



General Plan Update : Citizens Advisory Committee Formed

Committee Members Meet to Provide Input - Seek Comment on Land Use Ideas

The City Council appointed five residents to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC was formed to assist staff in the update of the City's General Plan Document. Last reviewed in 1991, the General Plan is a document that has helped guide the City as it developed over the years and now ensures that consistency in land use and quality of life issues are maintained.

The City Council appointed Pam Dunn, Kellie Ann Moore, Robert Frackelton, Ed Yoder, and Connie Townsend to the CAC. The Committee met initially on September 12th for an introduction to General Plan documents and a review of the elements that must be included in the final General Plan document. Their next task is to begin to review the City's current Land Use Element and begin reviewing updates and alternatives, if required. For a City like Villa Park that is primarily built out (little developable land) and has no area beyond its sphere of influence, the Land Use Element designates the general location and intensity of housing, business, open space, public facilities, and other land uses.

The overall goal of the General Plan update is to maintain the City's high quality of life through the protection of its rural residential character. This means maintain the current housing densities as set forth in

our E-4 and R-1 zoning designations. The General Plan is also a forward thinking document: how can we ensure the continued viability of the City over the course of the next several decades? That question is one the Citizens Advisory Committee will be required to review and, as part of their review, they will seek additional input from residents.

The Land Use Element will explore enhancements to the commercial nature of the Villa Park Towne Centre, possible additional areas in which low intensity commercial uses could be allowed, and the potential for those properties fronting Santiago Boulevard and Villa Park Road the ability to remain residential or be used for low intensity professional uses such as real estate offices, dentist offices, bed and breakfast, or other limited clientele use in addition to residential.

It is City staff's goal for the CAC to review several Land Use Element alternatives as a means of determining the feasibility of a preferred alternative in the context of what will help the City of Villa Park ensure its viability in the future. The City Council will ultimately decide and choose one alternative that will then guide the City in reviewing and possibly changing the zoning in limited circumstances in order to better position the City for its future. For more information on the CAC, General Plan, or upcoming meetings, please call 998-1500.

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“Every 15 Minutes” Program to be Held at VPHS Highlighting DUI Awareness to High School Students

The nationally recognized Every 15 Minutes program will be held at Villa Park High School on November 1st and 2nd. The Every 15 Minutes program draws awareness to Juniors and Seniors that every 15 minutes a person is killed in an alcohol related traffic collision.



The program offers real-life experience without the real-life risks. This emotionally charged program is an event designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol. This powerful program will challenge students to think about drinking, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved.

Taft Avenue will be closed down on November 1st and the Orange County Sheriff's, OC Fire Authority, and school district will work with students to conduct the program. Student participants act out the roles of the deceased, injured, friends, and the driver. An assembly the next day wraps up the lessons learned. www.every15minutes.com.

Halloweenfest Set For October 30th

The Villa Park Foundation sponsored Halloweenfest will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 PM October 30th at the Villa Park Towne Centre. Crafts, food, fun, music and trick-or-treating await children of all ages!



The Rotary Club of Villa Park

The Villa Park Rotary meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 AM in City Hall. Breakfasts are catered by Rockwell's Cafe. Interested persons can call Steven Pollack at 547-8787.

Villa Park Community Services Foundation Energizes Itself with New Directors and Goals

The City Council appointed six new directors to the Villa Park Community Services Foundation during 2007 -- all of whom are eager to give back to the community and make 2008 a great year to be part of the Villa Park Foundation!

The new appointees are: Roy Berelowitz, Bob Fauteux, Keith Martin, Carol Duensing, Steven Marquez, and Carol Stone. These talented six members of our community join the current Board of Directors and each will now have a distinct position and responsibility. The new positions include: Chair; Vice-Chair; Treasurer; Vice-Treasurer; Director of Development; Director of Special Events; Director of Community Services; Director of Membership; Director of Communications; and the Administrative Assistant or Secretary position.



2007 Holiday Celebration and Boat Parade Making Waves December 9th

The holiday classic is back for its Tenth Annual sail around Villa Park. Join your family, friends and members of the community as the Boat Parade charts its course through the streets of Villa Park to its final destination in the Villa Park Towne Centre. The Towne Centre is the scene of the Holiday Celebration, complete with food, music, fun and the traditional lighting of the Winn Memorial Christmas Tree.

Volunteers are needed to help plan this year's tenth anniversary event and are asked to call City Hall at 998-1500.

Villa Park Library Story Time Schedule

Pre-School Storytime every Tuesday at 3:30 PM until October 23rd.

Afterschool Craft and Story Program - Children 6-10 on October 17th at 3:30 PM.

Adult Book Club - Coffee and lively chat on 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 10 AM.

City News and Events

Your Tax Dollars at Work: Sewer Improvements Flow Forth!

The City started its 2007 Sewer Improvement project with point repairs taking place in several areas around the City. Point repairs, the only time the contractor will physically dig up a portion of the sewer system, are required to fix pipe offsets, slumping pipes, or other major defects



James Road Sewer Improvements

that must be addressed before sewer pipe segments are lined. The lining of the pipe is completed by inserting a resin liner from one manhole to the next, then inflating the resin material to form against the pipe segment. Once cured, the new inner pipe is stronger than the original clay pipe. A robotic saw will then cut out access holes for individual laterals connecting to the sewer main. The lining of our sewer pipes repair cracks, prevents root intrusion through fittings, and prolongs the life of our sewer system by decades. The sewer improvements are funded by the Sewer Service User Charge found on your property tax bill and total around \$335,000 each year.



Cannon Wall Failure - FEMA Update

June 2007: We supplied FEMA with all documentation in early February and obtained Regional Director approval. The lack of a State Budget delayed the state funding process.

September 2007: The City received payment from the State Controller's Office for both the state and federal reimbursements totaling \$205,574.

Conserve Water on Your Property!

All of California is experiencing drought conditions with continued dry conditions expected. Go to www.villapark.org/waterefficiency.htm for information on how you can save water and money!

Villa Park Connects with Residents During Emergencies

The City of Villa Park utilizes an emergency phone dialing system called Connect-CTY to alert residents within minutes of a natural disaster or emergency. Additionally, the City can communicate with all residents, highlighted groups, or geographic areas using the innovative technology that allows recorded messages to be sent to your phone and/or email. Recent use includes alerting residents to street sweeping schedules. During an emergency, this system will alert you as to what services are available and where to go for assistance. To make sure you are signed up, please call the City at 998-1500 or email your name, address, and at least one phone contact number to connect@villapark.org. Your information is only for this purpose and will remain secure and confidential.

Villa Park Road Improvements to Start in November

The City Council approved the solicitation of bids for rehabilitating Villa Park Road from Wanda Road to Lemon Street. The project is expected to cost approximately \$520,000 - half of which the City successfully gained in grant funding. The grant funds include \$98,000 for the use of rubberized asphalt for the street overlay. The use of rubberized asphalt not only provides environmental benefits from the reuse of waste tires, but is proven to reduce the noise level generated by traffic. More importantly, the life of the roadway itself is lengthened because of the elasticity of the surface, thereby reducing the costs to maintain the road in the future.

The project will start in mid-November and will include removing up to two inches of asphalt in places, making spot repairs of the subsurface, and installing new ADA ramp corner cuts for accessibility. A new layer of two inch rubberized asphalt will provide a smooth and durable roadway for many years into the future. Construction should be complete in January 2008. Please drive carefully during the construction time.

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City Items of Interest

The City removed turn restrictions in the Towne Centre that prevent left turns into or out of the Centre between Wells Fargo and Phil's 76. In addition, the speed limit is 15 mph - so please drive carefully!

Two positions are up for re-appointment to the City's Investment Advisory Commission. The IAC oversees the City's investments.

Join the Villa Park E-Network.

It is your way to stay up-to-date on City news and events. Simply send an email to enetwork-subscribe@villapark.org with the word "subscribe" in the subject line 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!

The Villa Park City/Schools Advisory Committee meets every third Thursday during the school year at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers to discuss items of mutual concern.

October is Walk to School Month! Get fit, get out of the car, and meet other neighbors as you walk your child to school.

TUNE IN to VILLA PARK CABLE 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 - 7:00 PM
The Board encourages your participation

Council Agendas

Agendas for City Council meetings can be found the Thursday before the meeting at www.villapark.org. Click on Meetings and the date or look for the Council Meeting announcement on the home page.

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Building Dept.: M-W-F 8 AM to 11 AM
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VP Library: Monday - Thursday 11 AM to 7 PM
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City Websitewww.villapark.org
VP Community Foundation 998-0250

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