








VILLAGE MATTERS

Newsletter of the Village of Villa Park

FALL 2025

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Brewfest 2025

Summer may be almost over, but luckily you can keep the party rolling at Brewfest 2025. Enjoy an afternoon of craft beers with family, friends, neighbors, and new friends at the annual fest on Saturday, October 4 at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park.

For ticket information visit invillapark.com/brewfest. 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).



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Brewfest
information



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

 X (formerly known as Twitter)
[X.com/villapark_il](https://twitter.com/villapark_il)

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

 [LinkedIn.com/company/village-of-villa-park](https://www.linkedin.com/company/village-of-villa-park)

 [Youtube.com/@villageofvillapark3578](https://www.youtube.com/@villageofvillapark3578)

Board Meetings & Village Holidays Observed

Village of Villa Park Board Meeting
Aug 11, Aug 25, Sep 8, Sep 23, Oct 13, Oct 27, Nov 10, & Nov 24
7:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13, & Nov 10
6:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Coffee with the Village Board
Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, & Nov 1
9:00 am, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Fall Holidays Observed 2025
Labor Day: Monday, Sep 1
Thanksgiving Day & the following Friday:
Nov 27, Nov 28



Community Events

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

Thursday Summer Concerts
Thursday, August 7, 21, & 28 • 6:30 pm
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Movies in the Park
Friday, August 8 & September 12 • 6:00 pm
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5 • 5:30–8:00 pm
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Big Rigs & Kids
Saturday, August 16 • 10:00 am
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Sensational Saturdays
Saturday, July 19 & September 13
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Lufkin Park

Villa Park Brewfest
Saturday, October 4 • 1:00–5:30 pm
Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Craft Supply Swap
Saturday, October 4 • 9:30 am–4:00 pm
Villa Park Public Library

Fire Department Open House
Saturday, October 11 • 12:00–3:00 pm
Fire Station #81, 1440 S. Ardmore Avenue

Autumn Jubilee presented by the Villa Park F.U.N Commission
Saturday, October 18 • 11:00 am–5:00 pm
Villa Park Historical Museum along the Prairie Path

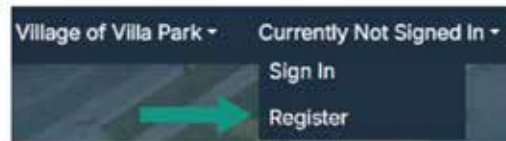
Halloween Happenings
Friday, October 17 • 5:00–7:00 pm
Villa Park Recreation Center

Stay Connected

New Utility Billing Payment System

The Village of Villa Park transitioned to a new payment system in January 2025, BS&A, replacing Xpress Bill Pay. BS&A allows you to view bills, make payments, manage autopay, and sign up for paperless billing. To pay your bill or create an account, click the link provided. Registration is only required for autopay or paperless billing. For your account number, check your most recent bill or email statement. No late fees will be charged during the transition. email address. If you do not use online bill pay, no changes apply to your payment method. For help, refer to our how-to guides at invillapark.com/billing or contact the Finance Department at 630-834-8500.

PAYMENT CHANGES NOW LIVE



Pay a Bill
Pay utility bills.



Visit invillapark.com/billing



Finance Department:
630-834-8500

Stay in the know, rain or shine!

Sign up for RainoutLine text and email alerts to get real-time updates on Jefferson Pool closures and any Villa Park Parks & Recreation program cancellations. Sign up today by scanning the QR code, or at invillapark.com/rainoutline



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The Village Roundup Biweekly E-Newsletter

Our 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. Scan the QR code to sign up today!

invillapark.com/villageroundup



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Village President's Message

Fellow Residents of Villa Park,

I am both honored and humbled to write to you today as your newly elected Village President. As someone who has proudly served our community for over a decade—first as a Commissioner, then Trustee, and now in this new role—I believe the future of Villa Park is not only bright, but full of promise. The spirit of this community is unmatched, and I am committed to building upon the foundation of progress while keeping the values that make Villa Park the “Garden Village” strong and intact.



Since taking office in May, we've begun a new chapter of leadership and vision. One of the first steps was restructuring several of our commissions to be more effective, focused, and aligned with the goals of our Comprehensive Plan. These newly formed commissions—including the Garden Village Commission, Recreation Commission, and Growth Commission—are designed to function as think tanks that help drive smart decisions, community-based planning, and economic growth. They are tasked with making well-thought-out recommendations to the Village Board that reflect the needs and aspirations of our residents, ensuring that every decision we make is grounded in thoughtful planning and public input.

We are also moving forward under the direction of newly appointed Village Manager Mike Revis, whose leadership brings a renewed focus on community development, public engagement, and economic revitalization. Mike's background in public service and commitment to responsive government will help us take bold but thoughtful steps toward strengthening our infrastructure, supporting local businesses, and creating opportunities for growth across the village.

Fall is a season of change, and in Villa Park, that change is being guided with purpose. We are reimagining how local government can better serve the people it represents—more accessible, more efficient, and more collaborative.

As always, I encourage you to get involved. Attend a board meeting, join a commission, volunteer at a community event, or reach out with your ideas. Your voice is vital to our success, and together, we can ensure that Villa Park continues to thrive for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I look forward to serving you and working together toward a stronger, more vibrant Villa Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Patrick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Patrick
Village President

PresidentPatrick@invillapark.com

630-592-6078

Village Manager's Message

Villa Park Residents, Business Owners, and Visitors,

There have been numerous changes in Village Staff at Village Hall. When this newsletter is released for the Fall, the Village of Villa Park will have had: a new Village Manager, Assistant Village Manger, Finance Director, Parks and Recreation Director, Public Works Director, Police Chief, Accounting Manager, Economic Development Manager, and Human Resources Manager. The upside of these changes are fresh approaches and ideas as the new staff brings experience from other government entities for the benefit of Villa Park.



As Fall approaches, our new Finance Director has created a new budget schedule and process to make the process easier for Village Staff. We will be doing a more dynamic version of "Budget 101" for the elected officials and the public. We will also be creating a wants and needs list for the Village Board and assigning an approximate cost to the list items to determine fiscal feasibility. Village Departments have been historically understaffed due to the financial crisis in 2008 and the COVID effect on current budgets. We will be requesting the Village Departments to produce a needs list for additional staffing. We are, in essence, creating a plan for future budgetary concerns outside of the new Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan.

Businesses, large and small, are vital to our Village's growth and welfare, and we've welcomed quite a few over the last few months. Our most recent ribbon cuttings in the Village have been at Rose Paving, Midwest Care Pediatrics, VNA Health Care, and Aspire Advanced Dentistry. We also held an open house for the new Steuerle Chapel location.

These ribbon cuttings are the great work of the Chamber of Commerce, done to honor the opening of these businesses and maintain a connection to the rest of the Village. In addition to welcoming new businesses, we are also working hard to progress with the two major housing developments currently proposed. Both the Hawthorne Development and the Union Development have yet to break ground.

We have had a year's worth of assessing new software the Village has instituted and will be making some changes to some of the software we feel will enhance our customer service. In the meantime, the My Villa Park App remains a one stop shop for all of your requests and concerns, accessible on your mobile device and our Village website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Rivas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike Rivas
Village Manager
mrivas@invillapark.com
630-592-6052

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. The drop-off site is open on the third Saturday of every month, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Public Works Garage, located at 20 W. Home Avenue This free service is only available to Villa Park residents. Please have your ID ready. Also, note only one TV may be dropped off per visit.

***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

Arbor Day 2025

On Friday, April 25, 2025, the Village celebrated Arbor Day. For the 40th consecutive year, the Village of Villa Park has been designated as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Each year, in honor of Arbor Day, Village staff and officials come together to plant a tree in a location in the Village. This year, we planted an Autumn Blaze Freeman red maple, also known as *Acer x freemanii* 'Jeffersred,' which is a hybrid of silver and red maple. This tree has a fast growth rate, typically reaching heights of 40 to 55 feet, with a spread of around 30 to 40 feet at maturity. The newly planted tree is located at Lufkin Park, and we can't wait to watch it grow!

Keep Cooking Oil Out of Your Sink!

Planning on deep-frying your turkey in oil this Thanksgiving? What will you do with the cooking oil after Thanksgiving? If your first instinct is to pour it down the kitchen sink, stop right there! Cooking fats, oils, and grease (often referred to as FOG) might seem harmless in liquid form, but as they cool, they harden and cling to the inside of pipes. Over time, this buildup can clog not only your home's plumbing but also our wastewater system.

What You Can Do Instead:

- Let it cool and can it: Once the oil has cooled completely, pour it into a sealable container (like an empty can or bottle) and throw it in the trash.
- Reuse it: If the oil is still clean, you may be able to reuse it for another round of cooking.

This Thanksgiving, do your part to protect your pipes—and your neighborhood's plumbing—by keeping cooking oil out of the sink. It's a small step that makes a big difference!

For more information on how to safely reuse and recycle cooking oil, visit the School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE)'s website: scarce.org/cooking-oil



Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cuttings

VNA Health Ribbon

March 24, 2025
101 E St Charles Road



Tribute

May 3, 2025
324 E Central Blvd



Rose Paving Ribbon

June 5, 2025
600 N Villa Ave VP



Scholarship Awards

On May 1, Willowbrook High School celebrated the end of the 2024-25 school year with its annual Senior Recognition Assembly.

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, through your generous support, was able to award three separate scholarships to outstanding Willowbrook seniors. The recipients were Nauraiz Ali, Hannah Kenny, and Dean Romano.

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BAGS — ★★★★★ —
TOURNAMENT

"THROW YOUR SUPPORT BEHIND THE VILLA PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY!"

PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAM!

VP
VILLA PARK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AUGUST 27TH, 2025
4:00-8:00 P.M.
RUGGARD GAZEBO
10 W. PARK BLVD.
VILLA PARK

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Elmhurst Chamber
of Commerce & Industry

Sugar Creek Golf Course
12th SEPTEMBER, 2025
REGISTRATION : villaparkchamber.org/events/calendar

Community & Economic Development

Get to Know Your Development Planners

The Village Development Planners are part of the Community and Economic Development Department. They play a key role in strengthening the local economy by supporting new development and helping existing businesses thrive through a variety of economic development programs.

Their responsibilities include:

- Reviewing building and development permits for zoning compliance
- Processing zoning entitlement applications
- Creating and applying long-range plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan
- Administering the multiple TIF Grant Programs

Development Planners are available to assist with:

- Planning and constructing improvements to your property
- Requesting zoning relief and entitlements
- Starting a new business or development

If you have any questions, you can contact the staff at reedom@invillapark.com or 630-433-4300.

The Planners Role: Your Partner in the Process

Our planners are your partner in creating and executing a safe, compliant and optimized parking environment.

Here's how our planners support you:

- **Site Assessment & Analysis:** Evaluates your existing layout, traffic patterns, and accessibility needs.
- **Customized Design Plans:** Creates detailed striping and ADA layouts tailored to your property and local code requirements.
- **Permit & Code Guidance:** Navigates zoning, permitting, and ADA regulations to ensure full legal compliance.

All parking lots are required to have an approved parking lot striping plan with the Village. If you plan on seal coating or reconstructing your parking lot this summer, please contact the Community & Economic Development department today so we can assist and keep your project on schedule!

Why You Need a Parking Lot Striping Plan?

A well-designed parking lot isn't just about lines on pavement - It's about safety, efficiency, and first impressions.

- **Maximize Space:** Proper striping ensures your lot accommodates the right number of vehicles- increasing capacity without sacrificing flow.
- **Improve Traffic Flow:** Organized lanes and directional arrows reduce confusion and accidents.
- **Enhance Safety:** Clearly marked crosswalks, loading zones, fire lanes, and drive aisles protect pedestrians and drivers.
- **Professional Appearance:** A clean organized layout enhances curb appeal.

TIF Grant Programs

The Village of Villa Park launched three new TIF grant programs in January 2025 to support façade, tenant, and site improvements for commercial properties within TIF districts. These are reimbursement-based grants covering up to 50% of eligible expenses. Grant awards range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 for projects totaling \$5,000 to \$50,000. Permit fees are fully reimbursable beyond the \$25,000 cap. Property owners and commercial tenants may apply, and applicants can receive up to \$25,000 per grant type within a five-year period. Three bids are required per project, and reimbursements are based on the lowest bid, though applicants may use a different contractor. Eligible costs include architectural and engineering fees, permits, materials, and labor.

- Façade grants cover masonry, painting, storefront systems, windows, awnings, railings, roof replacements, permanent outdoor dining features, and signage.
- Site grants cover parking lot replacement (excluding sealcoating), landscaping, ADA improvements, trash enclosures, and sidewalk replacement.
- Tenant grants support restaurants, retailers, arts venues, hotels, and more, covering interior demolition, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, flooring, lighting, and accessibility upgrades.

For more information, contact the Community & Economic Development Department at (630) 433-4300 or visit invillapark.com/development-incentives.

Public Works

2025 Construction Projects Update

Plymouth Street Elevated Water Storage Tank Repainting Project

The Village awarded a \$786,849 contract to Eva-Valdivia for the rehabilitation of the Plymouth Street Water Tower. The project includes both interior and exterior painting, including repainting the Village logo. To ensure safety and environmental protection, the tower will be tented during sandblasting and painting to contain particles and overspray. Work is scheduled for completion by late summer 2025.

Jackson Area Project

The final phase of the Jackson Pond Project began construction on February 28, 2025. This \$6 million project includes new relief storm sewers along portions of Madison Street, Wisconsin Avenue, and Addison Avenue, as well as extensions onto private properties. These improvements will enhance the stormwater system connected to the expanded Jackson Pond near Jackson Middle School, helping reduce flooding in the area. Work has progressed along Madison Street, where a 72" storm sewer was installed, and is now continuing north on Addison. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2025, with staging planned to maintain resident access throughout.

Sidewalk Program

The 2025 Sidewalk Program has been awarded and is now underway. In addition to routine sidewalk replacement for sections with drainage or structural issues, this year's program includes new sidewalk installation along Maple Avenue from Summit Avenue to Illinois Street and along Illinois Street from Maple Avenue to Division Street. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer.

DCEO Grant Drainage Project

This stormwater improvement project, funded through the DCEO, consists of two key components. The first will install a new storm sewer on Ridge Road from Westmore Avenue to Roy Drive to reduce yard flooding and improve drainage. The second will enhance the ditch along the Ellsworth Right of Way between Schiller Avenue and North Avenue, improving both drainage and area conditions. Originally bid last fall, the project was delayed due to unsatisfactory bids and is now proceeding in 2025.

North Harvard Avenue Water Main Improvement

The Village awarded a contract to upgrade the water main and reconstruct the roadway along Harvard Avenue from Plymouth Street to Ridge Road. To minimize disruption to North Elementary School, construction began after the school year ended. The work includes replacing aging infrastructure and resurfacing the street and is expected to be completed by early fall.

Washington Sewer Separation

Engineering is underway for a major sewer separation project along Washington Street (Monterey to Summit) and Euclid Avenue (Highland to Madison). This work will separate storm and sanitary sewers and include full roadway reconstruction. The Village is applying for low-interest IEPA funding to support the project. Due to the competitive loan process, construction is anticipated to begin in 2026, once funding is secured.

Westmore & Wisconsin

Engineering continues on sewer separation and street reconstruction for South Wisconsin (Kenilworth to Washington) and Westmore Avenue (St. Charles to the Union Pacific tracks). The project includes separating the combined storm and sanitary sewers and rebuilding the pavement. As with the Washington project, the Village is seeking IEPA low-interest loan funding, and construction is targeted to begin in 2026, subject to the funding timeline.

Additional information on these and other projects can be found on the "Construction Projects" page on the village's website at www.invillapark.com/construction-projects. We would like to thank the residents, businesses, and commuters of Villa Park for their cooperation for a safe and productive construction season and look forward to successfully completing these projects in 2025.

Lead Service Line Replacement Program

The Village has initiated a Lead and Galvanized Service Line Replacement Program ("Lead Line Program"), which is a subsidy program to help provide financial assistance to homeowners in the Village in replacing private side lead service lines for their potable water service and serving to improve the Village's water delivery system. For more information, please scan the QR code.



Scan for Lead Service Line Replacement Program Information

FREE Fall Leaf Collection

The Village will once again offer a fall leaf collection program. From October 26-December 13 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.

Fire Department

Annual Fire Prevention Week

Open House

Saturday, October 11 • 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 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 5-11. 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 "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."

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.



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.

Patriot Day Ceremony

September 11, 2025, 8:30-9:30 am
Fire Station #81, 1440 S. Ardmore Ave.

Join the members of the Villa Park Fire Department and fellow Patriots as we pay tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and observe the 24th Anniversary of National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Staff Acknowledgement

Please help us congratulate Firefighters/Paramedics Else and Sandeno 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.



Firefighter
Nicole Else



Firefighter
Thomas Sandeno

Police Department

Staff Acknowledgements

Todd Kubish Sworn In as Chief of Police

On May 29, Deputy Chief Todd Kubish was sworn in as Villa Park's new Chief of Police. A lifelong resident, Chief Kubish began his career with the department in 1995 and became an officer in 1998. He has served in numerous roles including detective, sergeant, watch commander, and most recently, deputy chief. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety and began his journey in law enforcement as a Villa Park Police Explorer at age 16.

New Promotions

Sergeant Jim Svava has been promoted to Deputy Chief. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran and previous member of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force, he joined Villa Park PD in 2002 and has held roles including tactical officer, detective, supervisor of the Special Response Unit, and training supervisor. He is a Use of Force expert, Range Master, and a recent graduate of Northwestern's Staff and Command School.

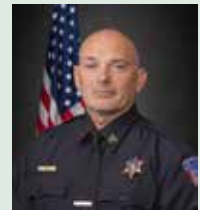
Detective Eric Haimann has been promoted to Sergeant. He began as a Police Explorer in 2003 and has served in multiple roles including Juvenile Officer, Evidence Technician, and Digital Forensics Examiner. Sergeant Haimann has also led as a mentor in the Cadet Program, served on the Executive Board for the Illinois Law Enforcement Explorer Committee, and is the current Treasurer and Past President of the Villa Park Police Benevolent Association.



Chief of Police,
Todd Kubish



Sergeant,
Eric Haimann



Deputy Chief,
Jim Svava

Welcome New Officers

In April, we welcomed Officers Francisco Silva and Ryan Masciopinto. Officer Silva joined full-time after working part-time since 2024. Officer Masciopinto begins the police academy this spring and will join full-time after graduation in August. Welcome to both!



Officers Francisco Silva &
Ryan Masciopinto

Register your pet on Frontline today!

Did you know you can register your pets online through Frontline? Adding your pet to the VPPD database helps us quickly access their information in case of an emergency, making it easier to reunite you with your furry friend if they're ever lost. Scan the QR code below to add your pet's information today!



Scan to
add your pet's
information on
Frontline.



Tuesday, August 5 • 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

Parks, Buildings & Grounds

Lions Park OSLAD Improvements

We're excited to invite the community to explore the newly renovated Lions Park, a revitalized space designed with residents of all ages and abilities in mind. The updated park now features a full basketball court, brand-new pickleball courts, and a modern playground equipped with an accessible, all-weather safety surface.

In addition to these active play areas, Lions Park now includes enhanced amenities for relaxation and community connection. Enjoy a shaded seating area, recreation spaces, and a dedicated senior activity zone featuring a new story walk for all to enjoy.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the new space! Stay tuned to our social media channels for details on the upcoming grand opening date and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

To learn more about the renovation project and stay updated on future improvements, please visit the Village website at: invillapark.com/parks-recreation-updates



Lions Baseball Field Improvements

The Lions Park Baseball Field Improvement Project will be underway this fall. Upgrades include new infield fencing, a home run fence, infield re-grading, and safety netting in right field. We look forward to welcoming the community to enjoy the enhanced facilities at the Villa Park Recreation Center.

Lufkin Park

Planted screenings will soon be installed along the park boundaries. A landscape design plan is being finalized to provide residents with details on plant types and placement.

Party Trailer Rentals

Villa Park has two Party Trailers available for rent! Book yours today for your upcoming weekend event. Check availability and complete your application at invillapark.com/rentals.



For the latest updates, visit our website at invillapark.com/parks-recreation-updates.

All Parks

For more information on any of these projects, please visit invillapark.com/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. For your convenience, you can also submit requests through the MyVillaPark app, where you can attach photos and track the status of your request. To learn more, visit invillapark.com/myvillapark. Thank you for helping us keep our community spaces safe and enjoyable!

Recreation

Family Events & Free Programs

Little Learners Club

September 9-January 7 • Tu/W/Th

9-11:30 am—\$25 daily fee • 11:30-4 pm—\$45 daily fee

Villa Park Recreation Center • Ages 2-5

Keep your child busy with the Little Learners Club drop-in program! The day will include a variety of arts and crafts, gym time activities, and socialization. The outdoor playground will be utilized depending on the weather. Please pack nut free lunch and snacks for your participant. Check out the Fall brochure for more information and no class dates!

Save the Dates Coming in December



Mark Your Calendar!

Holiday Train Ride: TBD

Candy Cane Hunt: Fri, Dec 19

Ornament Painting Party: Fri, Dec 12



As of press time programming is scheduled as shown on this page. Please call the Recreation Department at 630-749-3200 for updates as needed.



EST. 2017

Saturday, October 4 • 2:00-5:30 pm

Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Ages 21 and older

Brewfest is a unique craft beer festival where you can sample products from over 20 breweries. Visit inwillapark.com/brewfest for more information and to purchase tickets.



Scan for Brewfest information & to purchase tickets

Halloween HAPPENINGS

Fri, Oct 17 • 5:00-7:00 pm
Villa Park Recreation Center



This event is sponsored in-part by the Villa Park Lions Club. 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 pm. This event is held rain or shine.

Halloween Happenings Wants You!

\$20 per scene

Area merchants, scout groups, clubs, organizations etc. are invited to join us for this fun, family event. Your outdoor scene does not have to be elaborate, just make it FUN! You provide the creativity, treats and a tent if you wish, we will provide a table, chairs and electricity. Register online and complete registration questions. It's sure to be a "Spooktacular" night with your involvement.

Scarecrow Decorating Contest

October 13-23
\$15 • Villa Park Recreation Center



Join your neighbors for a fun community challenge—build a scarecrow that's scary, silly, or serious! Show off your creation by October 23 for judging between October 23-29. The winner, announced by October 31, will be featured on our Fall 2026 brochure cover. Pick up a starter kit at the Villa Park Recreation Center starting October 13.



Check out all Fall Programming by scanning the QR Code.

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Library

Tiny Art Show

Kits will be available to pick up from Wednesday, September 3-13. Put your talents on display in our Tiny Art Show! Register to receive a mini art kit to create your very own masterpiece! Feel free to use additional materials you have at home!

Summer Reading Program Finale

Friday, Aug 8 • 6:30-8 pm

Free • All ages (children under 12 with adult)

**Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park,
318 E Kenilworth Ave, Villa Park**

Join us for a special musical performance featuring the Barefoot Hawaiians to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Featuring a face painter, balloon artist, music, giveaways, and more! The first 200 people to register for this event will receive a FREE Kona Ice*. Then, stay for the first Movie in the Park! See details below. **The Kona Ice Truck is sponsored by the Friends of the Villa Park Library*

Passport Fair

Saturday, October 18 • 10am-2pm

During this event, Passport Acceptance Agents from the library will accept, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, walk-in DS-11 applications for new passports for all ages and passport renewals for children under age 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. **Passport photos will NOT be available.** Every applicant will need to obtain their passport photo PRIOR to this event. **Be sure to visit travel.state.gov to ensure you have all required documents and forms.** Should you have any questions prior to this event, please call the library at 630-834-1164 and ask to speak to a Passport Acceptance Agent. Note: Doors will open at 10:00 am and the doors will be closed promptly at 2:00 pm for this event.



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.

Movies In The Park

Friday, Aug 8 • Movie will begin at dusk (approx. 8 pm)

Free • All ages (children under 12 with adult)

**Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park,
318 E Kenilworth Ave, Villa Park**

Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy a movie outdoors on the big screen! Tonight's movie is Lilo and Stitch (©Walt Disney Pictures, 2002: PG, 85 min.) 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.



Friday, Sep 12 • Movie will begin at dusk Free

All ages (children under 12 with adult)

**Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park,
318 E Kenilworth Ave, Villa Park**

Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy a movie outdoors on the big screen at Lufkin Park. Tonight's movie is Dogman (©Universal Pictures, 2025: PG, 93 min.) 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.



Library Closings

Friday, August 15: Staff In-Service Day

Monday, September 1: Labor Day

Wednesday, November 26 at 5pm: Thanksgiving Eve

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving

SCHOOL DISTRICT 88

Willowbrook High School celebrates another tremendous school year

On May 29, Willowbrook High School (part of DuPage High School District 88) wrapped up another tremendous school year.

Thanks to your encouragement and collaboration, Willowbrook students continue to receive state and national recognition in academics, extracurricular activities, fine arts and athletics. Highlights from the 2024-25 school year at Willowbrook include:

- More than 500 members of the Willowbrook class of 2025 earned their high school diploma.
- Willowbrook seniors were awarded more than \$8 million in scholarships.
- Three Willowbrook seniors were named as Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and one was selected

as a winner of the National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship.

- Fifty-seven Willowbrook students were named as State Scholars.
- Twenty-one Willowbrook student-athletes signed to play their sport at the collegiate level.
- Willowbrook students qualified to compete in about 20 state-level and national-level extracurricular competitions.

District 88 continues to offer a comprehensive curriculum that includes more than 30 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and more than 50 Dual-Credit/Collegiate-Credit courses in 18 career pathway areas, along with award-winning fine arts programming. To read about more 2024-25 successes, go to www.dupage88.net/District88Successes2024-25.

Thank you for your continued support of Willowbrook High School and District 88!

SCHOOL DISTRICT 48

We're excited to announce the successful completion of the first year of our new Salt Creek District 48 strategic plan! It's been incredibly rewarding to witness the continued achievements of our students, a true testament to their hard work and the dedication of our staff. As we embark on this new school year, we're excited to keep fostering an environment where every child can learn and grow. This past summer was particularly busy with our Safe Schools | Secure Futures building improvements at all three of our schools. We're nearing completion on these vital projects, and you can follow their progress and see the exciting changes on our District 48 website: www.saltcreek48.org



SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

On May 21, District 45 middle schools honored eighth-grade students from Jackson Middle School and Jefferson Middle School during two promotional ceremonies held at Willowbrook High School.

Jefferson Principal Adam Bulfer shared a message with students: "Don't be in a rush to grow up. Take the time to enjoy being exactly where you are, exactly who you are. Take a moment to reflect on the people who helped you reach this milestone. Your parents. Your families. Your teachers. Your people. The ones who encouraged you when things felt hard — who believed in you when you needed it most. Take a moment tonight to thank them."

At the Jackson Middle School ceremony, in a speech to classmates, Jackson eighth grader Tessa Burritt said:



"Congratulations, we did it! It's time to leave the middle school building behind, but we should take with us the joys and lessons we've all shared. Together, we are an astonishing class of students, ready to step into freshman year and grow up to be amazing people."

A total of 135 students from Jefferson Middle School completed eighth grade this year. An additional 228 students were part of the Jackson Middle School class of 2025.



Elected Officials

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Village Hours

Hours may vary

Village Hall:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
630-834-8500

Finance Department:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 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-4:00 pm
630-433-4300

Villa Park Recreation Center:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am-7:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
VPRC Fitness Center Hours
Mon-Fri: 5:30 am-9:00 pm
Sat-Sun: 7:00 am-6:00 pm

Police Department:

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

Fire Department:

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

Villa Park Public Library:

Mon-Thu: 9:30 am-9:00 pm
Fri-Sat-: 9:30 am-5:00 pm
Sun: (Aug & Sep) Closed
Sun: (Oct & Nov) 1:00-5:00 pm

My Villa Park App

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- Report Issues
- Access Information
- Submit Service Requests
- Report on-the-go

START REQUEST

- Newsletter
- Community Events
- Overnight Parking / Vacation Watch
- Online Bill Pay
- Agendas & Minutes
- CodeRed
- Garbage & Recycling
- Utilities

Are you tired of having to call or visit City Hall to report issues in your community?

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 open the app, select the "Submit a Service Request" button. From there, choose the type of request you want to submit, whether it's a pothole, a broken streetlight, or a missed trash pickup.

You'll be prompted to take a photo of the issue and provide a brief description. Plus, you can track the status of your request and receive updates on when it will be addressed.

The app also offers 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 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.

