

Villa Park Highlights

Foundation Grand Premiere Gala May 17, 2003 6 p.m.



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On May 17th, the Villa Park Community Services Foundation will host its Grand Premiere Gala to introduce the Foundation to the community. Special invitations were mailed to all residents of Villa Park and additional invitations can be picked up at City Hall.

Join the Foundation for a Casino Night with food, wine, and dancing. May 17th from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the tent in the Villa Park Town Center. Tickets are \$60 per person for non-charter members (\$65 at the door) and \$30 per person for charter members (\$35 at the door). For reservations call City Hall at (714) 998-1500.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization serving the community of Villa Park. Join today and save on your ticket to the Gala. Individual memberships (can be one per household) are \$50. There are also Business and Corporate membership levels as well. With more than 150 members so far, the Foundation is well on its way to being able to give back to Villa Park through scholarships, grants, donations, and community events. Call today for more information.



Town Hall & Budget Meeting June 3, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

On June 3rd, the City Council is hosting its annual Budget Study Session meeting. This year, the meeting will also have a special presentation by the Orange County Sheriff's Department on the new Community Oriented Policing Program and Neighborhood Watch. Representatives from the Orange County Fire Authority will also be present to talk about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program is being offered in conjunction with Neighborhood Watch to help train volunteers in the community.

The Budget Study Session will review the 2003/2004 Proposed Operating Budget. The City of Villa Park is always fiscally conservative and approaches the annual budget with the respect it deserves. Input from you on what is important to you and what your local priorities are is exactly what the City Council wants to hear. Attend the meeting and learn where your local dollars go and what priorities have been set for the coming year.

As a bonus, learn about Neighborhood Watch and how to make Villa Park safer by your involvement. For more information or if you would like to volunteer and participate in Neighborhood Watch, contact City Hall at (714) 998-1500.

Dates To Remember

- Women's League •
Garden Tour
May 4
- Foundation Gala Event •
May 17, 6 p.m.
- Foundation Meeting •
May 19, 12 p.m.
@ Irvine Lake
- City Council Meeting •
May 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Budget Study Session •
June 3, 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers In Action



VILLA PARK CITY PICNIC SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

The next meeting of the 2003 Villa Park City Picnic Committee is set for May 19 at Irvine Lake and you are invited! The Committee selected Sunday, June 1st as the date for the City's Premier Annual Event – the Annual City Picnic at Irvine Lake. The event will be held on Sunday, June 1st from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 and children 5 and under are FREE!

This year's events and activities will include a full program of live musical entertainment, door prize drawings, demonstrations by local Sheriff and Fire Department personnel, carnival games, a rock-climbing wall, bounce-houses, an obstacle course, fishing, boat rides, a classic car show, and much, much more.

The Villa Park Rotary has again volunteered

to staff the grills and provide the food service for this year's event. Other community groups are invited to host the sale of snacks, desserts, and refreshments and work with games and game booths.

Anyone interested in participating or offering suggestions is welcome to attend to help make this year's event one of the most successful in the City's history. Come and join the fun!

If your group is interested in the fund-raising opportunities this large community event generates, please contact Teri Elmendorf at (714) 997-9288.

If your organization is interested in the publicity this large community event generates and would like to donate a door prize or otherwise sponsor the picnic, please contact Rich Freschi at (714) 998-2964.

For general information about the picnic, please contact Erik Kuli, President, Villa Park Community Services Foundation at (714) 921-1505.



Hey, Did You Know...

=> The intersection of Lemon Street & Villa Park Road has a "No Turn on Red" sign. To make sure that the light reads your presence at the intersection, the actuator has been clearly marked. To trip the light, make sure the wheels of your vehicle cross the marked spot.

=> Anyone conducting business in Villa Park is required to obtain a City Business License. This includes gardeners, tree trimmers, contractors, and others. Check any of your service providers to make sure they have a valid Business License. Failure to operate with a valid license is a misdemeanor.

=> The Villa Park Municipal Code requires that you curb your animals on any public property such as trails, sidewalks, streets, and pathways. Failure to clean up after your pet, in addition to a problem of common courtesy is also a violation of City code and subject to fine.

=> It is always a good idea to verbally give your address to the 911 operator, if possible. Sometimes the

Caller ID information is not accurately reflected.

=> You should always call before you dig to ensure there are no underground utilities in the area - call Dig Alert at 1-800-227-2600.

=> The Orange County Vector Control does not control rats within your home - they are limited to those rodents living outside. Only after you have removed available food sources and sealed your home will OCVC bait for any remaining rats. To contact OCVC call 1-800-734-2421.

=> You are responsible for a sewage spill caused by a blockage or a break in your sewer lines. Blockages can be caused by grease build ups, tree roots, cracked pipes, and improper cleanouts. Check and clean out your lines regularly.

=> The Villa Park website contains a wealth of information on the City, the City budget, General Plan, Municipal Code, and reports and agendas of City Council Meetings and Villa Park Foundation Meetings - visit us today!

Public Safety Happenings



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & CERT

Neighborhood Watch is a highly successful effort that has been in existence for more than thirty years across America. It provides a unique infrastructure that brings together local officials, law enforcement and citizens to protect the community. Neighbors understand that active participation in neighborhood watch is a critical element in community safety.

The Sheriff's Department has committed to revitalizing Neighborhood Watch in Villa Park through an active commitment to the community.

In addition to serving a crime prevention role, Neighborhood Watch can also be used as the basis for bringing neighborhood residents together to focus on disaster preparedness as well as terrorism awareness; to focus on evacuation drills and exercises; and even to organize group training, such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Following a major disaster or emergency, public safety personnel may not be able to meet all of the demands for services required. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice. It is also expected that under disaster circumstances, people will spontaneously try to help each other. If we can predict that emergency services may not be able to meet immediate needs following a major disaster and that people will spontaneously volunteer, what can be done to prepare a group of citizens for this eventuality?

This is where CERT Training is so valuable. Training is typically offered at two levels in conjunction with the local emergency preparedness staff. For



Villa Park, CERT will be offered at the basic level through the Orange County Fire Authority.

The basic CERT program consists of 16 hours of training to those requesting the skills necessary to be a successful part of emergency preparedness and response in order to assist during the first 72 hours following a disaster. The basic program focuses on becoming self sufficient after a disaster, community preparedness and incorporates lectures, video training, hands on skills training and exercises in areas such as light search and rescue operations, damage assessment, fire suppression, psychology of disasters, and disaster medical operations.

Join Neighborhood Watch and CERT today and help protect Villa Park tomorrow. For more information, please contact City Hall at (714) 998-1500.

VILLA PARK CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The City of Villa Park has always been and will continue to be a strong advocate for the Reserve Firefighter Program with the Orange County Fire Authority. The Reserves play a fundamental role in the protection of our community through their support of the career firefighter and the community at-large.

Over the last year, the Reserve Program has faced many challenges, not only with continued training and staffing, but many administrative challenges as well. A perceived lack of support from the Fire Authority and a confrontational approach put forth by the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association to eliminate the program entirely, continues to have an impact on the effectiveness of the Reserve Program.

The City of Villa Park stands behind the Reserve Firefighter Program and supports its continued growth and integration at all levels of the Fire Authority.





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TUNE IN VILLA PARK CABLE TV CHANNEL 3

- **1st Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Meet the Mayor**
- **2nd Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Council Meeting Replay**
- **3rd Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Meet the Mayor**
- **4th Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Council Meeting LIVE**
- **5th Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Special Presentations**

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City Hall	998-1500
City Hall Fax Line	998-1508
City Hall Hotline	998-0250
City Hall Email	cityhall@villapark.org
City Website	www.villapark.org
Sheriff Department	
Non-Emergency	647-7000
Emergency	911
Fire Authority	
Non-Emergency	744-0400
Emergency	911
Fire Station #23	997-2552
Animal Control	935-6848
Health Department	834-7712
County Recorder's Office	834-2500
County Property Assessor	834-2727
County Tax Collector	834-3411
County Auditor-Controller	834-2457
Villa Park County Library	998-0861
Serrano Water District	538-0079
Villa Park Disposal	238-3300
Pacific Bell Telephone	(800) 310-2355
Southern California Edison	(800) 655-4555
Southern California Gas	(800) 427-2200
Adelphia Cable	777-1313

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- Patricia Bortle**
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