




VILLAGE MATTERS

Newsletter of the Village of Villa Park

FALL 2024

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Brewfest 2024

Summer may be almost over, but luckily you can keep the party rolling at Brewfest 2024. Enjoy an afternoon of craft beers with family, friends, neighbors, and strangers at the annual fest on Saturday, October 5 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



Follow us on Social Media!

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!



Facebook.com/
villaparkgovernment



X (formerly known as Twitter)
X.com/villapark_il



Instagram.com/
villageofvillapark



LinkedIn.com/company/
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Youtube.com/
@villageofvillapark3578

Boards Meetings & Village Holidays Observed

Village of Villa Park Board Meeting
Aug 12, Aug 26, Sept 9, Sept 23, Oct 14, Oct 28,
Nov 11, & Nov 25
7:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 14, & Nov 11
6:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Coffee with the Village Board
Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, & Nov 2
9:00 am, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Village Fall Holidays Observed 2024
Labor Day: Mon, Sept 4
Thanksgiving Day & the following Friday:
Nov 28, Nov 29



Community Events

Electronics Recycling Third Saturday of the month
9:00 am – 12:00 pm, *Public Works Garage*

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6

Big Rigs & Kids
Saturday, August 17

Movies in the Park
Friday, August 9 & Friday, September 20

Sensational Saturdays
Saturday, September 7

Villa Park Brewfest
Saturday, October 5

Fire Department Open House
Saturday, October 12

Autumn Jubilee presented by the Villa Park F.U.N Commission
Saturday, October 12

Halloween Happenings
Friday, October 18

Pumpkin Smash
Saturday, November 9

Cooking Oil Collection
Saturday, November 24

Village President's Message

Fellow Residents of Villa Park,

Have you been enjoying the summer? It is going by too fast! This summer has been full of fun activities including our Villa Park Summer Festival, the outdoor concerts at Cortesi and the Ruggard Gazebo, and movies in the park. I hope you were able to attend some of these events.

As usual, construction season is definitely here with many of our streets being repaired. In addition, the new Lufkin Park is about to open and be enjoyed by many residents, and the construction of the new recreation center is moving along. We hope to have the grand opening in December. And finally, we have reached an agreement with the EcoTerra developer at the Metra Station, and the Union project on Villa Avenue may begin construction this year. Exciting developments in Villa Park!

I would like to thank all our residents who have served this year on our many commissions, giving of their time and talent. 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!

Remember that school will be starting soon, please drive carefully and watch for students walking or boarding school buses. There will be many school activities beginning to take place; let's keep our students safe.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or comments, we especially like to hear your compliments to our fine staff and first responders who do a great job keeping Villa Park running and a great place to live.

See you around in the neighborhood!

Sincerely,



Nick Cuzzone
Village President
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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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Village Manager's Message

Villa Park Residents, Business Owners and Visitors,

At this time last year, I was writing about the groundbreaking for the Villa Park Recreation Center. Now, as construction progresses, we have a series of upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremonies to look forward to. By the time this is published, we will be opening Lufkin Park with all new equipment including a splash pad, a playground with a ninja course, a picnic shelter, an expanded pond with a viewing pier, and a completed walking path in August. We will also hold a ribbon cutting for the new Tri-Trail Connector, linking the Illinois Prairie Path, the Great Western Trail, and the Salt Creek Greenway. The ribbon cutting for the Villa Park Recreation Center will take place in time for people to work out their New Year's Resolutions in our fitness center.



As this year winds down, we are already planning for 2025. We initiated our budget process earlier this year, with calls for capital projects, requests for new personnel, and new program initiatives. The public phase will start with a budget presentation to the Board of Trustees on October 21, which will be televised and open to the public. From that point, the Board and Staff will work together to create a balanced budget that addresses the Village's highest priorities. This year, we anticipate that the recently adopted Strategic Plan will have a significant impact on how we target budgetary decisions.

In addition to the public projects mentioned earlier, several large private developments are currently underway. Steuerle Funeral Home, operated by Knollcrest, will be building its new facility on Park Avenue. Next door, a three-story apartment complex is under construction. Across Wildwood from the Villa Park Recreation Center on Villa Avenue, we hope to approve The Union, a 234-unit mixed-use apartment complex, soon. We have approved a Redevelopment Agreement amendment with the Hawthorne Development Corporation. They should now be able to secure financing so they can continue their long-awaited EcoTerra apartment complex project at the corner of Ardmore and Vermont.

The Village has also launched a new app, *My Villa Park*, to enhance our ability to track resident requests for service. Search for "My Villa Park" in the App Store for iPhone users and Google Play for Android users. Continuing to provide better service is a priority that the Board made clear when I was hired and is in line with the servant leadership style we are developing. To further this goal, fifteen of our staff members have joined sixteen members of staff from other local municipalities in the newly established Local Government Leadership Academy, in cooperation with Strategic Government Resources. It is important to not only build an organization that excels today, but also to develop leaders who can drive ongoing improvement. I look forward to seeing this progress continue to unfold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Harline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Harline
Village Manager
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Green Initiatives

Monthly Electronic Recycling

Every third Saturday of the month
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Public Works Garage
20 W. Home Ave.

The Village of Villa Park is coordinating with LRS, the Village's waste hauler, to assist the Village and ensure residents and local businesses have an alternate disposal option. To meet the objective the Village has started E-Waste "the right way" a program designed to provide a convenient, "no-cost", environmentally responsible solution for the community.



***Note - Please have your ID ready. Only one TV may be dropped off per visit. This free service is only available to Villa Park residents.**

Examples of E-waste include the following:

Computers | Computer Monitors | Televisions | Printers
Keyboards | Fax Machines | VCR'S | Portable Digital Music
Players | DVD Player | Video Game Consoles | Computer
Mouse | Scanners | Digital Converter Boxes | Cable Receivers
Satellite Receivers | DVD Recorders | Small-Scale Servers

Keep Cooking Oil Out of Your Sink!

What will you do with the cooking oil after Thanksgiving? Did you know that cooking fat, oil and grease (FOG) can clog the pipes in your home and in our wastewater system.

Dispose of your cooking oil responsibly by dropping it off at the Special Cooking Oil Collection at the Salt Creek Sanitary District parking lot, 201 S. Route 83, Villa Park on Saturday, November 24th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. All cooking oil that is collected will be converted into bio-diesel.

All cooking oil must be dropped off in a sealed container. Containers will not be returned. Only vegetable-based oil will be collected and no bacon grease or other animal fats will be accepted.

This event is sponsored by the Salt Creek Sanitary District in partnership with the Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission, and SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education).

For any inquiries, please contact Bob Wagner at 630-484-8856.

Pumpkin SMASH

Saturday, November • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Villa Park Village Hall

What will you do with your pumpkin after Halloween? You can drop off your jack-o-lantern to be composted at the parking lot behind Villa Park Village Hall as part of the 11th annual Pumpkin Smash. You can either come to smash your pumpkin or have volunteers do it for you! All the pumpkins will be composted, which is nature's method of recycling. Composting pumpkins helps keep waste out of our landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and creates a natural fertilizer for our soils.

Please remember to remove candles and decorations (like stickers, yarn, googly eyes, etc.) before dropping off your pumpkins.

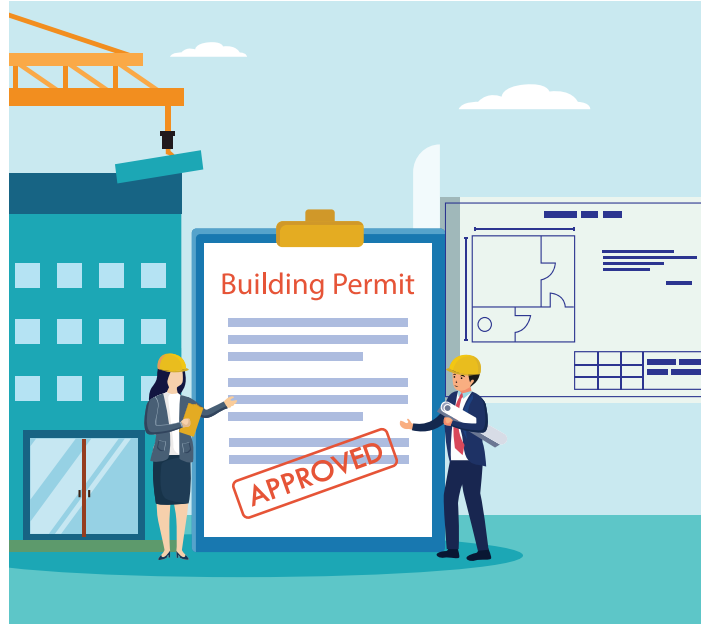
Pumpkins are only accepted during the event. This event is sponsored by the Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission in conjunction with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). For any inquiries, please contact Bob Wagner at 630-484-8856.

Community Development

Accessible and Universal Home Remodeling Guidebook

Have you considered making changes to your home to make it more accessible so you can stay in your home longer? The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus in association with AARP has developed an Accessible and Universal Home Remodeling Guidebook to assist homeowners in understanding the potential costs of home renovations. A resource for understanding funding and financing options for potential accessible options and a webinar summarizing the guidebook and available funding resources are also available. Please visit the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus website at:

<https://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/housing-and-community-development/remodeling-homes-for-accessibility-and-universal-design/>



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: www.invillapark.com/building-information-packets.

If you have any questions while applying for your permit online, you can email permits@invillapark.com or contact the Permitting Division at 630-433-4300 during business hours of 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).



Economic Development

The Village of Villa Park Welcomes New Businesses!

Villa Park welcomes four new businesses.



Aspire Advanced Dentistry

43 W. Roosevelt Rd.

Aspire Advanced Dentistry opened in May and is a women-owned dental practice.



Mortadeli

357 S. Ardmore Ave.

Mortadeli opened in May on the corner of S. Ardmore Ave. and E. Highland Ave. Mortadeli is a family owned deli and specializes in Italian cuisine.



Green Releaf

305 W. North Ave.

Green Releaf held their soft opening in May and features cannabis products.



Tribute

324 E. Central Blvd.

Tribute opened in June and is located across from the Prairie Path. Tribute specializes in gelato and North American cuisine.



Public Works

Brush and Leaf Pickup Program

The Village is divided into eight sections for street sweeping purposes. Typically, village staff is able to sweep two sections per week – the entire village once a month – depending on the weather and the number of leaves on the ground. The eight sections are swept in numerical order before the cycle repeats starting back at section one. The sweeper removes approximately 30 cubic yards of leaves each day and 600 cubic yards of leaves each month. The fall leaf sweeping program collects approximately 1,500 cubic yards of leaves each fall. Please note that it is unlawful to deposit leaf debris and landscape waste onto Village streets. For more information or to view the street sweeping map visit www.invillapark.com/street-sweeping-map.

FREE Fall Leaf Collection

The Village will once again offer a fall leaf collection program. Beginning in October and ending December 14 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 this seven-week period. 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.

Construction Projects

Tri-Trail Connector Project



This project consists of the construction of a new off-street shared-use path that connects the Village's three existing recreational trails: the Illinois Prairie Path, the Great Western Trail, and the Salt Creek Greenway Trail. Due to extremely high temperatures in June, the project will be completed this fall with the installation of sod along the path.

Iowa and Vermont Improvement Project

The Village has recently awarded a contract to begin construction of the Iowa and Vermont Improvement Project. This project will replace and upgrade the water main on W. Vermont Street from N. Wisconsin Avenue to N. Iowa Avenue along with new water main on N. Iowa Avenue from W. Vermont Street to W. Plymouth Street to improve the water distribution system capacity and reliability. Additionally, Iowa will be reconstructed with new pavement, curb, and gutters, along with selected sidewalk replacement. This project is receiving funding assistance from a DuPage County HUD grant and is expected to be completed by late fall.

Jackson Area Expansion Project

The Village finished the construction of the Jackson Stormwater Pond Expansion in early 2024. This is an approximately \$4 Million dollar project increased the capacity of the existing storm water pond located in the field next to Jackson Middle School to help reduce the area flooding from rain events. In addition to the expansion the Village is in the process of awarding another contract for improvements to extend a new storm sewer down W. Madison Street (S. Michigan Avenue to S. Addison Avenue), S. Wisconsin Avenue (W. Jackson Street to W. Washington Avenue), and Addison (W. Washington Avenue to W. Madison Street) that will connect to the recently expanded Jackson Pond with construction expected to start in late summer/early fall of 2024.

North Wisconsin Avenue Project

This project consists of the rehabilitation of N. Wisconsin Avenue from W. Vermont Street to W. Stone Road. This will include heavy resurfacing of the roadway with select curb replacements. Additionally new ADA ramps for the sidewalk will be constructed at the intersections and select sidewalk replacement will occur. Construction for this project is anticipated for late fall or early spring of 2025.

Additional information on these and other projects can be found on the "Construction Projects" page on the village's website at invillapark.com/constructionprojects. We would like to thank the residents, businesses, and commuters of Villa Park for a safe and productive construction season in 2024 and look forward to breaking ground on another round of projects in 2025.

Fire Department

Annual Fire Prevention Week

Open House

Saturday, October 12 • 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Fire Station #81, 1440 S. Ardmore Ave.

The Villa Park Fire Department is inviting residents and visitors of all ages to join them on Saturday, October 12 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at Fire Station #81, for its Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House. Parking is available at the Post Office directly across the street. Fire Prevention Week takes place October 6-12. The Villa Park Fire Department is joining forces with other fire departments, schools, and safety groups across North America to reinforce this year's theme "Smoke alarms: make them work for you!"

Attendees can look forward to hands on learning experiences, many chances to win prizes, pictures with Sparky the Fire Dog, and free refreshments. The highlight of the Open House will be a live fire demonstration showing the dangers of household fires that will begin at 2:30 pm.

Staff Acknowledgement

We offer congratulations to Firefighters/Paramedics Grotts, Rousseau, Latelle, Marcello and Borowick on completing all the requirements of their probationary year. They were officially sworn in as full-time employees. We wish them a long and successful career with the Villa Park Fire Department.



FF/PM Blaise Clairardin was promoted to Lieutenant in June. We wish him a long and successful career with the Villa Park Fire Department.



Lt. Blaise Clairardin

Lieutenant Ken Charapata retired after 28 years of Service. We thank him for his service and wish him good luck in his future endeavors.



Lt. Ken Charapata



Halloween Safety Tips

- Purchase only costumes, wigs, and props that are labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't ignite easily if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Use flashlights or battery-operated candles when illuminating Jack-o'-lanterns. Use extreme caution when decorating with candle lit Jack-o'-lanterns, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-o'-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn including doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.) Cool the burn.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside; that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent in order to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home.
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Police Department

Chief Rivas Named Chairman of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team (MERIT)



In June, Chief of Police Michael Rivas of Villa Park was appointed as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team (MERIT) for the FY 24-25. MERIT is a countywide task force that was created by merging the Major Crimes Task Force and the Felony Investigative Assistance Team. It consists of around 300 members and is overseen by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. The team includes 11 operational components: crisis negotiations, Metro SWAT, police dog response, major crash reconstruction, incident management assistance team, planned events, crime scene investigation, computer forensics, investigations, major crimes, and intelligence. Congratulations, Chief Rivas!

New Officers in Training

Officers Joshua Wilkins and Stavroula Kappos are currently enrolled in an intensive training program at the Police Academy, where they are preparing for their upcoming graduation on August 16. Upon successfully completing their training, they will be paired with a Field Training Officer (FTO) for a 3-month period to gain practical experience and further develop their skills. Once they have completed this training period, they will officially join the Villa Park Police force as fully qualified officers. Their hard work and commitment to their training is truly commendable, and we are eagerly anticipating their graduation and the valuable contributions they will make to our community as law enforcement officers.

Welcome new officer!

Congratulations to our newest part-time police officer, Officer Francisco Silva! We're thrilled to welcome Francisco to our dedicated team. Join us in extending him a warm welcome to the Village.



Tuesday, August 6 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

National Night Out is an annual event that brings neighbors and law enforcement together to make our neighborhoods safer and friendlier places to live. Millions of people take part in this event across the United States, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. It's an opportunity for communities to host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and other events, as well as safety demonstrations, seminars, and youth activities. This helps to strengthen the bond between neighbors and law enforcement and encourages a sense of community.

Parks, Buildings & Grounds

Lufkin Park

Construction is progressing at Lufkin Park! The obstacle course, playground, main shelter, and bandshell have already been installed. The splash pad spray jets and concrete installation are complete, with plumbing expected to be finished by early August. ComEd completed the electric hook-up on July 25, followed by the installation of three sensory items for the sensory garden. Construction of the limestone path surrounding the pond and the new pier is currently underway. Additionally, the DuPage County Pond Improvement Project has planted native plants on the banks of the pond. The area from the top of the banks down to the water's edge will not be mowed and will be maintained by the county for the next two years before the village will be responsible for maintenance. The remaining areas of the park will continue to be mowed as usual. Stay tuned for Lufkin Park's grand opening in early August! For more information, visit our website. We can't wait to see you there!

Lions Park

The Village of Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in the amount of \$600,000 at Lions Park. The outdoor amenities may include a basketball court, playground, shade structure, passive recreation space, accessible playground surface, among others.

Villa Park Recreation Center

Thank you to everyone who came to the Beam Signing event for the Villa Park Recreation Center. We love to see the community come together with joy and excitement for the future of Villa Park! The Villa Park Recreation Center is planned to open in December 2024. Stay tuned for the grand opening date and further details! Check for all the most recent updates at www.invillapark.com/VPRC-Updates.

All Parks

We are constantly striving to enhance our buildings, parks, and playgrounds. Regular inspections of parks, sports fields, playgrounds, buildings, and other facilities help us identify and address any issues promptly. We appreciate the help of village staff and residents in notifying us of any concerns as soon as they arise.



Party Trailer

Remaining summer weekends are filling up fast for our Villa Park Party Trailer! The trailer is available for rent to incorporated Villa Park residents. This party trailer is suitable for block parties, organization events, and residential parties. It comes equipped with 10 tables, 100 chairs, a 10x10 tent, 2 bean bag game sets, a sound system, traffic barricades, and drop-off and pick-up services. The rental cost for the party trailer is \$150, with a \$100 deposit due at the time of reservation. For block parties, the rental cost is \$50, along with a \$100 deposit and the necessary permits. To request the party trailer or for more information, please fill out our request form and return it via email to parke@invillapark.com or drop it off at the Parks Office located at 42 W. Home Ave Villa Park 60181. For further details about the rental of the party trailer, feel free to reach out to the Parks Department at 630-834-3051.

Visit www.invillapark.com/blockparties to check availability and to complete your application! For more information on any of these projects, please visit the Village Website or visit: www.invillapark.com/parksandrecupdates.



If you notice something at any of our parks, please don't hesitate to call us at 630-834-3051 or submit a concern or request on the [My Villa Park](#) app.

Recreation

Family Events & Free Programs

Super Sensational SATURDAYS **FREE ALL AGES**
 Saturday, August 17
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Lufkin Park
 Miss Angie's Music

Head to Lufkin Park for a fun-filled Saturday morning of great family entertainment, bubbles and dancing in the park!
 *Note – please check our online catalog and website in the event location has changed.

Movies in the Park

Friday, August 9 • Friday, September 20
 Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park • Movies begin at dusk
 See Library on page 13 for details

Big Rigs and Kids

Saturday, August 17 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park



Come out to see village vehicles like the Mobile Command Center, tow trucks, dump trucks, mowers, and more! The event will be sensory friendly from 10:00 - 10:30 am

Brewfest 2024

Saturday, October 5 • 2:00 - 5:30 pm
 Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park



Brewfest is a unique craft beer festival where you can sample products from over 20 breweries. Buy your tickets at www.villaparkbrewfest.com.

Halloween HAPPENINGS **FREE OUTSIDE ONLY ALL AGES**
 Fri, Oct 18 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 Iowa Community Center

Ghosts and Goblins of all ages are invited to come in costume to trick-or-treat outdoors at "Spooktacular" Halloween scenes created by local merchants and organizations starting at 5:00 pm. Then, join us inside at 6:00 pm for a bug show from Crosstown Exotics. This event is sponsored in part by Villa Park Lions Club.

Note: registration is not necessary for the free trick-or-treating outdoors. The indoor show requires preregistration: \$5 per person/\$8 per person day of registration. Children under 2 are free but must still preregister. The event will be held rain or shine.

i 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.

Preschool 2024 - 2025 school year

Spots still available for the 2024-2025 school year. Classes begin the week of September 9.

2 ½ Year Olds (must be 2 ½ by 9/1/24)	9:00 - 11:30 am	M/W
3 Year-Olds (must be 3 and bathroom independent by 9/1/24)	9:00 - 11:30 am	Tu/Th
4-Year-Olds (must be 3 and bathroom independent by 9/1/24)	9:00 - 11:30 am	M/W/F

More information located online or in our Fall 2024 brochure.

Scarecrow Decorating Contest **ALL AGES**
 October 23 - 30
 \$15 • Iowa Community Center

Get ready to join your neighbors for a fun community challenge! Build your own scarecrow by picking up a scarecrow starter kit to get your creative juices flowing.

Get ready to join your neighbors for a fun community challenge! Build your own scarecrow by picking up a scarecrow starter kit to get your creative juices flowing. Display your scarecrow outside your home by October 23. The judging will take place between October 23 and 30. The winner will be announced by October 31 and will be featured on the cover of our Fall 2025 brochure. You can pick up your scarecrow starter kit at the Iowa Community Center any time after October 10.

Sponsored by: **Villa Park ACE Hardware**

Summer Reading Finale

Friday, August 9 • 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Join us for a special family concert with Tropixpllosion, the Caribbean show band, featuring steel drums, great vocals, and high-energy fun to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Music, giveaways, and more! The first 200 people to register for this event will receive a FREE Kona Ice on Friday, August 9 from 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Then, stay for the first Movie in the Park when it's dark!

• **Note: All family members must register (including babies, children, and adults) to receive a free Kona Ice.**

Craft Supply Swap

Sunday, October 6 • 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Villa Park Public Library

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for some creative inspiration? Join us for a Craft Supply Swap! Drop off those unneeded by usable supplies and pick up some new - to - you materials. Please visit our website at www.vppl.info for all of the details!

St. Nick's Holiday Mart **Calling all vendors!**

Saturday, December 7 • 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Villa Park Public Library

Join the Friends of the Villa Park Library and local businesses for a night of fun. Vendors applications will be available beginning Sunday, October 6. Booth space is limited and space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Hoopla Digital Collection

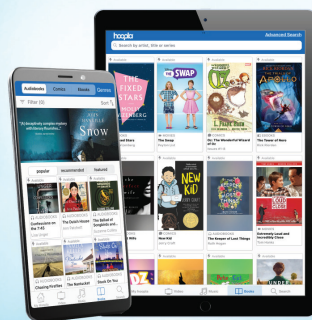
The Villa Park Public Library is excited to offer access to Hoopla Digital's Flex Library! Patrons can borrow three (3) "flex" eBooks and audiobooks in addition to the six (6) "instant" borrows they receive with their library card each month. Both Hoopla "instant" and "flex" titles are accessible through the same Hoopla Digital app patrons are already using and enjoying.

Our hoopla digital collection is getting bigger!

You can Read, Listen, and Watch more than 950,000 eBook, audiobook, comic, movie, music, or television titles.

Download hoopla from your favorite app store.

[Learn More](#)



Movies in the Park

Movie will begin at dusk • Free • All ages (children under 12 with adult)

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



Over the Hedge
Friday, August 9

Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park
(©Universal Pictures, 2006: PG, 90 min.)



Open Season
Friday, September 20
Lufkin Park

(©Columbia Pictures Industries Inc., 2006: PG, 87 min.)

Library Closings

Friday, August 16: Staff In-Service Day

Monday, September 2: Labor Day

Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 pm: Thanksgiving Eve

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving

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.

Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT 88

District 88/Willowbrook updates strategic plan to help ensure excellence for all students

DuPage High School District 88 is committed to providing an environment that promotes excellence for all students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools and prepares each child for a successful future.

To help ensure that environment, District 88 recently adopted an updated strategic plan, which went into effect on June 24.

The strategic plan consists of three overarching areas of focus, or "pillars," which are listed at right. The district also implemented a corresponding online dashboard to show the metrics in each area.

Area 1
Teaching and Learning

Area 2
Student Voice, Climate and Culture

Area 3
Family and Community as Agency

"The strategic plan is the foundation on which we operate. The updated plan truly reflects the depth and breadth of our work, and it will be a living document that forms the basis of our efforts. We have a responsibility to be transparent with and accountable to our stakeholders, and this allows us to achieve that objective."

- Dr. Jean Barbanente,
District 88 Superintendent



To view District 88's updated strategic plan and corresponding online dashboard, go to www.dupage88.net/StrategicPlan2023.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 48

Albright Middle School on Villa Avenue is just one of our schools serving the residents of Villa Park. Salt Creek District 48 stands out in DuPage County for its unique blend of size and community. With four municipalities contributing to our vibrant school district, we foster a strong sense of unity despite being spread across locations. Our three schools, while each with its own identity, come together to form a single, family-oriented district. This unique characteristic allows us to combine the benefits of a small school district – like personalized attention and a close-knit community – with the resources and opportunities of a larger one.

Our commitment to excellence is evident in our strong academic reputation, high student expectations, and investment in building a strong sense of community.



We boast some of the lowest class sizes in the county, ensuring our students receive the individual support they need to thrive. But Salt Creek District 48 isn't resting on its laurels. We are actively planning for the future through the development of a Master Facility Plan. Although District 48 has no debt and some of the lowest taxes in DuPage County, we will need to ask for a loan from the community through a tax referendum to make some critical safety and security upgrades. This exciting initiative will address our facilities' needs and guide us in securing the resources necessary to maintain the exceptional educational environment right here in Villa Park.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

District 45 serves a diverse student body of more than 3,400 children, Pre-K through 8, from Villa Park, Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace and Elmhurst. The district employs over 400 highly qualified staff dedicated to our seven core values. We strive to provide students with the most conducive environment for learning. Learn more at www.d45.org.



Work at District 45!

Join us at School District 45 and play a role in preparing our students for success in life. We work to create a positive environment and culture and provide competitive salaries and benefits.

DISTRICT 45

JOIN OUR TEAM!



- Substitute Teaching and Teaching Assistants
- Lunchroom Staff/Lunchroom Monitors
- Student Support Services
- Custodian, 2nd shift

VISIT D45.ORG/JOBS

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Stay Connected

The Village Roundup Biweekly E-Newsletter

www.invillapark.com/villageroundup



Our newly re-launched bi-weekly e-mail newsletter will keep you informed about the latest updates and upcoming events in our community. Stay in the loop about village-sponsored activities, local initiatives, and important news that affects our residents. You can subscribe to the e-newsletter to receive regular updates at www.invillapark.com/villageroundup.

Follow us on Social Media!

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!



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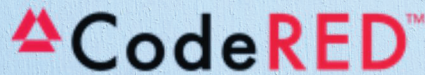
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Join a Commission

If you want to see changes around town or are happy with the way things are and want to keep them that way, you should consider joining one of our commissions! Some of our commissions include Environmental Concerns, Historical Preservation, Video Production, 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 www.invillapark.com/committees-boards-commissions.





SIGN UP

Text "**VILLAPARK**" to
99411 enroll in CodeRED
public safety alerts





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: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wed: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
630-834-8500

Fire Department:

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

Finance Department:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wed: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
630-834-8500

Public Works:

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

Community & Economic Development

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

Police Department:

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Weekends & Holidays Closed
Non-Emergency Phone Number:
630-834-7447

Iowa Community Center:

Mon-Thu: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Fri: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am - 1:00 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 - 9:00 pm
Fri & Sat: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr): 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sun (Summer): Closed
630-834-1164

Elected Officials

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Carine "Cari" Alfano

Village Trustee • trusteealfano@invillapark.com

Jorge Cordova

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Jack Corkery

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Hosanna Korynecky

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Deepasriya Kumar

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Kevin Patrick

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My Villa Park App – Now Live!

Are you tired of having to call or visit Village Hall to report issues in your community? Well, now there's an easier way! With the *My Villa Park* mobile app, you can submit service requests with just a few taps on your phone.

To get started, simply download the *My Villa Park* app from the App Store or Google Play. Once you've opened the app, select the "Submit a Service Request" button. From there, you can choose the type of request you want to submit, whether it's a pothole, a broken streetlight, or a missed trash pickup.

You'll then be prompted to take a photo of the issue and provide a brief description. You

can also use the app to track the status of your request and receive updates on when it will be addressed.

The app will also provide links to the website, village news, job opportunities, community events, and more!

So why wait? Download the *My Villa Park* app today to stay connected with the community and easily report any issues.

Learn more at

www.invillapark.com/myvillapark.

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.

