








VILLAGE MATTERS

Newsletter of the Village of Villa Park

WINTER/SPRING 2026

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Lions Park Renovations Complete

We're excited to welcome the community to the newly renovated Lions Park, completed in August—a revitalized space designed for residents of all ages and abilities. The updated park features a full basketball court, new pickleball courts, and a modern playground with an accessible, all-weather safety surface. Visitors can also enjoy enhanced amenities for relaxation and community connection, including shaded seating areas, open recreation spaces, and a dedicated senior activity zone featuring a new story walk for everyone to enjoy. This project has been years in the making and was made possible through the OSLAD grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, along with the hard work and dedication of our Parks & Recreation staff, the former Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, and the support of our community.

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)

Board Meetings & Village Holidays Observed

Village of Villa Park Board Meeting
Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22, Jan 12, Jan 26,
Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, & Mar 23
7:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, & Mar 9
6:00 pm, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Coffee with the Village Board
Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, & Mar 1
9:00 am, *Village Hall, Second Floor*

Village Winter Holidays Observed 2026
New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1
President's Day: Monday, February 16



Community Events

Electronics Recycling
Every third Saturday of the month
Saturday December 20, January 17,
February 21, March 14
9:00 am–12:00 pm
Public Works Garage, 20 W. Home Ave.

Pictures with Santa Paws
Wednesday, December 10
The Depot at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

Joyful Traditions (Chamber of Commerce)
Saturday, December 6
Ruggard Gazebo at the Illinois Prairie Path

St. Nick's Mart
Saturday, December 6
Villa Park Public Library



Holiday Train Ride
Saturday, December 6
Villa Park Metra Train Station

Visit from Santa
Saturday, December 13

Family Pizza Bingo Night
Friday, January 16 & March 13
Villa Park Recreation Center

4th Annual Cocoa Crawl (Library)
Saturday, February 21

Flashlight Egg Hunt
Friday, March 27
Villa Park Recreation Center

Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 28
Villa Park Recreation Center

Stay Connected

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, visit our website. Registration is only required for autopay or paperless billing. For your account number, check your most recent bill or email statement. 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.

Utility Billing & Payment



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 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

To Everyone Who Calls Villa Park Home,

As we wrap up our first year together as a new Village Board, I've found myself reflecting on how far we've come and how much we've learned along the way. This past year has been one of transition, teamwork, and renewed purpose. From day one, our collective goal has been clear: build trust, strengthen communication, and make decisions that serve the people of Villa Park for generations to come.



One of the most meaningful changes we've made involves how the Village operates and engages with residents. We've restructured several of our commissions to make them more focused, more efficient, and better aligned with the community's vision. These updates ensure that each commission serves a clear purpose and has a direct connection to the Village Board, whether it's improving our parks, enhancing recreation opportunities, planning for smart growth, or supporting our "Garden Village" identity.

We've also made important changes in leadership throughout the organization, promoting collaboration and accountability while setting the tone for a new era of transparency. None of these improvements happen overnight, but I'm proud of the progress we've made and the professionalism shown by our staff in embracing this forward-thinking approach.

Of course, progress doesn't come without challenges. Over the past year, we've faced a number of inherited financial pressures that required careful planning, open dialogue, and some tough decisions. Together, with the support of our staff and the diligence of this Board, we've worked to stabilize our budget, identify efficiencies, and ensure that every dollar is used responsibly and transparently. These efforts are laying the foundation for a stronger, more sustainable future for Villa Park.

As we look ahead to the new year, I'm encouraged by what's taking shape. From continued improvements in our parks and infrastructure to renewed energy around community events and local business growth, Villa Park continues to demonstrate the power of collaboration and hometown pride. Every step forward is a reminder of what can be accomplished when we work together—with respect, honesty, and a shared commitment to our community.

Thank you to our residents, volunteers, employees, and business owners who make Villa Park a special place to live and serve. I hope you and your families enjoy a safe, peaceful, and joyful holiday season.

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

Greetings,

I hope all is well in your world. By the time this issue of "Village Matters" is released we would just have enjoyed the Village sponsored Brewfest and Autumn Jubilee. I attended my first Brewfest and was pleasantly surprised by the number of people who attended and the number of people who took the tasting of crafted beers and seltzers very seriously. I would encourage everyone of adult age to check it out next year.

I could not attend the Autumn Jubilee this year but I can tell you the F.U.N. Commission works very hard with staff to produce an event people of all ages can enjoy. I was told there was food trucks, face painting, live entertainment, and crafts for the kids. One of the activities asked everyone to ride their decorated bike, scooter, or wagon.



During the months of December to March, Villa Park offers a variety of activities and attractions to make the most of the winter season. Here's a guide to things to do and see in and around Villa Park during these months:

Winter Activities

Holiday Festivities:

- Joyful Traditions: Enjoy the festive decorations and light displays at this annual event near the Ruggard Gazebo. The event is co-hosted with the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce where people can come and enjoy photos with Santa and various other characters. Local food trucks, a petting zoo, a trolley ride, and shops at St. Nick's Mart at the library will be offered at the event. We will also have s'mores and hot chocolate to offer for everyone.
- Winter Wonderland Events: There will be host of other holiday events to enjoy and more information will be released as the events get closer like a Town Hall Meeting, Resource Fair, and a Family Bingo Night.

Outdoor Recreation:

- Parks and Trails: Please visit local parks like North Park, North Terrace Park, and Lufkin Park for winter or spring walks or snowshoeing when conditions permit.
- There will also be a few surprises coming in the spring. We are very excited as to what is coming and who may be performing in the early spring. We can't wait to kick off a great spring and summertime filled with fun activities for everyone.

Villa Park offers plenty to do and see from December to March. Whether enjoying outdoor winter sports, attending seasonal events, or exploring local culture, there's something for everyone to embrace the winter months in the Garden Village.

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Mike Rivas
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Villa Park Town Hall

VILLA PARK TOWN HALL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 5:00-9:00 PM



Villa Park Recreation Center
320 E. Wildwood Ave

in villapark.com/community-events

- Meet & Greet
- Community Raffle
- Liquid Fun Concert
- Concessions



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questions to
our Q&A!



Villa Park Town Hall

We're excited to invite you to the very first Villa Park Town Hall, happening Friday, December 12 at the Villa Park Recreation Center. This evening is all about bringing our community together — and you're at the heart of it!

Come early to meet and connect with local commissions, Village officials, and community groups. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the people and projects shaping Villa Park. Enjoy free concessions, including cheese pizzas from Dominick's, Michael Anthony's, and Crazy Pour (while supplies last), enter our community raffle, and stick around for a high-energy concert from local favorite Liquid Fun!

Raffle prizes include single-day pool passes, a three-month fitness center membership to the VPRC, track-only memberships, free group fitness classes, a ride in a fire truck and pizza lunch with the Fire Department, a ride in a police car and pizza lunch with the Police Department, and lunches with the Village President and Village Manager!

At 6:00 pm, hear from Village President Kevin Patrick as he delivers the State of Villa Park address, highlighting recent progress and what's ahead. Following the speech, we'll host a Q&A session — answering questions submitted by you, the residents.

Submit your questions using the QR code or by visiting in villapark.com/townhallqa. Please note that submitting a question does not guarantee it will be answered at the Q&A, but the village will do its best to answer at a later time. Here's a look at the evening's schedule:

- 5:00 pm – Doors open. Meet & Greet with Villa Park Commissions, Officials, & Community Groups. Enjoy free food (while supplies last).
- 6:00-6:45 pm – Speeches, Q&A
- 6:45 pm – Raffle Drawing
- 7:00-9:00 pm – Liquid Fun Concert
- 9:00 pm – Event Ends

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details and reminders as we get closer to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chamber of Commerce

Joyful Traditions

Join us for our annual holiday celebration! Come enjoy fellowship and holiday cheer at the Ruggard Gazebo on Saturday, December 6 from 4:00-8:00 pm. Stroll along the Prairie Path and check out the community's decorated Christmas Trees. Get a picture taken with Santa and other costumed characters. Take a pony ride and visit the petting zoo. Grab a snack or dinner from one of several food trucks and take a ride on the Trolley to the Library and Historical Society. The event is free to attend and geared toward all ages. Bring the whole family!



JOYFUL TRADITIONS

Date: Saturday, December 6
Time: 4:00-8:00 pm
Location: Ruggard Gazebo

PONY RIDES PETTING ZOO
PHOTOS WITH SANTA
TROLLEY S'MORES
CHARACTER PHOTOS
FOOD TRUCKS

THIS FREE EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES. SHOP VILLA PARK FIRST!

TO SPONSOR, ADOPT A TREE, & MORE DETAILS: WWW.VILLAPARKCHAMBER.ORG/EVENTS/CALENDAR/

VILLA PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Installation Event

Meet our Board of Directors, our Executive Director, and others from local businesses at our spring Installation Event! Join us at Crazy Pour at 105 E. North Ave. Date and time to be determined, visit our website for more information:
villaparkchamber.org.



THE VILLA PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITES YOU TO OUR

Installation Event

MEET OUR BOARD, NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES!

FOOD | DOOR PRIZES | SHARE THE POT

Spring 2026
Date TBD

CRAZY POUR
105 E N AVE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181
SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP



ABA Revolution Autism Therapy
220 Roosevelt Road



Knollcrest Funeral Home-Steuerle Chapel
15 W. Park Boulevard

Community & Economic Development

Winter Home Check Up

As winter approaches, taking time to prepare your home can help prevent costly repairs and keep your family safe and comfortable.

Address

Install your address in a position that is visible from the street in case of an emergency. The numbers should be a minimum of 4".

Check flashing and caulking

Seal around chimneys, windows, and doors to keep out cold air and moisture.

Service your furnace or boiler

Have it inspected and cleaned before the first freeze.

Replace air filters

Improves air quality and system efficiency.

Check thermostat

Consider installing a programmable or smart thermostat. Heating facilities should be capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68 degrees in all habitable rooms and bathrooms.

Inspect and clean vents

Make sure vents and registers are clear of furniture and dust.

Clean gutters and downspouts

Remove leaves and debris to help prevent ice dams. Ice dams form when warm air from inside the home escapes into the attic, melts roof snow, and that meltwater refreezes at the colder roof edge. This buildup can lead to roof damage or interior leaks, especially after heavy snow followed by days of freezing temperatures.

Touch Up Paint Before Winter

Apply a fresh coat to any interior or exterior areas that need attention; fall's cooler, less humid weather makes it easier to keep windows open for ventilation and achieve better air quality while painting.

Winterize your pool

Check fences and gates, and make sure locking covers are in place.

Turn off and drain outdoor faucets

Disconnect hoses and shut off inside valves to prevent frozen pipes.

Insulate exposed pipes

Focus on unheated areas such as garages and crawl spaces.

Locate Your Main Water Shut-Off Valve

Make sure you know exactly where it is so you can quickly shut off the water in the event of a burst pipe.

Test Your GFCI Outlets

Use a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) tester on all indoor and outdoor outlets, replace any faulty ones, and confirm they reset properly—especially before installing holiday decorations.

Check Smoke & CO Detectors

Test devices and replace batteries or outdated units. New Illinois law requires 10-year sealed battery smoke detectors, with smoke detectors on every level, in each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas, and CO detectors within 15 feet of sleeping rooms.

Coffee Talk & Construction

Our Community & Economic Development department invites you to meet with the department's team members and discuss any construction topics you may have including the permitting process, building code questions, zoning code questions, and engineering questions for upcoming home projects you are planning for. Please join us Friday, December 12 and Friday, January 9, from 9:00-10:30 am in the Public Works/Community & Economic Development building located at 11 W. Home Ave., Villa Park. For more information, call 630-433-4305 or email kkarl@invillapark.com.



Public Works

Snow and Ice Control Plan

First Signs of Snow

- Be prepared and stay informed
- Drive slow and use caution
- Do NOT drive too close or attempt to pass snow plows
- Salt will be applied as necessary for ice

2 Inches or More of Snow

- Public Works is responsible for snow and ice removal within Village limits except North Avenue, Roosevelt Road, IL. Route 83, and Villa Avenue north of North Avenue
- Snow plowing begins after the accumulation of two inches of snow
- No parking on any streets designated as snow routes until snow has been removed from those streets
- Public Works does not routinely salt secondary streets unless warranted due to icy conditions

Snow Emergency

- Vehicles may be towed at owners expense
- Tickets may be issued for each violated offense
- Follow Villa Park news on social media or local news
- Sign up for [Code Red](#) for immediate notifications

Remember

- Snow removal from driveways and sidewalks are resident's responsibility
- Snow removal from commercial parking lots and sidewalks are owner's responsibility
- Do not place, shovel, push, or plow snow onto public streets or public sidewalks



Avoid Frozen Pipes

Water pipes are more susceptible to freezing this time of year when the air temperature outside is below freezing for more than a few days. To avoid frozen pipes, make sure the location in your home or business where the water meter and water pipes are located is adequately heated. Water pipes that are located against exterior walls should also be insulated. Ensure that all windows and cracks are sealed to prevent cold air from entering the building. Consider leaving a faucet slightly open during periods of extremely cold temperatures to allow the water to run at a trickle and prevent freezing.

Construction Projects

This past year was another busy one for construction in Villa Park. In late 2025, the Jackson Pond Improvement Project finally wrapped construction of its final phase—the Jackson Area Improvement Project—following more than a decade of planning, design, and construction efforts. This large project, which was prioritized in 2013 following record rainfall, took five years to break ground on construction of its first phase in 2018, and a full twelve years to achieve final completion. The improvements put in place by the project include the expansion of the previously existing flood control facility located on the Jackson Middle School property, the construction of a new overflow flood control facility in Willowbrook Park, and the installation of more than 10,000 feet of new storm sewer with sizes up to 72" in diameter. All told, these stormwater facilities, with their total price tag of over \$15 million and grant and other matching funds of more than \$4 million, will protect a significant number of Villa Park homes against flooding in future storm events.

In addition to carrying the Jackson Pond Project across the finish line, the Village also completed a number of other capital improvement projects that included construction of new utilities, and the resurfacing or reconstruction of Village roads. The Village continues to complete design of upcoming utility and street improvement projects and will bring those projects to bid and construction as design is completed and funding is confirmed.

For more project details, visit invillapark.com/constructionprojects. Scan the QR code for a map of projects. We look forward to new projects in 2026!



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Construction
Projects**

Fire Department

Temporary Closure of Fire Station 81

We would like to inform the community that Fire Station 81 will be temporarily closed for renovations beginning in late December. Construction is expected to last approximately 4 to 5 months.

Originally built over fifty years ago, Fire Station 81 no longer meets current safety or operational standards. The upcoming renovations will improve the station's functionality, ensure greater code compliance, and enhance the department's ability to serve the community, though additional upgrades may be needed in the future to fully address all operational needs.



During construction, Station 81's crew will temporarily relocate to the former Iowa Community Center at 338 N. Iowa Avenue. Emergency response services will continue without interruption.

For questions or more information, contact the Villa Park Fire Department at 630-833-5350. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to improve our facilities and continue to serve you with excellence.

Construction has already begun at the Iowa Community Center, so please refer to the map for public parking availability and the path to access the park, skatepark, and soccer fields during this period. More updates will be posted to our website at invillapark.com/temporaryfirestation, as well as on social media, as construction progresses. You can also scan the QR code to see FAQs on our website.



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FAQs on Fire
Station 81's
Temporary
Closure

Meet Our New Firefighter!

The Villa Park Fire Department is proud to welcome Firefighter/Paramedic Skyler Everson to our team! Skyler brings experience from the York Center Fire Protection District. With skills in both firefighting and emergency medical response, Skyler will be a valuable addition to the VPFD and a great asset to the Villa Park community. Please join us in giving Skyler a warm Villa Park welcome!



Keep the Wreath Red Campaign

"Keep the Wreath Red" program is an annual safety campaign aimed to increase awareness of safety while decorating our homes for the holidays. The wreaths hanging outside both fire stations will stay lit 24 hours a day from December 1 – January 1. If a fire occurs in Villa Park as a result of a holiday decoration, a white bulb will replace a red bulb. We will need everyone's help to keep the wreath red!



Let's Keep the Wreath Red

Staff and Department Announcements

We are excited to announce several important updates within the Villa Park Police Department.

- **Deputy Chief Jose Pagan** is our newest Deputy Chief.
- **Sergeant Sonia Bregman** has been promoted, becoming Villa Park's first female supervisor.
- We are pleased to welcome **Officer Strockis** and **Officer Hylton** to the department.

In addition to these personnel changes, the department is moving forward with a major project: the upstairs area is being redesigned into an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This space will play a vital role in supporting coordinated response efforts during significant events in the Village.



Deputy Chief,
Jose Pagan



Sergeant,
Sonia Bregman



Officer, Alexander
Strockis



Officer, Michael
Hylton

Low-Speed Electric Scooter Ordinance Approved for the Village of Villa Park

The Village of Villa Park has adopted Ordinance No. 4486, officially authorizing and regulating the use of low-speed electric scooters within Village limits. This ordinance aligns with the Illinois Vehicle Code and allows residents and visitors to use scooters as an alternative, environmentally friendly mode of transportation. The goal is to enhance mobility options, promote sustainability, and ensure the safety of riders, pedestrians, and motorists.

Under the new ordinance:

- Where scooters can operate: Scooters are permitted on public roads, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and trails where bicycles are allowed, unless prohibited by signage. Operation on state highways is not allowed.
- Speed and vehicle limits: Scooters may only be used on streets with speed limits of 30 mph or less and must not exceed 10 mph in operation.
- Age requirement: Operators must be 18 years of age or older.
- Equipment requirements: Scooters must have working brakes and front and rear lights or reflectors for nighttime use. Sirens are prohibited, except for authorized emergency scooters.

Safe operation rules:

- Only one rider is allowed per scooter.
- Operators must keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Scooters may not be attached to any other moving vehicle.
- Riders must obey all traffic signals, signs, and laws, and yield to pedestrians.
- Operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited.
- Parking: Scooters may be parked in the same manner and locations as bicycles, provided they do not block sidewalks, building entrances, or access points.
- Condition: All scooters must be well-maintained and in good working order.

Penalties:

Violations of the ordinance carry fines starting at \$100, reduced to \$75 if paid within 10 days. Fines may increase up to \$750 for repeated or unresolved offenses. The ordinance was passed by the Village Board on July 23, 2025, and took effect 10 days after publication. This regulation ensures consistent, safe, and responsible scooter use throughout Villa Park, providing residents with a convenient and sustainable way to get around the community.



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download our
flyer and learn
more about
Electric Scooter
use in Villa Park

Parks, Buildings, & Grounds

Parks, Buildings & Grounds

Important Sledding Reminder

As winter approaches, we want to remind residents that the Village of Villa Park does not have designated sledding hills. While Jackson Hill and North Hill are frequently used for sledding, please do not sled on these hills as they are not officially permitted for that purpose. Sledding in unauthorized areas can pose safety risks, including potential injuries and property damage. For a safe and enjoyable sledding experience, we encourage you to seek out designated sledding locations in nearby communities or parks that allow this winter activity. Always prioritize safety and be aware of your surroundings while enjoying the season. Thank you for your cooperation!

For more information on any of these projects, please visit invillapark.com/Parks-Recreation-Updates.

Memorial Program

The Parks Division offers a Memorial Program that allows you to celebrate a special occasion, honor someone, or remember a loved one through a dedicated tree, bench, or brick at one of our parks.

You can choose from a selection of tree species or benches, with options available for placement at specific park sites or along the Prairie Path (an additional permitting fee of up to \$100 may apply). The cost includes purchase, installation, and upkeep.

For more details or to place an order, contact Supt. Brian Roche at 630-834-3051 or scan the QR code to fill out our Memorial Program Form.



Scan to order and fill out our Memorial Program Form.

New 2026 Party Trailer and Park Rental Process



Starting in 2026, all Party Trailer rentals and Park rentals will be managed through our Civic Recreation Programming System. This new system will make reservations and payments easier than ever, giving you a smoother, more convenient experience from start to finish.

Stay tuned for more updates and get ready to plan your next event with ease!



All Parks

We are always working to improve our buildings, parks, and playgrounds. Routine inspections of parks, sports fields, playgrounds, buildings, and other amenities help us identify and address any issues in a timely manner. We value the assistance of Village staff and residents in notifying us of

any concerns as soon as they arise, please call the Parks Department at 630-834-3051 to report any damage to our parks. Thank you for helping us keep our community spaces safe and enjoyable!

Family Events & Free Programs

Family Bingo Pizza Night

Friday, January 16 & March 13 • 6:00-7:30 pm
Villa Park Recreation Center

Bring the family out for a fun night at the Villa Park Recreation Center! You'll enjoy pizza, soft drinks, and desserts while playing Bingo for prizes.

All Ages • \$13 per person

There's a lot hop hop happening at the Villa Park Recreation Center.

Be sure to check out these exciting Easter events!

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, March 27 • 7:30 pm SHARP
Villa Park Recreation Center

Glow up your night of sweet surprises as you search for hidden treats scattered outside. But wait, there's more! Keep your eyes peeled for golden eggs containing extra prizes. Bring your own flashlight and bag or basket to hold your eggs. Be early... event starts at 7:30 sharp.

Ages 11-16 • \$5 per person

Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28 • 10:00 am SHARP
Villa Park Recreation Center

Hop over to the Villa Park Recreation Center for a fun, outdoor egg hunt. A special prize will be awarded in each age group, to the child who finds the winning egg: under age 2; 3-4; 5-7 and ages 8 and older. Parents may assist children ages 2-3. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs.

Pre-registration is encouraged; day of registration is subject to availability. Plan to arrive on time, each age group will start their hunt promptly at their assigned time.

Ages 2-3 10:00 am | Ages 4-5 10:20 am

Ages 6-7 10:40 am | Ages 8-10 11:00 am

\$5 per person



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

Culinary Classes **NEW**

Join us for a new season of cooking classes designed for all ages and skill levels! Young chefs can have fun in Little Chefs, iCook: Tasty Travels, and more! Adults can expand their culinary skills in hands-on classes presented by Chef Tara Humphrey and Chef Susan Maddox, including, but not limited to, Pasta 101 and Spring 3-Course Cuisine. Come cook, create, and connect with us this spring!



Save the Dates **Coming this Spring!**



Mark Your Calendar!

Me and my VIP Dance:

Friday, April 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

Dodgeball Tournament:

Saturday, April 19

Grab your friends and form a team for our new one-day dodgeball tournament!

\$50 per team

- Ages 7-10: 8:00-10:40 am
- Ages 11-14: 10:50 am-1:30 pm
- Ages 15-18: 1:40-4:20 pm
- Ages 19 and older: 4:30-7:10 pm

Winter Break Volleyball Camp:

10:30 am-12:00 pm; December 22-23

Chicago Elite Youth Academy is holding a winter break volleyball camp designed to elevate your game.

\$60 • Grades 2-8



Library

St. Nick's Mart

Saturday, December 6 • 4:00-7:00 pm

Join the Friends of the Villa Park Library and local businesses for a night of fun! Shop from a variety of vendors who will have great holiday gifts for sale.

Winter Reading Program 2026

January 2-February 28, 2026

It's a winter beach party! Start reading and dreaming of sunny beaches and tropical adventures with books this winter. It's free, easy, and open to everyone! Visit vppl.info in December for more details.



Little Free Libraries

Saturday, December 6 • 4:00-7:00 pm

The Villa Park Library is proud to provide Little Free Libraries ([Donated by the Friends of the Villa Park Library](#)) available at numerous locations throughout our community. [Little Free Library](#) is a nonprofit organization that strives to build community, encourage reading, and provide access to books for readers of all ages.

Through Little Free Libraries, community members can take or donate books to increase access to reading materials for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Studies have repeatedly shown that access to a diverse collection of books has a meaningful impact on improving child literacy. The more books in or near the home, the more likely a child will learn and love to read.

Scan the QR code for more information and locations!



**Scan for
more Little
Free Library
information
and locations!**

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.

4th Annual Cocoa Crawl!

**Saturday, February 21
11:00 am-3:00 pm**



Ticket Sales will begin:
Monday, January 26 at 9:30 am

Fee: \$10 per participant
(ages 16 & older)

Ages 15 & under: Free with a participating adult
(a ticket is required for each child participating and will include a map)

Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the Villa Park Library, Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, and the Villa Park Public Library. Join a fun-filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages – some hot, some cold, and even some for those 21 years and older. Get your \$10 tickets today—receive a souvenir mug, or hot cocoa treat for each paying adult (while supplies last*), and map to the participating vendor locations. Drop off your map at the last location visited or bring it back to the library for a chance to win fun raffle prizes donated by participating businesses.



Library Closings

Saturday, December 6: Closing at 2:00 pm for St. Nick's Mart set-up

Friday, December 12: Closing at 1:00 pm for a Staff Event

Wednesday, December 24, 2025: Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25, 2025: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28, 2025: Closed Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day

Wednesday, December 31, 2025: New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1, 2026: New Year's Day

SCHOOL DISTRICT 88

It's a win-win: Advertise your business and give back to the community with DuPage High School District 88/Willowbrook High School!

At DuPage High School District 88/Willowbrook High School, we know the accomplishments of our students and learning community are a result of our partnerships and all of us working together. As part of those collaborations, we're thrilled to offer opportunities to advertise with us! Your support helps provide our students with tremendous experiences and pathways to future success.

1. You can choose from a variety of advertising options – including score tables, roadside/stadium banners and more!

2. With a sponsorship/donation of \$500 or more, you can request to have your generous funding benefit a specific curricular or extracurricular area.

This is an incredible opportunity to increase your brand awareness and invest in your business and philanthropic goals by giving back to schools! You also will receive benefits and be recognized as a District 88 Business Partner! For more information, go to www.dupage88.net/District88Advertising.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 48

Albright Middle School Earns Exemplary Status on the Illinois State Report Card

Did you know that Salt Creek District 48 proudly has three schools serving students across three different towns, uniting the communities of Villa Park, Oakbrook Terrace, Oak Brook, and Elmhurst? Though small in size, our district sits at the heart of DuPage County and serves as a cornerstone that brings the students and families of our four municipalities together through education, engagement, and shared purpose.

This year, we are proud to announce that Albright Middle School has been designated as Exemplary according to the

Illinois State Report Card—the highest level of recognition a school can receive, and it is only reserved for the top 10% of schools in our state.

This distinction reflects our continued commitment to academic excellence and providing students with meaningful, high-quality learning experiences.

In addition to this outstanding achievement, all of our schools have recently undergone significant building updates, creating modern, inspiring environments where students can thrive. We believe that strong, engaging schools strengthen the very fabric of our communities, and we are honored to play a vital role in shaping a bright future for the students and families we serve.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

Support the District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education

On Friday, February 6, 2026, the District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education will host its 3rd annual "Bowl for 45" fundraising event at 4:00 pm at Wood Dale Bowl, 155 W. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale. The event raises critical funds to support the Foundation's work in providing grants to teachers for programs and projects that fall outside District 45's normal operating budget.

Last year, the Foundation awarded more than \$8,700 in grants to D45 staff. Funded projects included:

- A Culinary Creators Club where students plan, cook, and sample cultural dishes
- A STEAM-based diorama project bringing research to life, and
- An Art Expression Club for K-5 students, promoting social-emotional learning through collaboration and creativity.



The event will include bowling, a pizza buffet with a cash bar, raffle items, and a 50/50 raffle. How can you help? Please consider sponsoring the event, attending, or making a donation.

Learn more at our website or scan the QR code: bit.ly/481b3in



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: 5:30 am-9:00 pm
Sat-Sun: 7:00 am-6:00 pm
630-749-3200

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: (Oct-Apr) 1:00-5:00 pm
630-834-1164

Join a Commission

Are you a Villa Park resident? Do you want to see changes around town? Join a commission! Commission vacancies open throughout the year, so be sure to check our website regularly for current opportunities. To learn more about each commission and apply for any vacancies, visit: invillapark.com/committees-boards-commissions.

Historic Preservation Walking Tour

Explore Villa Park's rich history on this self-guided walking tour, sponsored by the Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission! You'll visit locations that have all received a Historic Preservation Award and learn more about the stories behind these treasured buildings and homes. Scan the QR Code below to start your tour today!

Villa Park
Historic Preservation Award
Self-Guided Walking Tour

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Come experience the rich history of Villa Park!
Use the QR code below to view all the locations on the Self-Guided Walking Tour! All locations have received a Historic Preservation Award. Click on each location to read more about the history of each building.

STARTING LOCATION:
Villa Park Historical Museum
220 S. Villa Ave.

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.

