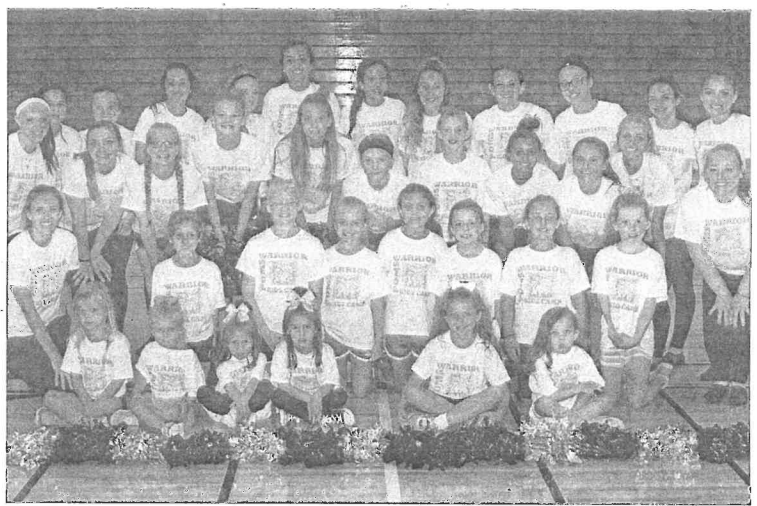




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## Pom camp at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's varsity pom team held a camp for girls ages 3 to 13 last week. More than 20 girls attended the five-day camp, which ended with Friday's performances for friends and family. Willowbrook coaches Maggie Lamb and Autumn Jones conducted the camp with members of the varsity team. The camp featured different themes on three days—Cowgirl Day, Disney Day and Hawaiian Day. The girls who attended the camp will perform with the varsity at halftime of the Warriors' home football game on Oct. 13. Willowbrook's pom team will hold its next camp for kids



From Oct. 10-13. That camp will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the main gymnasium each day from Oct. 10-12. The girls who attend that camp will also perform during the varsity football game on Oct. 13. The cost is \$70 per child. For more information, e-mail Maggie Lamb at mlamb@dupage88.net by Oct. 4.

## Cullerton looks to increase voter participation

Roughly 17 percent of registered voters in DuPage County participated in the April 2017 elections.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) wants to give Illinoisans the opportunity to vote for their school board members alongside candidates for the White House and U.S. Senate under his proposal to fight voter fatigue.

"School board members make important decisions about the future of our children and our property tax dollars, decisions they shouldn't take lightly and neither should voters," said Cullerton. "We can't force people to go out and vote, but we can take steps to make it easier."

After observing an extreme decrease in voter participation during

consolidated elections, Cullerton introduced Senate Bill 441.

In the 23rd State Senate District alone there was a 58 percentage-point dropoff in voter turnout in the 2013 consolidated elections compared to 2014 general elections.

"Our children can't afford for less than 20 percent of our registered voters to elect vital representatives to make crucial decisions concerning their future," Cullerton said. "Small turnouts allow special interest groups to dominate elections and don't allow for the best candidates to receive a fair chance."

SB 441 passed out of the Senate's Executive Committee unanimously and will now move to the full Senate for consideration.



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## Villa Park briefs

### District 88 announces vacancy on its school board; applications due Friday

In compliance with Illinois School Code and District 88 Board policy, District 88 has announced a vacancy on its board of education.

Due to the resignation of Lisa Lullo, a seat on the District 88 Board of Education is open until the next election in April 2019. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy can visit dupage88.net, and click on the applicable link to be directed to an application. The deadline to apply for the position is Friday, July 21.

Selected candidates will be interviewed by the board of education in late July or early August. Contact District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton at shelton@dupage88.net or at 630-530-3990 for more information.

### Pools are available for evening rental during the summer season

Villa Park Recreation has announced that Jefferson and Lufkin pools are available for private rentals for parties, fundraisers and other occasions. Both pools are available on evenings when special events aren't scheduled, from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, or 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. on weeknights. To reserve a date, contact Jefferson Pool at 630-832-5632, or Lufkin Pool at 630-279-6286.

### Movies at Cortesi Park in August

Villa Park Recreation will offer a free "Movies in the Park" program this summer at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 320 E. Kenilworth Ave. The movies will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, and Monday, Aug. 14. "Frozen" will be presented on Aug. 7. The Aug. 14 film is "The Lego Batman Movie." Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Concessions will be available for purchase. The movies will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. The event is co-sponsored by the recreation department and the Villa Park Library. For more information, call the library at 630-834-1164.

### Swim lessons and aqua fitness classes offered at Villa Park's public pools

Villa Park's Parks and Recreation Department offers swim lessons throughout the summer at both Jefferson Pool and Lufkin Pool. Lessons are available for all ages and skill levels. The lessons include parent/tot sessions.

Private lessons for children as young as 5 years old are tailored to specific needs, such as learning how to swim, improving a certain stroke and overcoming a fear of water. In the aqua fitness classes, participants can pay the drop-in fee of \$7 (cash only) at the pool on the day of the class. The Deep Water Workout class meets Saturdays from 8 to 9 a.m. at Lufkin Pool. The Aquacize class at the same location, from 9 to 10 a.m., follows it. The Churn the Water class is held at Jefferson Pool on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The Aqua Zumba class runs from 7:15 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at Lufkin Pool. For more information, call 630-834-8970.

### Chamber of commerce's Burgers, Bags and Business event takes place Aug. 9

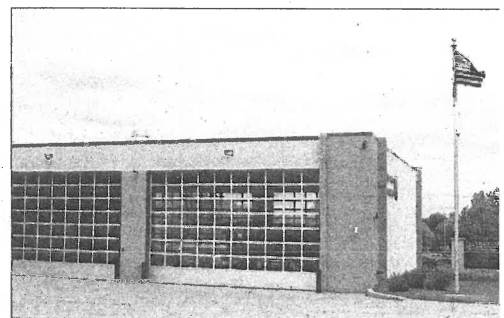
The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Burgers, Bags and Business event on Wednesday, Aug. 9. The event will run from 4 to 8 p.m. near the Rugaard Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. Individual food and drink tickets are \$40 per person (\$25 for chamber members). Tickets featuring food, drinks and entry into the bags tournament are \$75 for non-members and \$50 for members. A team tournament entry—offering food, drinks and tournament entries for two—is \$80. For more information, contact the chamber at 630-941-9133.

### Villa Park BREWFEST scheduled for Sept. 23

The inaugural Villa Park BREWFEST will take place from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. The event will take place at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. BREWFEST will feature craft beers from area breweries. Tickets are available for purchase, online only, at \$59 for a Gold Pass. The Gold Pass provides early entrance from 1 to 2 p.m., as well as a food ticket, use of indoor bathrooms and a commemorative tasting glass. General admission tickets are \$40 (through Aug. 18), and include entrance from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and a tasting glass. The general admission tickets will cost \$45 as of Aug. 19. Tickets for designated drivers, which will provide soda and bottled water, are \$15. Designated drivers must be at least 21 years old. Several food trucks will offer a variety of food items for purchase. There will be free shuttles running from the Villa Park Metra Station, Jefferson Pool and Lufkin Pool. BREWFEST is a 21 and older event. Visit villaparkbrewfest.com for more information.

## Senior luncheon

Villa Park Recreation's monthly Birthday Bunch and Lunch event in July featured a patriotic theme. Pictured at this month's event (clockwise from top right) are Jenny Casale, Darlene Merchar Elaine Caselli, Rudy Caselli and Judy Kapolczynski. Next month Birthday Bunch and Lunch will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10. The luncheon will be held at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Area seniors are invited to enjoy lunch, bingo, contests and singing "Happy Birthday to You" attendees celebrating a birthday in August. The fee is \$5 per person payable at the door. For more information, call 630-834-8970.



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## New doors coming to Station No. 81

Villa Park Village Board members voted unanimously during the July 10 board meeting to approve spending nearly \$50,000 to replace 10 overhead garage doors at Fire Station No. 81 at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. The four doors—two each on the north and south sides of the station—were installed when the station was built in the mid-1970. Each door is approximately 25 feet wide and 16 feet high. The photo from last week shows a view of the station's two south doors. According to Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, the current overhead doors have become a maintenance nightmare. He added that the current doors are not energy efficient. The four new red aluminum doors, which should be installed by the end of the summer, will be energy efficient. Each new door will also feature fewer glass pan windows than the current doors.