

# Villa Park Highlights



## VILLA PARK LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION

Soon the City Council will launch the Villa Park Community Services Foundation to receive donations intended to benefit a wide variety of community services and programs. The Foundation will provide safe recreational and other community activity opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors in Villa Park. The Foundation will also assist with the planning, preservation, and presentation of leisure, historical, music, and arts programs within the City and will coordinate the use and development of community resources.

The City Council will appoint five residents as the Board of Directors for the Foundation. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact City Hall at (714) 998-1500. If you do not want to serve on the Board, but would still like to be a member of the Foundation, you can do so by buying a membership. The success of the Foundation depends on the generous private support of longtime residents, newcomers, businesses, foundations, and other caring people in the community. Every contribution is important, no matter how small or large.

For more information about the Villa Park Community Services Foundation and the benefits of being a member, please contact City Hall at (714) 998-1500 or visit the City's website at [www.villapark.org](http://www.villapark.org).

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### Dates To Remember

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August 27, 7:30 p.m.
- COUNCIL MEETING •  
September 24, 7:30 p.m.
- TENTATIVE  
TOWN HALL MEETING •  
October 15, 7:30 p.m.
- COUNCIL MEETING •  
October 22, 7:30 p.m.
- HALLOWEEN PARADE •  
October 30, 4:30 p.m.

## ADELPHIA REMAINS COMMITTED TO SERVICE IN VILLA PARK

In June, Adelphia declared bankruptcy. As a subscriber, what does their bankruptcy mean to your service level? Answers to this and other questions are available on the City's website and on a handout available at City Hall.



Adelphia remains committed to providing quality subscriber services. They have received funding approval through Chapter 11 for \$1.5 billion. With the financing in place, Adelphia continues to build out and upgrade, as well as, provide digital cable and high-speed data communications to its customers.

In Villa Park, Adelphia is committed to retaining all current service levels and committed to the payment of all franchise fees due to the City. While Adelphia may seek to sell off portions of its assets during reorganization, service levels are expected to continue at their current levels.

For more information on Adelphia's bankruptcy situation and its impacts please contact Jeff Miolo, General Manager of Adelphia at (714) 632-9222 or visit the City's website, [www.villapark.org](http://www.villapark.org).

# Volunteers In Action

## VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZE A HALLOWEEN EVENT FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS



Mark your calendar for an exciting fun-filled event - Wednesday, October 30, 2002. Volunteers are working hard to put together a Community Halloween Event in the Villa Park Shopping Center.



The event is planned for Wednesday, October 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is geared for elementary school children only. An initial stash of candy will be provided to the plaza merchants so that the children will be able to "trick or treat" throughout the plaza.

A pumpkin carving and pumpkin decorating contest will be held for the children and everyone goes home a winner. Other planned activities include a costume parade and a hayride.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on the event, contact Julia Peterson at (714) 538-8121. A fun time is guaranteed to all who attend no matter what age!



## CITY PREPARES FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

On June 25th, the City Council set a Municipal Election for Tuesday, November 5, 2002 for three seats on the City Council. Beginning July 15th through August 9th, nomination papers will be available for Villa Park residents interested in serving on the City Council. If an incumbent does not file for reelection, the nomination period will be extended to August 14th. The City Council serves without pay as the elected body for the City of Villa Park.

Nomination papers are available at City Hall from Kathy Adrian, City Clerk. If you would like more information or would like to arrange for an appointment please call (714) 998-1500.

## COMMUNITY RESERVATION CALENDAR DESIGNED FOR YOU

The City's website has a Community Calendar feature at [www.villapark.org/events.htm](http://www.villapark.org/events.htm). This calendar is available for use by residents to get the word out on any event of community wide interest. Visit the City's website and use it today!

# Are You Prepared?



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND OTHER COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMS

Neighborhood Watch is a highly successful program that has been in existence for more than thirty years in cities across America. It provides a unique infrastructure that brings together local officials, law enforcement and citizens for the protection of communities. Neighbors have banded together to create these "watch" programs. They understand that the active participation of neighborhood residents is a critical element in community safety - not through vigilantism, but simply through a willingness to look out for suspicious activity in their neighborhood, and report that activity to the police and to each other. In doing so, residents take a major step toward reclaiming neigh-

borhoods.

Neighborhood Watch has been a part of Villa Park for many years. Over the next few months, the City is investigating a rejuvenation of Neighborhood Watch and an expansion to include Community Emergency Response or CERT. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) help train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT members give critical support to first responders in emergencies, provide immediate assistance to victims, organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site, and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

An interest list is being collected at City Hall. If you are interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch and/or CERT, please contact City Hall at (714) 998-1500 or send us an email at [cityhall@villapark.org](mailto:cityhall@villapark.org).

# Public Safety Happenings

## SHERIFF APPREHENDS CAR BURGLARS

On Sunday, July 7th the Sheriff's Department apprehended two individuals caught burglarizing vehicles in the City.

These burglars are suspected of burglarizing several vehicles in the City taking laptop computers, cell phones, CDs, purses, and other items of value left unattended in vehicles.

You can do little to prevent a "smash-and-grab" bandit, but you can take precautions to limit opportunity. Remember to lock your vehicles at all times and do not leave any valuables visible inside. It is easier and less conspicuous to open an unlocked door than to break a window. If possible, park your car in a well lit area at night. If you see any suspicious activity, person, or vehicle please note their description or the description of the vehicle involved, including the license plate and contact the Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-1832.

The Sheriff has a dedicated criminal investigator for the City, Investigator DelRey McKenzie. Investigator McKenzie can be reached during normal business hours at (714) 647-7062.

## YOUR LOCAL DEPUTY

Deputy John Asplund is a 14-year veteran hired by the Sheriff's Department in July 1988. John has more than 3 years experience as a patrol deputy with the North Operations Division. He has been assigned to Villa Park since July 2001. John is instrumental in many local enforcement efforts and is a valued member of the Villa Park Public Safety Team.



## BE PREPARED IF FIRE STRIKES

Recent fires throughout California and the rest of the western United States should make all residents think about what they would do if their homes were threatened by fire. It is crucial that everyone have a plan to escape a fire in the fastest and safest way possible.

√ Make sure your home's smoke detectors are working. Change the batteries each time you adjust your clocks for daylight savings time.

√ Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two ways out of every room. Discuss the escape plan with every member of your household.

√ Agree on a meeting place near your home where every member of your household will gather after escaping a fire. This allows you to count heads and inform the fire department if anyone is trapped inside.

√ Practice your escape plan at least twice a year. Appoint someone to be the monitor for your fire drill and have everyone participate.

√ Make your exit drill realistic. Pretend that some exits are blocked by fire, and practice escaping in the dark.

√ If you are trapped in a real fire, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a window and signal for help with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight. If there's a phone in the room, call 911.

For more information about creating a fire exit plan, call the Orange County Fire Authority at (714) 532-7266 or visit [www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org).





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## TUNE IN VILLA PARK CABLE TV CHANNEL 45

- 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

**VISIT US ON THE WEB AT**  
**WWW.VILLAPARK.ORG**

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Hall .....	998-1500
City Hall Fax Line .....	998-1508
City Hall Hotline .....	998-0250
City Hall Email .....	<a href="mailto:cityhall@villapark.org">cityhall@villapark.org</a>
City Website .....	<a href="http://www.villapark.org">www.villapark.org</a>
<b>Sheriff Department</b>	
Non-Emergency .....	647-7000
Emergency .....	911
<b>Fire Authority</b>	
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
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

### VILLA PARK DISPOSAL

Villa Park Disposal operates under an exclusive franchise in the City for refuse collection. If you need refuse service, a temporary bin, or a commercial roll-off bin, contact Villa Park Disposal. Using another vendor is subject to penalties. Call Villa Park Disposal at (714) 238-3300 today for your collection needs.

### Villa Park City Council

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*Mayor*

**Bob Bell**  
*Mayor Pro Tem*

**Richard Freschi**  
*Councilmember*

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*Councilmember*

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*Councilmember*

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