The post meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Villa Park Police Station. New members are welcome at every meeting!

Want more information?

You can also contact Detective Eric Haimann by email at ehaimann@invillapark.com or by phone at 630-592-6128 with questions.



Tuesday, August 1, 2023 • 5:30pm – 8pm

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 for more information on National Night Out.

Community Development

Comprehensive Plan Community Questionnaire



If you are a resident, business owner or operator, property owner, developer, or community stakeholder of Villa Park, we encourage you to complete the Community Questionnaire. The questionnaire contains questions about important issues and opportunities facing the Village that the Comprehensive Plan planning process should address. Your feedback is essential to creating a successful plan for our community!



Scan here to complete the Community Questionnaire.



Building Codes

The Village has adopted the 2021 ICC Building Code series, with minimal local amendments, effective [January 1, 2024](#).

Most construction projects require a building permit. Please contact Community Development to confirm if you do not need a building permit.

Building Permits Save Lives:

- Construction projects that meet modern building codes provide life safety measures
- Building inspections ensure work has been completed to meet life safety standards
- A finalized building permit provides peace of mind the work is completed per plan

Building Permits Increase Property Values and Marketability:

- Work Without a Permit are red flags during home inspections and will be reported to the Buyer.
- Mortgage lenders are less likely to underwrite loans for homes that have Work Without a Permit

Please contact Community Development regarding all building permit questions at 630-433-4300.

Library

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.

Teen Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 19 • 5-6 pm • Ages 13-18 • Registration required

Are you a music fan? Have fun competing with your peers to see who is the master of music trivia! There will be small prizes for the winners.

Insects, Diseases, Weeds, and Weather: What's Wrong with My Plant?

Wednesday, July 19 • 5-6 pm • Ages 13-18 • Registration required

Are you a music fan? Have fun competing with your peers to see who is the master of music trivia! There will be small prizes for the winners.

Summer Reading Program Finale!

Saturday, August 5 • 1-4 pm

Royal Visit #1: 1:30-2:30 pm (limit 75) - OR- Royal Visit #2: 3-4 pm (limit 75)

Featuring special royal guests (Prince & Princess), free ice cream to the first 300 people who register and attend this event, balloon artists, and crafts. Registration is required for the royal visits.

New Online Resource! Creativebug

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. It is also the number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters and makers. Check it out today at: www.creativebug.com/lib/vppl

A Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard: Pan Am Betty

Monday, August 21 • 7-8 pm • Registration required

In this historical portrayal by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., the true story of the real-life stewardesses for Pan Am, the most glamorous U.S. airline is presented. Buckle up – this is one flight you won't forget.

Save the Date!

Registration for fall programs (September-December) will open at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Movies in the Park

Movies begin at dusk

Free • All ages (children under 12 with adult)

Bring a blanket or chairs along to enjoy a movie outdoors on the big screen at Cortesi Park. This event is co-sponsored by the Villa Park Public Library, the Friends of the Villa Park Library, and the Villa Park Parks & Recreation Department. Note: In case of inclement weather, the movies will be held indoors at the Villa Park Public Library.



Wednesday, August 9

Minions: The Rise of Gru

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Friday, September 8

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To reach the library...

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



PLEASE NOTE

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

Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT 88

District 88, Willowbrook High School share priorities for 2023-24 school year

As we prepare for the 2023-24 school year at DuPage High School District 88, we are thrilled at the endless opportunities this fresh start presents to expand on the tradition of excellence Willowbrook High School has built through the years. Our students continue to receive state and national recognitions in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities, and we know those accomplishments are possible because of our knowledgeable Board of Education members, caring staff members, involved parents/guardians, hardworking students and engaged community members. It takes all of us working together to build futures for our students, and we greatly appreciate your collaboration.

We look forward to another tremendous school year, and we will remain focused on the following:

- 1. Safety and security:**
www.dupage88.net/Safety&Security
- 2. Mental health and social-emotional supports:**
www.dupage88.net/Supports
- 3. Excellence For All Plan:**
www.dupage88.net/ExcellenceForAllPlan
- 4. Four priority areas:**
www.dupage88.net/Priorities2023-24



For more information, scan the QR code above.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

District 45 Middle Schools celebrate the Class of 2023

On May 24, District 45 Middle Schools celebrated its 8th graders from Jackson Middle School and Jefferson Middle School during two Promotional Ceremonies held at Willowbrook High School.

"Success is not just about achieving good grades or accolades," said Jefferson Middle School Principal Raúl Gastón. "It's about developing character, integrity, and a sense of purpose. It's about being a good person, treating others with kindness and respect, and positively impacting the world around you. I challenge you to cultivate these qualities as you go through high school and beyond."

At their ceremony, Jackson Middle School Principal Jill Amrhein said to students, "You walked on this stage tonight as an 8th grader, but you exit as a freshman and future Class of 2027. Carry our Jaguar pride with you and show everyone all you can do!"

In all, 142 students from Jefferson Middle School celebrated the completion of 8th grade this year. An additional 223 students were part of the Class of 2023 from Jackson Middle School.

Congratulations to all District 45 8th graders and their families. Best wishes and much success in high school!



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Parks, Buildings & Grounds

Lufkin Park Renovation Project

As mentioned in the spring edition, the Village of Villa Park's Public Works Division and DuPage County Stormwater Division continue to coordinate each of their improvement projects at Lufkin Park. DuPage County's pond improvement project is scheduled to begin this summer, and equipment is being mobilized to the site to start the earthwork. The Parks and Recreation project will begin following significant completion of the County project. Site amenities for the Park and Recreation project have been ordered and are beginning to arrive.



Lions Park and New Lions Community Center

The Community Recreation Building at Lions Parks served our community well for many years, but as we say goodbye to this older facility and outdated playground, we say hello to a new state-of-the-art facility that will enhance our community. This recreation center will be a hub of activity, offering opportunities for fitness, leisure, and community engagement. The new recreation center will feature many modern amenities, including a full gymnasium, a fully equipped fitness center, multipurpose rooms, and even dedicated spaces for cooking classes. The demolition of the CRB building has begun, and construction of the new building is planned to begin this year. As with all construction sites, the area will be inaccessible to the general public. The projected completion of the new Recreation Center is scheduled for September of 2024, barring any unforeseen issues.

For more information on the Lufkin Park project and Lions Park Community Center project, as well as updates on other projects, please scan our QR code or visit the Village Website and click on our Village Initiatives tab or use the link below. <https://www.invillapark.com/1055/Parks-Recreation-Updates>



SOUTH ELEVATION - FACING WILDWOOD AVE.

VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK LIONS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER March 10th 2022

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All Parks

We are always working to improve our buildings, parks, and playgrounds. Routine 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

Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park FREE Events

Super

Sensational

SATURDAYS

FREE

ALL AGES

Sept 9 Miss Angie's Music
10 am - 12 pm

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and the whole family for a fun-filled Saturday morning. You'll enjoy great family entertainment, crafts and other activities. Istvan & His Imaginary Band will entertain with his interactive music show which includes fun songs and positive lyrics.

Movies in the Park

All Ages

Enjoy movies outdoor on a big screen. Movies start at dusk. This event is co-sponsored by the Villa Park Public Library, the Friends of the Villa Park Library and the Recreation Department. Movies will move to the library in the event of inclement weather.

Aug 9 Minions: The Rise of Gru

Sep 8 Hotel Transylvania: Tranformania

FREE



Co-sponsored by the Villa Park Public Library, the Friends of the Villa Park Library and the Recreation Department.

Big Rigs and Kids

Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

All Ages • August 19, 10 am-12 pm

Come out to see vehicles from the different village departments: Fire, Police, Public Works and more. This hands-on event allows kids and adults to climb in, on and around the vehicles. You'll also enjoy entertainment from The Magic of Gary Kantor.

FREE



As of press time programming is scheduled as shown on this page. Please call the Recreation Department at 630-834-8970 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.

Preschool 2023-24 school year

Registration is now being accepted for preschool with several options:

NEW 2-Year-Olds (must be 2 by 9/1/23)	9-10:30 am	F
NEW 2 ½ Year Olds (must be 2 ½ by 9/1/23)	9-11 am	M/W
3 Year-Olds (must be 3 by 9/1/23)	9-11:30 am	Tu/Th
4-Year-Olds (must be 4 by 9/1/23)	9-11:30 am	M/W/F

School starts the week of September 11.

Villa Park BREWFEST
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CORTESI VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
318 E. KENILWORTH

Saturday, October 7 • 1-5:30pm

Tickets for this craft beer festival go on sale the week of July 11. Visit www.villaparkbrewfest.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Stay Connected

Stay Updated: Follow us on Social Media!

Keep up-to-date on all things happening in The Garden Village by following us on our social media pages. We update our followers regularly with news, events and more.

We love sharing photos from around the community. Next time you share a photo on Instagram or Twitter, use #invillapark for a chance to be featured on our pages and in the next Village Matters newsletter!



 Like us on Facebook!
[Facebook.com/villaparkgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/villaparkgovernment)

 Follow us on Twitter!
[@villapark_il](https://twitter.com/@villapark_il)

 Follow us on Instagram!
[@villageofvillapark](https://www.instagram.com/@villageofvillapark)



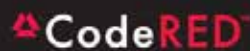
SIGN UP FOR THE VILLAGE'S E-NEWSLETTER

invillapark.com/notifyme



STAY UP-TO-DATE ON:

- EVENTS
- CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
- IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENTS
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

 CodeRED

TEXT "VILLAPARK"
to 99411 to
enroll in CodeRED
public safety alerts

Join a Commission

If you want to see changes around town, or are happy with the way things are want to keep them that way, you should consider joining one of our commissions! Some of our Commissions include Environmental Concerns, Historical Preservation and Traffic and Safety. Be the voice for what you believe in! You must be a Villa Park resident. To learn more about each commission and apply, visit invillapark.com/241/Committees-Boards-Commissions.



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: 9:30 am-9 pm
Fri & Sat: 9:30 am-5 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr): 1 pm-5 pm
Sun (Summer): Closed
630-834-1164

Elected Officials

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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 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. 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.

