



15th Annual Halloween

HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY - OCT. 17 - 5-7 PM

★ VILLA PARK RECREATION CENTER ★



NO EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

FREE OUTSIDE ONLY

ALL AGES

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.

Then join us inside at 6 pm for a family entertainment show. All registered participants will have the chance to win a grand prize for individual pool passes for the 2026 season! This event is sponsored in part by the Villa Park Lions Club. Registration is not necessary to trick-or-treat outdoors.

\$5 per person

Children under 2 are FREE but must still pre-register

This event is held rain or shine.

Halloween Happenings Wants You!

Area merchants, scout groups, clubs, organizations etc. are invited to join us for this fun, family event.

Just think of all the exposure you will get and happiness you will provide for the little ghosts and goblins. 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. This event is held rain or shine.

Register online and complete registration questions.

The registration deadline to reserve your space is October 10.

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F 5-7 pm Oct 17

\$20 PER SCENE

NO EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION



It's sure to be a "Spooktacular" night with your involvement.



Scarecrow Decorating Contest

ALL AGES

Thursday, October 23



Join your neighbors for this fun community challenge and build your own scarecrow. Make yours scary, silly or serious, this is your chance to express yourself.

The contest is open to everyone, but you must register to compete. Pick up your scarecrow starter kit to jumpstart your creativity. Display your scarecrow by October 23. Judging will take place October 23-29. The winner will be announced by October 31 and will be featured on our Fall 2026 brochure cover. You may pick up your scarecrow starter kit at the Villa Park Recreation Center any time after 10/13.

\$15

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CO-SPONSORED BY: Villa Park Ace Hardware

The following Event is offered by Ceramics @Nadine

NEW

Ornament Painting Party



Friday, December 12 | 6-7 pm

A delightful selection of ornaments will be available for participants to choose from, including gingerbread houses, trees, candy canes and much more! This event is designed for all ages, allowing families to come together, paint and enjoy quality time.

You will receive an email two weeks after the program when your finished ceramics masterpiece is ready to pick up!

ALL AGES

\$15/PER PERSON

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FREE

AGES 3-8

Phone Calls from Santa



Tuesday, December 16 at 5 pm

'Tis the season to be jolly! Santa is ready to hear your child's Christmas Wishes.

Register online or pick up a form at the Villa Park Recreation Center after November 28 and return it prior to December 9. If registering for both Phone Calls from Santa and Letters from Santa, please keep information consistent.



Letters from Santa



November 1 - December 5

Imagine the joy when your child receives a personalized letter from Santa. Just complete a form, available November 1 at the Villa Park Recreation Center or online on the recreation homepage at inwillapark.com. Santa's letters will be mailed mid-December. If registering for both Phone Calls from Santa and Letters from Santa, please keep information consistent.

\$3 PER LETTER RESIDENT/\$4 NON-RESIDENT

Holiday Train Ride



Join us for this exciting trip! We will ride the train in our PJs (if you wish) to the North Pole (Elburn Train Station). There will be on-board activities highlighted by a visit from Santa, so don't forget your camera! Please note that the train departs on the south side of the tracks.

Preregistration is required. An adult must accompany all children.

Registration deadline 11/15.

AGES: All Ages

\$30 PER PERSON (CHILDREN UNDER AGE 1 ARE FREE)

VILLA PARK TRAIN STATION (ARDMORE AVE)

Visit from Santa



Saturday, December 13 | 10 am - noon

Tell Santa what you want for Christmas when he visits you in person. Santa will be on a busy schedule and will only be able to stay for a few minutes—just long enough to hear your wish list and pose for a quick picture. Santa's visit is only for those on the nice list so he cannot visit during parties. Each registered child will receive a special gift. Please make sure you are available while the sleigh flies around Villa Park between 10-noon and be sure to shovel the walk and porch—Santa does not usually go in through the front door! Santa visits are available only to Villa Park residents.

AGES: 10 and under

\$20

Pictures with Santa Paws



Wednesday, December 10

4:30-5:30 pm



Bring your fur baby for a picture-perfect moment with Santa Paws.

Each pet will get to meet Santa and take a picture with him. Santa will have a special treat for all those pets on the nice list. Participants must sign up for a time slot at registration.

\$10

THE DEPOT AT CORESTI VETERANS PARK

Candy Cane Hunt

NEW



Friday, December 19

3:30-4:30 pm

Come out for a fun afternoon hunting for candy canes hidden outside the Villa Park Recreation Center, then head indoors for cookies and hot cocoa and a quick visit with Santa.

AGES: 3-8

\$10