



# City of Villa Park

## Highlights

Winter 2007

## New City Council Members Sworn In - Mayor/Council Ready for 2007!

The November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election brought the election of three new members to the City Council. The new members were sworn in to office on December 12, 2006 in a special meeting held to thank the outgoing members and welcome the new. The City Council is the only Council in Orange County that upholds the tradition of volunteerism by serving uncompensated.

All Council Members can be e-mailed at City Hall by using first initial & last name @villapark.org (ex. kdomer@villapark.org). For more information on the Council, go to [www.villapark.org/members](http://www.villapark.org/members).



Outgoing Villa Park City Council Members, from left to right, Bob Fauteux, Patricia Bortle, and Bob Bell receive resolutions from Assemblyman Bob Huff's office as presented by field representative Jody Roberto at the December 12th meeting.

### Villa Park City Council

- Rich Ulmer**  
Mayor
- Brad Reese**  
Mayor Pro Tem
- Rich Freschi**  
Councilmember
- Deborah Pauly**  
Councilmember
- Jim Rheins**  
Councilmember

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## City Council Launches Strategic Financial Plan Process

The City Council held a special meeting on January 16th to review a 2003 Strategic Financial Plan and begin the update process. A Strategic Financial Plan is a document that serves as a framework for making future decisions based on a solid understanding of the City's revenue and expense history and look at future potential for revenue and expected expenses. The Strategic Planning process will provide the City a basis for making critical decisions for the 2007/2008 Budget. In addition, by the end of the process, projections of revenue and expenditures will be reviewed so that decisions for making improvements and setting aside reserves can be properly made. To participate in the Strategic Planning Process, please check the City's website for updates.

New and Improved Format! Please let us know what you think. Thanks to Don Ebrite for suggesting the current improvements!

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# Community Connection

## VP Boat Parade Celebration Sails On Tradition of Fun Holiday Spirit

The Villa Park Boat Parade and Holiday Celebration, titled "Yuletide Ride" for 2006, sailed through the City on December 10th making its final destination the Villa Park Towne Centre. Crowds lined the streets for the festive night, watching the Christmas light trimmed boats filled with warmly dressed residents and friends shouting holiday cheer to those in the streets. Joining the Boat Parade as it made its way down the final stretch of Santiago Boulevard was the Marching Spartans from Villa Park High School.

The Spartan band led the procession into the Towne Centre where food and further entertainment awaited those in attendance.



Residents and long time community volunteers Charlotte and Bob Bell were the 2006 Grand Marshals. The 2007 Boat Parade will be on Sunday, December 9th.

## VP Volunteer Firefighters Escort Santa and City Council Around Town

Villa Park's own Volunteer Firefighters helped Santa visit the children of the City on December 9th. The day long Santa Tour started at 8 AM and made almost 40 stops around the City before cheerfully sending St. Nick back up to the North Pole to make final preparations for Christmas. In addition to the annual Pancake Breakfast, the Santa Tour is one more way that our Volunteer Firefighters give back to the City.

## VP Rotary Looking Strong in 2007

The Villa Park Rotary, which meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 AM in City Hall, is off to a great start for 2007 with increased membership. Breakfasts are catered by Rockwell's Cafe and interested persons can call Steven Pollack at 547-8787.

## Villa Park Foundation Marks Five Years of Community Service

The Villa Park Community Services Foundation enters its fifth year of service to the Villa Park community with a renewed sense of mission and service. Formed initially to carry on the community events of the City such as the Annual Picnic and Boat Parade, the Foundation embarked upon a goal of increasing community philanthropy and acts of service in 2006. New to the Foundation are service scholarships for residents that are high school seniors going to college and financial support of community events or organizations. The Foundation will undergo a strategic planning process in early 2007 to help it reach its potential as a viable and effective community services organization. For more information, please call 998-0250 or come to a Foundation meeting on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 PM in City Hall.

## VP Friends of the Library Starts Capital Campaign with Successful Car Raffle

The Friends of the Villa Park Library ended 2006 with a successful drive to increase their Capital Campaign to expand and renovate the Villa Park Public Library. The raffle of a 2007 Cadillac CTS raised over \$27,000. The Friends' goal is to raise over \$200,000 for the expansion and modernization effort. Future fundraisers are planned and donors can contact the Friends at 998-0861 for more information.

## Looking Great! VPWL Awards Fourth Quarter Beautification Awards

The Villa Park Women's League, with support from the VP Rotary, VP Foundation, and City awarded two 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](mailto:marie@youngideas.com).

# City News and Events

## Happy 45th Birthday Villa Park!

The City of Villa Park turned 45 on January 12th - and she has never looked better! The City was incorporated on January 11, 1962 after residents sought to exercise their own control with regard to zoning and quality of life. Formerly an unincorporated area of the County of Orange, but within the sphere of influence for the growing City of Orange, the newly formed City of Villa Park was created to preserve the quality of life promised by larger lots and a bedroom community lifestyle.



## Residents Thank Outgoing Council Members for Their Years of Service

No pay and sometimes no thanks, residents who volunteer to serve on the City Council can be certain of one thing - they leave office having kept the Hidden Jewel the most desirable city in which to live in Orange County.

At the December 12, 2006 City Council meeting, outgoing City Council Members Patricia Bortle, Bob Fauteux, and Bob Bell were presented small tokens of appreciation and lauded by residents for their years of service. Bob Bell, who will live forever in Villa Park history as the longest serving member of Council at 16 years, was presented with a Villa Park street sign with his trademark mantra on one side, "Volunteer Way."



Beautification Award Winners: (L) The Leos' Residence on Robin Way for relaxing and pleasant mature, landscaping. (R) The Frackeltons' on Hazel for colorful rose & plant additions that enhance the home's ranch style appeal.

## Residential Parking District to be Put in Place Around Villa Park High

The City Council adopted an ordinance that creates a Residential Parking District for streets around Villa Park High School in an effort to preserve the residential nature of our neighborhoods. Currently, there are several differing restrictions on streets around the high school to include two hour parking limits. With the problem of student parking expanding to non-restricted streets, the City Council did not want to inconvenience



Student Cars Along Prado Woods.

residents while chasing the problem around the City with various restrictions. The Residential Parking only concept allows for unrestricted parking that is typically associated with residential uses - such as guests, hosting parties or bridge, and street parking for residents - without requiring residents to obtain permits. It does preclude student parking which is not associated with residential uses. Students who do park on these streets will find a parking ticket waiting to be paid.

## City Seeks to Update General Plan in First Revision Since 1991

The City will soon begin an update to its General Plan - a document required by the State in order to better guide the City in its planning and zoning efforts. Even though the City is completely built out, the City is required to update its General Plan and various parts, including the Housing Element, to ensure compliance with state law. In this General Plan revision, the City will look to update its zoning to include a new zoning code for the Villa Park Towne Centre, the City's only commercial area. The current zoning for the Towne Centre is 45 years old and most parcels are non-conforming given the development over the years. Visit the City's website at [www.villapark.org](http://www.villapark.org) for more information.

## City Lowers Site Plan Review Costs for Minor Structures Including BBQs, Play Structures, Patios, and Sheds

The City Council created a Minor Site Plan Review application that costs only \$50 so residents can legally comply with zoning codes that require all structures be reviewed by the City. Included in the lower cost application are patios, BBQ's, sheds, play structures, and play houses. It is important for the review to take place to ensure setbacks are maintained and to avoid view encroachments that effect a neighbor's privacy.

### Join the Villa Park E-Network

The Villa Park E-Network is your way to stay up-to-date on City news and events. Simply send an email to [enetwork-subscribe@villapark.org](mailto: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](http://www.villapark.org/e-network) for more information!

### 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](http://www.villapark.org). Click on Meetings and the date or look for the Council Meeting announcement on the home page.



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

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM  
(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

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### CITY

City Hall ..... 998-1500  
City Hall Fax Line..... 998-1508  
Villa Park Library (OCPL)..... 998-0861  
City Hall Email.....[info@villapark.org](mailto:info@villapark.org)  
City Website .....[www.villapark.org](http://www.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  
Southern California Edison ..... (800) 655-4555  
Southern California Gas ..... (800) 427-2200  
Villa Park Community Access TV.. 998-4880  
Time Warner Cable ..... (888) 683-1000