



Annual Villa Park City Picnic to be Held July 1st at Irvine Lake

Save Sunday, July 1st for the City's Annual Picnic at Irvine Lake. The picnic is from 12 noon to 5 PM and will kick off a week of celebration for Independence Day as well as to commemorate our City's 45th Birthday. The Annual Picnic is once again underwritten by the Villa Park Community Services Foundation with support from contributors and individual event sponsors.

The Villa Park Rotary will cook lunch and various vendor booths will sell everything from sweets to baked goods. Special emphasis will be placed on creating a family fun event to include childrens' jump houses, games, and family competitions to include traditional 3-legged races, tug-o-wars, and wheel barrow races. The classic car show will return this year! Tickets are \$3 per person with kids 5 and under free. Info and tickets are at City Hall - 998-1500.

3rd Annual Villa Park 5K Run/Walk

Put on your running or walking shoes for the 3rd Annual Villa Park 5K Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, June 30th. Registration starts at 7 AM and race time is 8 AM sharp! \$20 for registration and an event T-shirt. After 6/23 and the day of race, registration is \$25.



The race is growing in popularity and over 250 runners/walkers are expected. Get your friends and family together for this growing Villa Park tradition benefiting the Friends of the VP Library.

Council Considers Citizen Advisory Committee for General Plan

The City Council will consider a Citizen Advisory Committee to assist City Staff in preparing an update to the General Plan. The General Plan is a state required document that details how the City is to grow. While the City of Villa Park is built out and will experience limited development, the State still requires that General Plans be updated to provide legal adequacy for planning purposes. The Citizen Advisory Committee will assist staff in

reviewing planned updates to the Neighborhood Commercial Zone for the Villa Park Towne Centre among other updates to the General Plan documents. One goal of the entire process is to protect Villa Park's unique and high quality of life through the preservation of our residential zones. Go to www.villapark.org/generalplan for more information including how to apply for a position on the Citizen Advisory Committee.

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Community Connection

Villa Park High School Media Students Take Top Media Honors in California

The Villa Park High School Media Production Class won the Technical Arts Category Award at the 2007 California Student Media and Multimedia Festival. Over 6,000 students throughout California participated in the 41st Annual competition. The competition is the nation's oldest student media festival. The Festival celebrates projects and learning with video and multimedia projects produced by students.



The Villa Park High School Media Production Class utilizes the media production studio at the Villa Park City Hall on a weekly basis during the school year and also films and produces the monthly City Council Meetings. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work!

Key to City Sent to US Ambassador to Austria and Former VPHS Grad

The Mayor sent a plaque with the Key to our City to the Honorable Susan Rasinski McCaw, current United States Ambassador to Austria. The Ambassador is a 1980 graduate of VPHS and former resident of our City. She is an outstanding example for our youth, earning a BA in Economics from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School, prior to being appointed by President Bush.



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.

VP Foundation Seeking Directors to Serve Under New Structure

Finalizing a Strategic Planning process to help guide it through the next five years, our Villa Park Foundation is seeking new Directors to fill key positions. Up to five new Directors will be appointed by the City Council during the Summer to be active participants. The Foundation is creating Director positions for: Membership; Volunteers; Media; and Special Events, among others. The Foundation sponsors community events such as the Annual Picnic, Halloween Fest, and Boat Parade, and supports local community events and causes through its philanthropic outreach. Membership is open to any resident or business located in Villa Park and it is one way to ensure that our sense of Community remains strong in Villa Park for all to be proud of and enjoy. To apply, please go to www.villapark.org/foundation.

Friends of the Villa Park Library Raise Awareness and Funds for Library

The Friends of the Villa Park Library are continuing their efforts to raise funds for the renovation/modernization and future expansion of our Villa Park Public Library. Many donor wall and naming opportunities are available. Future fund raisers are planned and donors can contact the Friends at 998-0861 for more information on how to make this goal a reality.

VPWL Awards Beautification Awards

The Villa Park Women's League, with support from the VP Rotary, VP Foundation, and City awarded more Beautification Awards to residents for their efforts to make Villa Park look great! The Beautification Awards are given out quarterly and all residential properties are eligible. Simply nominate your favorite house for its beautiful addition to our community and send it to Marie Young at marie@youngideas.com.

Visit the City anytime online at
www.villapark.org

City News and Events

Sheriff Patrols Double for Early Morning Traffic & Student Safety

The City increased Sheriff traffic patrols in the morning to make daily commutes and school areas safer. Two patrols now frequent the 'hot spots' in the City to include Taft Avenue, Loma/Mesa, Villa Park Road, Santiago Boulevard, and the areas around the four public schools. After the morning patrol, Deputy Joe Avalos is assigned primarily to work with the OUSD schools in a School Resource Officer pilot program. As an SRO, Deputy Avalos' primary concern is for student safety in addition to creating a positive relationship with students and parents. SROs are active on all other OUSD high schools. When not involved with the schools, Deputy Avalos will be on patrol to help keep Villa Park one of the safest communities.

Cannon Wall Failure - FEMA Update

January 2007: The City agreed to a reimbursement from FEMA for 75% of the overall cost for reconstructing the failed retaining wall. The amount expected is approximately \$220,000.

June 2007: We supplied FEMA with all documentation in early February and obtained Regional Director approval. The City is expecting reimbursement before the end of June 2007.

Villa Park Business Highlights

The Villa Park Towne Centre is not just a local shopping destination for residents - its economic impact from sales tax assists our City with much needed funding. Approximately \$160,000 is generated each year in sales tax revenue from the Towne Centre - one reason shopping in town benefits all of us. The Towne Centre, however, is not our only place of local business.

Our 2.1 square miles hosts many home based businesses - some of which also generate sales tax. To assist local businesses, in the next edition of the newsletter, a Business Highlight will detail home based and many of those doing businesses and those doing business in Villa Park. If you are interested, please send an email to kdomer@villapark.org or call (714) 998-1500.

New City Staff Members Work to Serve Residents on Daily Basis

The City of Villa Park budgets for 5 1/2 staff positions to conduct the majority of City business. Two positions within the Public Works Department help keep the City clean and running smoothly with regard to sidewalks, roads, trails, and general maintenance. Mike Knowles has been with the City for over 18 years and is the Maintenance Supervisor. Rich Manning, our Maintenance I position, has been with the City for over two years. Both Mike and Rich can be seen daily around the City keeping up the City's appearance.



New to the City in 2006 is Associate Planner Jason Carson. Jason was formerly with the City's contract engineering firm handling water quality and planning related items. Jason joined the City in

October 2006 to undertake all day to day planning activities including site plan review, conditional use permits, and his major task for 2007 will be coordinating the General Plan update as well as working to update our City's municipal code. In addition, Jason handles all property related code enforcement action and water quality protection.

Also new is Jarad Hildenbrand in the role of Assistant to the City Clerk. Jarad is a recent graduate of Cal State Fullerton and is currently working part-time with the City. His role is agenda management



for Council Meetings, City records management, and legal notice preparation, in addition to assisting with finance items such as coding daily receipts for asset management. Jarad takes on other special assignments including helping to coordinate the City's Neighborhood Watch and CERT programs.

Joining Jarad and Jason in the office is Sue Pichelli. Sue is the Administrative Services Assistant managing the City's clerical and file functions while being primarily responsible for the business license program. If you stop into City Hall, these are the people that will be happy to assist you!

City Items of Interest

The City posted new signs at the entrances to our Villa Park Towne Centre. The signs combine three older signs into just one, and now cite vehicle code sections prohibiting reckless driving. Please drive carefully!

The City's Sewer Improvement Project will start in late July on various construction projects funded by the Sewer Service User Charge.

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!

Improvements to the Recreational Trail System will start in June at various locations, including: Santiago from Lemon to west of Center; along Cerro Villa Drive north of Valley and between Rama and El Rito.

Villa Park Road improvements are scheduled to begin in late July. The entire road will be resurfaced with rubberized asphalt.

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 - 7:30 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.

Villa Park City Council

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Go to our website at <http://www.villapark.org> for many of your questions!

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(After 5 PM and Weekends you will reach our service)
Building Dept.: M-W-F 8 AM to 11 AM
Engineering: Tues 8 to 12 PM - Thurs 1 PM to 5 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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CITY

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City Hall Fax Line..... 998-1508
Villa Park Library (OCPL)..... 998-0861
City Hall Email.....info@villapark.org
City Websitewww.villapark.org
VP Community Foundation 998-0250

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/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
AT&T Telephone (800) 310-2355
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Villa Park Community Access TV.. 998-4880
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