

WEEKLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT (9/5/2025)

Greetings,

Labor Day means many things to many people. For me personally, the holiday usually coincides with my wedding anniversary. As special as that moment was, I also think of my father and the thirty-something years he worked hard in a steel mill. The holiday is observed on the first Monday in September in the United States, is a national holiday dedicated to the achievements of American workers. It marks both a celebration of labor's contributions to national prosperity and a reminder of the struggles and organizing efforts that secured workplace rights, fair wages, and safer conditions. Though it is often associated with parades, barbecues, and the unofficial end of summer.

The origins of Labor Day trace back to a period of rapid industrialization when factories, railroads, and mines reshaped the American economy. Workers faced long hours, low pay, child labor, and hazardous conditions. Labor unions emerged to address these issues through collective bargaining, strikes, and political advocacy. The first documented Labor Day parade took place in New York City on September 5, 1882. Similar observances spread to other cities, and growing public support for honoring workers led Congress to pass legislation making Labor Day a federal holiday in 1894, signed by President Grover Cleveland.

Labor Day recognizes workers' contributions, solidarity among laborers, and the idea that our economy depends on respect for labor rights. It commemorates achievements such as the eight-hour workday, workplace safety regulations, minimum wage laws, and social protections like unemployment insurance. The holiday celebrates the dignity of work and the collective action that made modern labor standards possible.

Typical Labor Day observances vary but commonly include parades, labor union rallies, and community events. Many cities host marches and speeches that emphasize worker rights, while families use the long weekend for travel, relaxation, and end-of-summer gatherings. Retailers often hold Labor Day sales, and schools typically begin fall terms shortly after the holiday, reinforcing their role as a seasonal transition.

Today, Labor Day remains relevant as the nature of work evolves. The gig economy, automation, globalization, and shifting employment practices raise new questions about worker protections, benefits, and collective bargaining. Labor organizations continue to adapt, organizing nontraditional workplaces and advocating for policies like paid family leave, higher minimum wages, and stronger safety nets. The holiday serves as a prompt to reflect on how to ensure fair treatment for all workers in a changing economy.

Labor Day is more than a long weekend; it is a tribute to the labor movement and a reminder of the responsibilities we all hold toward the workforce. Here is to those, past and present, who work so hard in the labor movement. Thank you dad, for showing me what hard work looks like.

Respectfully,

Mike Rivas

UPCOMING ITEMS

Village Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Village Board of Trustees September 8th, 2025

- Proclamation Recognizing Constitution Week
- Proclamation Recognizing Train Safety Week
- Proclamation Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month
- Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Village of Villa Park
- Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).
- Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement with V3 Companies, Ltd., for Phase II Design Engineering of the Harvard and Jackson Resurfacing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$47,500.00.

Coffee with the Board

Saturday 9/6/2025

Village Hall, Board Room 9:00 a.m.

Villa Park Brewfest

Saturday, October 4, 2025

For more information:

[Villa Park Brewfest | Villa Park, IL](#)
- Official Website

Department Reports

Administration:

Village Manager

- Village Staff enjoyed having Labor Day off of work.
- Village Manager appeared, and spoke at the swearing in Sergeant Sonia Bregman and Deputy Chief Jose Pagan.
- Village Manager hosted a Department Head meeting.
- Village Manager taught a night course on Social Media to 29 students at Elmhurst University.
- Village Manager attended a meeting of the Sugar Creek Golf Course Association group.
- Village Manager attended a meeting on a business sales agreement.
- Village Manager attended a meeting with a business on future development.

Manager's Note: We will not include notes from the weekly Department Head meetings in the Weekly Report. Issues and items discussed are often of a sensitive nature and not for public consumption. If a Department Head should mention something beneficial for public consumption, we will add the item to the Weekly Report.

Police Department

August 27 – September 2, 2025

- On August 28, 2025, Deputy Chief Svava and Sergeant Pagan attended the DuPage Chief's Meeting.
- The village employees had the pleasure of celebrating the retirement of Deputy Chief Dan McCann. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped celebrate his many accomplishments with laughter and great stories.
- On September 2, 2025, we had the pleasure of swearing in Sergeant Jose Pagan to Deputy Chief and Officer Sonia Bregman to Sergeant. We are excited for both on their new chapter in their careers!
- Our 3 new officers are still in the training process and are doing very well.



Deputy Chief Dan McCann retirement celebration



Swearing in of Jose Pagan to Deputy Chief



Swearing in of Sonia Bregman to Sergeant

Fire Department

August 27 – September 2, 2025

- Fire Department crews responded to 73 EMS and fire calls, continued working on the NFPA 1010 Driving Course, trained on forcible entry using power tools and hose deployment techniques, and continued with candidate training.
- Fire Department personnel responded to two significant incidents in Oak Brook Terrace: a fire at the Versailles Apartments and another at the Home Depot. Crews were commended for their outstanding performance by Chief Turkovich, who expressed his appreciation for a job well done.
- Fire Department Administration participated in several key engagements, including the Area Chiefs Meeting and a planning session for the Station 81 remodel project. Additional activities included attending the retirement celebration for Deputy Chief McCann, conducting a site visit at Port of Peri Peri, and attending the promotional ceremony for Sgt. Bregman and Deputy Chief Pagan.
- Fire Department members continued planning upcoming community outreach efforts, including the Fire Prevention Open House, standby coverage at Willowbrook High School football games, and participation in additional community events.



Information Technology

Hardware-

- Configured two new computers for FD.
- Repurposed a laptop for the fleet garage.
- Configured new emergency call box for FD81.

Software-

- Upgrading software on PD squad cars.

Miscellaneous-

- Configured laptop for new PD deputy.
- Configured account for new finance position.
- Worked with Apple support to fix syncing issue.

Communications

Social Media:

- Misc. VPRC Programming
- Labor Day – LRS Delayed Collection Schedule
- September Events Round Up
- September Senior & Adult Activities
- Ridge Road Closure & Detour Notice
- Resident Notice: WBHS ABC 7 Flyover
- Deputy Chief Pagan & Sergeant Bregman promotion
- Villa Park Rotary Club Diaper Drive
- Patriot Day Ceremony Next Week
- Lions Park Ribbon Cutting - Save the Date
- Brewfest – One Month Away

Website:

- [LRS Collection Services Postponed By One Day - Week of 9/1/25](#)
- Updated [Brewfest 2025 Webpage](#) with Brewers, Food Vendors, and Sponsor/Vendor Application.

Other:

- Attended DC Pagan & Sgt. Bregman Promotion
- Held Employee Appreciation Committee Meeting.
- Proofed VPRC Constant Contacts.
- Working on setting up Villa Park information in Recycle Coach app with LRS.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds Division

Administration

- Staff attended the August Community FUN Commission meeting on 8/26.
- Rec Staff attended the weekly staff meeting on 9/3/2025.
- Staff attended a meeting with the Elmhurst Park District in regards to the Sugar Creek golf course.
- Staff met with Russo Power Equipment for proposals on equipment.
- Staff met with JSD Architects for a kickoff meeting to begin the landscape design planning for Lufkin Park.
- Staff met with Bear Construction at the Police Department for a fencing proposal.
- Staff met with Upland Design at Lions Park for a walkthrough of the project completion status and identify items remaining to be completed and for punch list.
- Staff met to discuss budget planning and submitting capital items.

Parks, Buildings & Grounds Division

- Staff met with Kluber and Lite Construction at the Iowa Community Center for a pre-construction meeting to discuss starting the temporary Fire Station Project.
- Staff work/repairs continue with Lufkin Park improvements, landscape bed cleanup, sports field prep, routine maintenance, maintenance and repairs of Park facilities, HVAC repairs, plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, inspections, and daily/weekly disinfecting cleanings and organizing of equipment, vehicles, and facilities.

Recreation Division

- 51 students are registered for the fall session of Preschool starting the week of September 9. Parent Orientation was held this week.
- Early Childhood Staff attended training lead by NEDSRA Staff pertaining to Emotional Regulation and Behavior Management in Recreation Programs.
- Ceramics @ Nadine ran with 5 participants.
- Adult/Senior Programs-(54 participants)
 - Bus trip-Paddlewheel Boat trip on Fox River 8/24-note this 2nd trip was added to accommodate a wait list of 14
 - Dining Destinations 8/25-Max & Benny's, Northbrook
 - Let's Do Lunch Carryout 8/28-Raising Canes, Glen Ellyn
 - Mystery Trip 8/29-Hawthorn's Backyard Grill, West Chicago
- 174 kids signed up for fall soccer league. (164 in 2024) First day of games is September 6 at Iowa and Twin Lakes Park.
- 17 teams signed up for Women's Volleyball so far. Games start September 11.
- New fall group fitness classes started this week (Kettlebell Strength & Conditioning, Mat Pilates). Line Dancing is returning on Fridays, starting September 12.
- Life Fitness came out to do preventative maintenance on fitness equipment. Only had a few seats that need to be replaced, but still under warranty.
- Afternoon Pickleball classes will return with Beginning Pickleball September 8 & 10, 2:30-4pm.
- The first Fall Friday night Pickleball League runs September 5-October 3 (5 weeks). There are currently 6 registered. We can take up to 15 for the Friday night league.
- The Outdoor Pickleball and Basketball courts along with the playground are scheduled to be available this weekend (soft opening) with the Grand Opening Ceremony held on Thursday, September 25.

Library

In the Works

- Department Heads meeting
- Village Department Heads meeting
- Rotary meeting
- Kiwanis meeting
- Storytime conducted at the Oakbrook Terrace Heritage Center
- Book discussions led by VPPL staff
- Games and giveaways at the Village of Villa Park's August Summer Concert
- Book Displays: Hispanic Heritage Month, Happy Cat Month, Healthy Aging Month, Suicide Prevention Month & 21st Day of September display
- Stocked Little Free Libraries
- Attended West Suburban Philanthropic Network awards at COD

Programs and Services

- Adult Book Bag Subscription Registration
- Toddler Time (4 sessions)
- Babies & Books (2 sessions)
- Preschool Storytime
- Ready for Reading
- Tiny Art Show 2025
- Canning: The Basics 101

- ChatGPT: Boost Your Resume
- Movies in the Park @ Cortesi Park
- STEAM for Tweens & Teens - Registration for Fall 2025 STEAM bags
- VPPL @ Geekpalooza @ Rotary Park
- Happy Healthy Yoga
- VPPL at Super Sensational Saturday Morning!
- VPPL @ Frida Fest! @ Jefferson
- Fiber Arts Craft Circle
- LEGO® DUPLO® Build + Play

Public Works

- Jackson Area Improvement Project continues. The contractor continued with the remainder of the removal of the Wisconsin from Madison to Washington and rough grading. The contractor will continue installing concrete curbs, sidewalk, and aprons next week.
- The 2025 Sidewalk Program construction has completed the initial locations throughout town and the additional work through the approved change order is being scheduled.
- Highland Resurface bid award recommendation is set for the September 8th meeting.
- Staff is working on coordinating the refreshing of pavement markings on Ardmore from St. Charles to Roosevelt.
- The 2025 Parkway Tree Planting Program contract award is set for the September 8th meeting.
- Public Works staff interviewed for the open Public Works Laborer position.
- Public Works Operational staff replaced a 1 deficient water valve in our system and cleaned sanitary sewers with flushing.
- Public Works Street Division worked on restoring pavement patches from previous utility repairs and tree removals.
- Public Works staff had installed the bases for the new RRFBs for Summit and IL Prairie Path and Harvard and the IL Prairie Path.
- Fleet are working on upfitting all new police squads and routine maintenance.
- An additional 5 previously approved surplus items have been listed for an online auction. Staff prepared an additional ordinance for additional surplus equipment and materials as we continue to reorganize space for all the departments for the September 8th Board meeting.
- Staff is monitoring the mosquito population and the spread of West Nile infections in DuPage. Possible ULV spraying may take place in upcoming weeks to help control the mosquito population.