

Villa Park Highlights



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Summer Public Works Projects Begin in Villa Park

Like many communities, the summertime represents vacations, travel, and leisure activities. For the City, summertime represents an opportunity to get long awaited construction projects underway so they complete by the time school is back in session. Villa Park is no exception.



Late July, the Gas Company started a line renovation project along Lincoln Street and Center Street. The project will involve the renovation of existing underground lines. Work is expected to complete by the end of August and will involve construction on Lincoln Street from Providence to Center Street and on Center Street from Francisco to Villa Park Road. For more information on this project or to report any problems, contact Southern California Gas Company at (714) 634-3039.

In August, Southern California Edison will begin a renovation project along Mesa Drive and Lemon Street to install additional underground conduits and piping. Work is expected to last until October and will involve construction on Lemon Street from Serrano to Mesa Street and on Mesa Street from Lemon Street to Cannon. For more information on this project or to report any problems, contact Southern California Edison at (909) 270-3100.

City projects for the summer will include an Eagle Scout project to install collection stations at key points along the City's system of trails to help keep the trails clean. A local Scout selected the trail project as his Eagle Scout Project and has been contacting community groups in the City for possible financial support.



The City will also begin an extensive slurry seal project at various locations in the City. This project began at the end of July and is expected to be complete by the end of August. A list of the streets involved in the project is available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.villapark.org. Prior to any street closures, notifications will be mailed to all adjacent property owners. For more information on this project or to report any problems, contact Warren Repke, City Engineer, at (714) 998-1500. More than 50 streets will be covered as part of the project. A larger construction project involving resurfacing and reconstruction of various streets in the City will be conducted later in the year.

Dates To Remember

- VPCATV Meeting •
August 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Foundation Meeting •
August 18, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting •
August 26, 7:30 p.m.

Join the E-Network Revolution! Send your email address to City Hall and get reports, press releases, and other notifications as soon as they are available!

Volunteers In Action

VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZE 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEENFEST



Mark your calendar for an exciting fun-filled event - Thursday, October 30, 2003. Volunteers are working hard to put together the 2nd Annual Community Halloween Event in the Villa Park Town Center.

The event is planned for Thursday, October 30th and is geared for elementary school children only. Town Center merchants are encouraged to participate so that the children will be able to "trick or treat" throughout the Center.



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!

VILLA PARK, THE HIDDEN JEWEL

The City Historian, Jan Van Emon, is hard at work on Villa Park's history book, "Villa Park, the Hidden Jewel." A work in progress, the Historian is obtaining information on the period from 1860 to 1900 and 1980 to 2000. The two periods encompass the depression and other eras where there is limited information. If you have information you would like to contribute, contact Jan Van Emon at (714) 637-3249 or by email at JannVan@aol.com.

INTERESTED IN BOCCE?

George Castagna, Villa Park resident, is working to establish a Villa Park Bocce Ball Course and Club. He has secured approval from the School District to construct the court at Villa Park High School and now he is looking to raise funds in support of the construction costs estimated to be \$7,000. If you are interested in supporting this activity or would like to help construct the course, contact the Villa Park Community Services Foundation at (714) 998-1500 and you can help make it happen!

Hey, Did You Know...

When federal or state law overrides local control, the law is said to "preempt local authority." Because state law governs what a local government may regulate, local government only has authority granted to it by state law. This grant of authority is either express or necessarily implied from another grant of power.

In some instances, state law expressly authorizes or even directs local regulation, in others, state law expressly forbids local regulation. For example, local governments adopt many ordinances under their authority to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens.

Areas of local versus state regulation impact Villa Park in several areas - for example, the state limits the City's ability to address the following issues: adult care facilities, child care facilities, group homes, motor scooters, 2nd dwelling units, and manufactured housing.

Areas where the state does not preempt local

authority are areas involving local health, safety, and welfare and areas of local regulatory and zoning control such as lot setbacks, lot coverage, property maintenance, construction operation, noise, etc.

The Villa Park Disposal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center accepts electronic waste such as televisions, computer monitors, computers, cell phones, and other types of electronic equipment categorized as hazardous. The facility is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at 1071 N. Blue Gum Street in Anaheim.

The City's Community Emergency Response Team is up and running. Courses begin in September for the first round of volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this outstanding opportunity, contact City Hall to obtain an application. Alternatively, applications are available for download off the City's website.

Public Safety Happenings



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CORNER

Congratulations! You are invited to volunteer for the City's Neighborhood Watch Team!

As a resident who is concerned about the community and one who is willing to make a difference by being a part of an active Neighborhood Watch Program, you cannot afford to pass up this chance.

Volunteering for Neighborhood Watch takes very little time and can be incorporated into your day to day activities - but the impact of your participation can really make a difference. The City is part of the team and is committed to helping the program become a unqualified success.

The City's website has a new Neighborhood Watch homepage:

www.villapark.org/Neighborhood_Watch.htm

The page has links to the Sheriff website, handouts for community meetings, publications on how to start and maintain an effective program, and area alerts for currently active programs. If you have an active program and would like your neighborhood information posted on the Neighborhood Watch Homepage, send the information to City Hall.

The Public Safety Team in Villa Park is also committed to making the program a success. Neighborhood Watch volunteers are the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department who help solve crimes with first hand knowledge. To do their job effectively, the Sheriff needs your help. To make Neighborhood Watch successful, the Sheriff has committed to hosting community meetings, participating in neighborhood meetings at your convenience, and producing flyers, brochures, and handouts for use in making the program effective.

Come and be a part of making the difference for Neighborhood Watch!



SUMMER POOL SAFETY

Drowning accidents are the leading cause of injury/deaths among children under five. More than 80 percent of the drownings occur in residential backyard pools or spas. It can happen quickly, always without warning, without a splash, and without a cry for help. To help avoid such a tragedy, please read the following pool safety tips.

A fence or barrier completely surrounding the pool can prevent many drowning accidents. Most children who drown or nearly drown were last seen in the yard, porch, or patio prior to the accident. Although a fence separating the pool and spa in the single most effective barrier for preventing childhood drownings, not one method alone is totally effective in preventing drowning accidents. Pool owners can take practical steps to make their pools and spas less dangerous by installing "layers of protection".

Pools should be fenced from the rest of the house. Fences should be five feet high. The area adjacent to the outside of the fence must be free of objects which may aid children in climbing over the fence. These include items such as chairs, tables, tree branches, etc.

Gates should be self-closing and self-latching, opening outward away from pool. A gate latch should be placed at the top of the gate and be inaccessible from the outside by small children.

All doors and windows leading to the pool should always be secured and locked at all times. Remember pool covers, gates and other layers of protection do not replace adult supervision.

Assign an adult Water Watcher to supervise the area, especially during social gatherings. Never allow young children to be left alone in and around the pool for a moment. Make sure an adult is always present. Babysitters and guardians should always be instructed about potential hazards in and around the pool.

Never rely on flotation devices or swimming lessons to protect a child. Twenty-five percent of all drowning victims have had swimming lessons. Mount flotation devices designed for lifesaving near the pool. Many float-type toys are thought to be lifesavers. They are not! They are only toys and should be used only as toys.

Look in the pool area first if a child is missing. Never keep toys around or in a pool. All adults, children and babysitters should learn and practice CPR. Keep a telephone outside the pool area. Post the 9-1-1 emergency number on the telephone.





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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**

VPCATV BOARD MEETS THE 1ST WED.
AT CITY HALL - 7:30 P.M.

**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	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

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

**Joining the Villa Park Community Services
Foundation is your opportunity to be a
part of the volunteer spirit in Villa Park.
Join today!**

Villa Park City Council

- Bob Bell**
Mayor
- Patricia Bortle**
Mayor Pro Tem
- Richard Freschi**
Councilmember
- W. Bill MacAloney**
Councilmember
- Robert E. McGowan**
Councilmember

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