

Cannon Wall Update

The City Council approved the selection of Earth Construction and Mining, Inc. to make repairs to the damaged portion of the Cannon Street Wall and Slope that failed in January 2005. The awarded amount to make the repairs is \$323,990 and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and State Office of Emergency Services (OES) will fund 93.75% of the cost. The City has budgeted the remaining 6.25% in its Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget and is expected to seek damages against various parties responsible for construction of the original wall.

Construction was scheduled to start after September 15th and is expected to be completed by December 1, 2005.



Photos (left to right): Cannon Wall/Slope Failure; Children's Parade at Red, White and Blue Summerfest; Celebration USA and crowd on July 2nd.

Villa Park Shows Spirit and Support for Troops at Inaugural Red, White & Blue Fest

Residents and friends showed up in force to make for a hugely successful inaugural Red, White, and Blue Summerfest at the Villa Park Town Center on July 2nd. Over 220 people ran in the 5K run and approximately 100 children, pets, and family paraded around town to show their patriotic pride. Residents supported our troops overseas with over \$3,500 in donated items at the Support Our Troops booth. Shoppers at Ralphs can still donate items using the 'wish lists' provided on each aisle. Many thanks to residents and donors for supporting this event and showing your patriotic pride!

Villa Park Town Hall, October 11th

The City Council will hold a Town Hall Meeting on October 11th at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chamber. All residents are encouraged to attend. At the July City Council meeting the Mayor asked residents for their input on issues to discuss. As of this publication, the items are Water and Traffic. There will be a presentation and discussion of water issues for our City, to include the new Ground Water Replenishment System, which is a joint project of the Orange County Water District and Orange County Sanitation District. This system will treat waste water to a level beyond drinking water quality for discharge back into our aquifer system.

In addition, there will be a discussion on transportation issues affecting the City and surrounding areas and alternatives considered to improve traffic flow. Traffic topics will include Measure M funding, the improvements to the Garden Grove (22) Freeway, and proposed tunneling options to ease congestion between Orange County and the Inland Empire.

VP Sphere of Influence Debated

Recently, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission presented a recommendation to give the City a Zero Sphere of Influence, in effect, stating that a viable option for the City in the future was to dissolve and join the City of Orange to better deliver municipal services. As you can imagine, this was not well received. However, only residents of a city have the power to merge or dissolve a city - not a state agency like LAFCO. At the City Council Meeting in August, the City Council approved a strong letter to be sent to LAFCO voicing opposition to any weakening of the City's Sphere of Influence and calling for it to continue to be equal to the City's current boundaries. A Zero Sphere of Influence does not change how a city delivers services nor does it portend fiscal troubles in the future. However, City leaders are confident in our ability to deliver services and proud of the life-style that has been created since 1962, therefore strongly opposed this move.

New CERT Class Offered!
 The City is offering a new Community Emergency Response Team certification course starting 9/28. To enroll or for more information, go to www.villapark.org/cert **Join Today!**

Community Connection

2005 Villa Park Community Services Foundation Scholars!



The Villa Park Community Services Foundation awarded four Service Scholarships to well deserving Villa Park youth who made community service a pillar of their high school careers. The 2005 Scholars as pictured are Joshua Hummel (\$950), Jordan McCarthy (\$1000), Bryant Townsend (\$900), and Kristen Davis (\$950). All four outstanding youth are attending universities this fall and plan to continue serving their communities. The Community Services Foundation plans to reward community service minded youths each year. For more information on the Foundation or to become a member, please visit www.villapark.org/foundation.



Are you ready to have a great time on New Year's Eve? Plan on attending the New Year's Eve Gala. The Villa Park Foundation, with the support of the Villa Park Women's League and the Villa Park Rotary, is pleased to host the 2005 Annual Gala on New Year's Eve. Please keep an eye and ear out for more details, as the Foundation promises to celebrate the New Year in spectacular form!

VP Rotary Holds Oktoberfest Event

The Villa Park Rotary Club is hosting the 10th annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 6th at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. The Rotary Club sponsored event provides a wonderful opportunity for the community to have an enjoyable night out and support the Rotary Club. The event includes dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction. Festivities begin at 6 PM. If you have items that you would like to donate for either the live or silent auction, please contact Steve Pollack at 714-998-9350. For ticket information, please contact Pam Dunn at 714-998-5552.

The Rotary Club is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and has supported our local schools by funding the Future Scientists and Engineers of America, refurbishing band instruments, funding equipment and uniforms for our sports teams, and providing books through the Rotary "Read by Nine" program. Other organizations that have benefited from Rotary's generosity include the Boy Scouts, YMCA, Wize Place, Rancho Santiago College, plus many more.

43rd Annual Villa Park Volunteer Fire Fighters Pancake Breakfast

The Villa Park Firefighters Association will host their 43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast at Orange County Fire Authority Station #23 on Sunday, October 2nd. The breakfast starts at 7 AM and will feed and entertain residents and friends from Villa Park, Orange, and Orange Park Acres until noon. The traditional fare, cooked and served by our VP Volunteer Firefighters as well as City Council members, includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, and drinks include coffee and orange juice. The morning will include tours of the Fire Station, engines and apparatus, as well as bounce houses for the kids and craft booths. Tickets are available at the door, from your local volunteer Firefighter, or available at City Hall.



Save the Date!

VP Community Services Foundation Board of Director Positions Available

Residents interested in serving as a Board of Director for the Villa Park Community Services Foundation should contact City Hall or visit the City's website to download an application. A minimum of two positions are available to serve a two-year term. For more information, go to www.villapark.org.

Villa Park Library Summer Reading Program a Huge Success!

We've just completed another Summer Reading Program at Villa Park Library. If you missed out this year, be sure to join next year! Over 300 children and students between the ages of 3-17 participated. After reading for a specified amount of time, children returned to the library to receive incentives and enter prize drawings. Readers who completed the program were entered in the Grand Prize Drawing and selected a paperback book. Children were entertained at the library with special shows including a Magician, a Cartoon Drawshop, a Wild Animal Show, a Talent Show, and weekly storytimes.

Our program was made possible through generous donations. The Villa Park Women's League was our major donor. They provided the funds for incentives, programming and artwork in the library. Thank you Villa Park Women's League!! The Friends of the Villa Park Library provided backup funding for incentives and prize books.

City News and Events

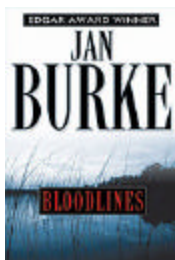
Sewer Fee Report In the Works

As many know by now, the City is proposing to create a sewer user fee to pay for required improvements and maintenance to the City's aging sewer system. Sewers, while unseen, are very critical parts of a City's infrastructure and disrepair of the system can have expensive and dire consequences. The City has always used its General Fund to maintain its sewer system and, through multiple years of setting aside funds, to make needed improvements. However, with recent changes in federal law mandating increased maintenance and preventive improvements – as well as a realization that the City's General Fund is increasingly used to fund public protection and other public works projects – a dedicated user fee for sewer improvements is needed.

Initially, the sewer fee will be higher than surrounding jurisdictions who have used dedicated fees to maintain and improve their systems. The fact is that other cities have more users and more users per linear foot of sewer line to pay for improvements. The current fee structure is proposed to be around \$34 per sewer connection and will be billed every other month (approximately \$200 a year). In total, the fee will raise around \$440,000 a year to make improvements, such as lining of the sewer mains to prevent root intrusion and make point repairs where pipes have become damaged. The Sewer Fee Report from the City with details on the public hearing to be held before the City Council will be sent to each property owner this Fall. For more information, please contact City Hall at 998-1500.

Lunch with Mystery Author Jan Burke

The Friends of the Villa Park Library are sponsoring a luncheon with famed mystery writer, Jan Burke. The luncheon, to be held at The Villa (510 East Katella) in Orange, is on Saturday, November 5th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Jan Burke is an Edgar Award recipient for her novel "Bones" and has written over 11 novels, including her new "Bloodlines." For tickets call the VP Library at 998-0861.



Solicitors Knocking on Your Door?

Did you know that you can put your address on a "No Solicitor" list kept at City Hall? Often, residents call with concerns regarding solicitors calling on residences during night hours or intrusive tactics used by ambitious salespeople. While the City requires solicitors to be fingerprinted and have a business permit with the City, it is unconstitutional to completely prohibit the act of soliciting. If you do not want to be bothered, call or email the city to have your address put on the "No Solicitor" list. If you are on the list and a solicitor comes to your house, inform them you are on the list. If they do not leave, call the Sheriff dispatch number at 647-7000. Never let a solicitor in your home and always instruct your children and caretakers to refuse a solicitor, if that is your desire.

Community Calendar

- October 2, 2005 - Villa Park Volunteer Fire Fighter's Pancake Breakfast 7:00 AM at OCFA Fire Station #23
October 6, 2005 - Oktoberfest by VP Rotary 6:00 PM at Phoenix Club in Anaheim
October 10, 2005 - City Hall Closed to Public
October 11, 2005 - Villa Park Town Hall 7:30 PM at City Hall, City Council Chamber
October 25, 2005 - Villa Park City Council Meeting 7:30 PM at City Hall, City Council Chambers
October 30, 2005 - Halloween Fest 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Villa Park Town Center
November 11, 2005 - Veteran's Day - City Hall Closed
November 15, 2005 - Villa Park City Council Meeting 7:30 PM at City Hall, City Council Chambers
December 2, 2005 - Villa Park Women's League Holiday Dance
December 10, 2005 - VP Santa Parade. 10 AM to 3 PM
December 11, 2005 - VP Boat Parade. 4 PM to 8:30 PM
December 31, 2005 - Villa Park Community Services Foundation, New Year's Eve Gala at Town Center

Trauma Intervention Programs Inc.

www.tipnational.org

Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP Inc.) is a national non-profit organization founded in 1985. In each Chapter, citizen volunteers provide support to emotionally traumatized citizens immediately after tragedy strikes. Hospital personnel, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics call for TIP volunteer assistance on a 24-hour, 365-day a year basis. Volunteers assist family members following natural or unexpected deaths; victims of crime; disoriented or lonely older persons; victims of vehicle accidents; family members after a suicide; and anyone emotionally traumatized by a crisis event. To learn more or become involved, please call (714) 314-0744 or visit www.tipnational.org.

What's In a Municipal Code? (AKA - I Didn't Know I Couldn't Park There!)

The Municipal Codes for the City are the laws that are set forth by the City to protect life, property, and peace of mind. They also help keep the quality of life in the City by defining residential development and ensuring traffic safety. The Villa Park Municipal Codes can be found online at www.villapark.org/cityinfo.htm.

Examples of items in the Municipal Code include: You are not allowed to park within the first 30 feet before stop signs; vehicles parked on streets cannot display 'for sale' signs; if you are running a business out of your home, you must have a business license with the City and no employees; and, you cannot store your garbage or recycling containers in the front yard or side yard in excess of 24 hours without having them screened from view from public streets, among other items.



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City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM
 Building Dept.: M-W-F 8 AM to 11 PM
 Sewer Calls: 24 hours/day, dial 998-1500
 VP Library: Monday - Thursday 11 AM to 7 PM
 Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM

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 TV CHANNEL 3**

- **Every Tuesday - 7:30 PM**
Meet the Mayor & City Council Meetings
- **4th Tuesdays - 7:30 PM**
Council Meeting LIVE

The VPCATV Board of Directors meets
 the 2nd Thursday at City Hall - 7:30 PM
 The Board encourages your participation

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT
WWW.VILLAPARK.ORG

Villa Park E-Network - Join Today!

The Villa Park E-Network is your way to stay up-to-date on City news and events. Simply provide your email address and you will receive weekly updates for City events, news, Council agenda items, and community events. This is a City only network, your email is not shared with anyone. Visit www.villapark.org/e-network for more information!

**KEEP IN TOUCH
 WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

CITY

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 City Hall Fax Line 998-1508
 Villa Park Library (OCPL) 998-0861
 City Hall Email k_domer@villapark.org
 City Website www.villapark.org

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheriff Department

Non-Emergency 647-7000
 Emergency 911

Orange County Fire Authority

Non-Emergency 744-0400
 Emergency 911
 Fire Station #23 997-2552

Human Care/Social Services Resource ... 211

COUNTY

Animal Control 935-6848
 Health Department 834-7712
 County Vector Control District 971-2421
 County Recorder's Office 834-2500
 County Property Assessor 834-2727
 County Tax Collector 834-3411
 County Auditor-Controller 834-2457

UTILITIES

Serrano Water District 538-0079
 Villa Park Disposal 238-3300
 SBC Telephone (800) 310-2355
 Southern California Edison (800) 655-4555
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