

Villa Park Historical Society celebrates its 40th anniversary

The Villa Park Historical Society is marking its 40th anniversary this year. The historical society and the Villa Park Historical Museum were both established in 1978.

An all-volunteer historical society operates the museum in partnership with the Village of Villa Park. The museum, which is located at 220 S. Villa Ave., is in the 1929 Chicago, Aurora & Elgin train station that served the community as the Villa Avenue stop until 1957.

Carol Marcus, the museum's executive director and the president of the historical society, noted the many people whose contributions help to keep the museum open.

"The current Villa Park Historical Society Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the efforts of everyone that have contributed to our successes, especially the past presidents, board members, membership, volunteers, the community, visitors, newspaper reporters, local businesses, service clubs, bike clubs, donors and the Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission," said Marcus in a state-



The Villa Park Historical Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018. The Villa Park Historical Museum (pictured) was also established 40 years ago. The museum, which once served as a train station, is located at 220 S. Villa Ave. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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ment. "Besides having interesting and informative local history displays inside the museum and friendly docents to greet you, visitors are impressed by the building's attractive English Tudor style architecture and its great lo-

cation along the Illinois Prairie Path. There are outdoor benches, picnic tables under a shady pavilion and a lovely garden to enjoy."

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, the muse-

um has in recent years served as the Villa Park Visitor Center, providing visitors with business information, Illinois Prairie Path maps and guides to local restaurants and shops since 2009.

A volunteer board and staff operate the museum, which is funded by the generosity of its members, donors, visitors, fundraising activities and the partnership and support of the Village of Villa Park.

Villa Park briefs

VFW Post No. 2801 holds Fourth of July parade next week

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 will hold its annual Independence Day parade on Wednesday, July 4. The parade begins at noon; the parade route is

about two miles long. The parade formation begins at 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 S. Ardmore Ave. The parade route heads west on Central Boulevard to Harvard Avenue, South on Harvard to Madison Street, east on Madison to Summit Avenue, north on Summit to Park Boulevard,

and west on Park to Ardmore.

Villa Park Historical society invites residents to its ice cream social on July 3

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will hold its annual ice cream social on Tuesday, July 3. The social will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Villa Park Historical Museum, located at 220 S. Villa Ave. Admission is free, but monetary donations will be accepted and appreciated. Residents are invited to enjoy ice cream and cupcakes and listen to "Sons of the New Amish," a band specializing in Americana, roots rock and alternative music.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15. The walk will provide a tour of the gardens of several area homes. Tickets can be purchased online at the club's website, homegardening.org.

Willowbrook pom camp takes place July 9-13

The Willowbrook High School pom team will hold its summer camp for kids from July 9-13. The camp, which is for children ages 4 to 13, will include five daily sessions, with each session running from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school's main gym. The camp will conclude with a showcase for family and friends at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 13. Campers can sign up on the morning of the first session on July 9. For more information, contact Maggie Lamb, the Willowbrook pom team's head coach, at mlamb@dupage88.net.

Saint Genesius Productions to present 'Titanic—the Musical' July 19-21

Villa Park's Saint Genesius Productions will present a summer show next month at Willowbrook High School. "Titanic—the Musical" will feature a cast of area students in grade school, high school and college. The performances, on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, will begin at 7 p.m. There will be two shows on Saturday, July 21. One will begin at 3 p.m. The other will start at 7 p.m. General admission prices are \$12 per person and \$8 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, call 630-244-9406, or visit saintgenesiusproductions.com.

Founded in 2010, Saint Genesius Productions was created to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade schools throughout DuPage County. The organization has expanded to offer next month's production.

Summer concert series begins on Monday Series continues with three Wednesday-night concerts in July

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park and the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will present its annual Concerts on the Prairie Path series in July. Each of the four free concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Rugaard Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path. The concession stand, which will offer sales of hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, soda and popcorn, will open at 6 p.m. The concerts usually take place on Wednesday evenings in July, but since the Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday this year, the series will begin with a concert on Monday, July 2. That concert will feature the Rhythm Rockets and the Willowbrook High School Jazz Band. The concert series continues with a July 11 event featuring the StingRays. The St. John's Praise Team from Lombard will perform at the July 18 concert. The series concludes with the July 25 concert, which will feature Tropixplosion.

Garden club conducts its annual garden walk on July 15

The Garden Club of Villa Park will hold its annual garden walk from



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Shredding partners

To help residents safely shred documents with sensitive information, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, recently hosted her annual community document shredding day in partnership with the Village of Glendale Heights, AT&T Illinois and state Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park. "I want to thank AT&T Illinois and the Village of Glendale Heights for partnering with us to provide this free service to DuPage County residents year after year," said Conroy. "We were able to help dozens of residents safely dispose of unneeded documents that may contain personal information." Many residents took advantage of the opportunity to safely shred their sensitive documents at Conroy's event. AT&T Illinois, the Village of Glendale Heights and local volunteers assisted residents at the event, which was held at the Glendale Heights Civic Center.

Cullerton-supported bill denies reimbursement increases to legislators

Members of the Illinois General Assembly will not receive a scheduled pay increase this year, thanks to a new law supported by Villa Park Democrat Tom Cullerton.

Cullerton supported House Bill 3342, which stops automatic increase in mileage reimbursements and per diem rates. The bill passed on Wednesday, May 30.

"Public service means sharing the sacrifices to protect the needs of DuPage County residents," Cullerton

said. "The common-sense measure will direct state dollars where they are needed the most."

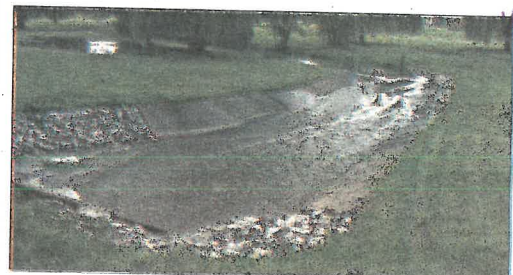
Cullerton voted to cut his pay every year he has been in the General Assembly.

House Bill 3342 freezes the Illinois General Assembly's mileage reimbursement and per diem rates for the upcoming year.

Cullerton also refused to accept a pension from the state general assembly pension system.

"I'm here to represent the people of the 23rd Senate District. As communities across our district suffer from high property tax bills, legislators should not be collecting a pay increase on the backs of hard-working families," Cullerton said. "This measure will help ensure vital programs such as meals on wheels and veterans programs are funded properly."

House Bill 3342 passed the Senate with bipartisan support and now heads to the House for consideration.



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The brook is flowing

The rain-swollen brook near Willowbrook High School was flowing rapidly after last week's rain. The photo from Friday, June 22, shows the brook near Ardmore Avenue. The brook flows eastward under Ardmore. The United States Geological Survey rain gauge at Salt Creek in Elmhurst measured over 3.5 inches of rainfall in the 48-hour period of June 21-22.