

## The new Steuerle Funeral Home



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The Village of Villa Park joined the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Steuerle Funeral Home at 15 W. Park Boulevard. The original Steuerle Funeral home, built by Lou Steuerle, stood at the corner of Ardmore and Highland avenues from 1952 until earlier this year. "This state-of-the-art facility has transformed the block with a thoughtful and modern update to their services," noted the Village of Villa Park in a social media post. "It will continue to provide comfort and compassion to our community for years to come. Please join us in welcoming and celebrating this new chapter with them." Pictured left to right at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are: Villa Park Village Manager Michael Rivas, Villa Park Village Trustee Jorge Cordova, Steuerle's funeral director and director of technology Joshua Van Staalduin, Steuerle owner Robert Van Staalduin, Villa Park Assistant Village Manager Michael Guerra, Interim Villa Park Community Development Director Michelle House and Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department Director Tim Howe.

## Willowbrook presents its fall musical this week

Willowbrook High School's theater department is presenting its fall musical—"Seussical: The Musical"—this week. The first of three performances will take place tonight—Thursday, Nov. 13. The next two performances will be on Friday, Nov. 14, and on Saturday, Nov. 15. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium.

The family-friendly musical, which combines many Dr. Seuss stories into a single show, features well-known characters like the Cat in the Hat and Gertrude McFuzz.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Admission is free for District 88 students with their ID cards, and for residents with a Senior Gold Card.

Tickets are available at willowbrooktheatre.ludus.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. The box office opens at 6:15 on the night of each performance.

For more information about the musical, email Regina Wathier at [rvwathier@dupage88.net](mailto:rvwathier@dupage88.net). **Kiwanis Club holds fundraising spaghetti**

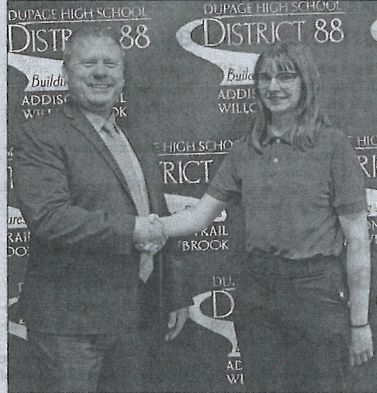
### dinner before Friday's performance

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park/Lombard will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before the presentation of "Seussical: The Musical" this Friday, Nov. 14. The spaghetti dinner will take place from 5 to 6:45 p.m. in the Willowbrook cafeteria.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10

for adults, \$7 for teenagers, and \$5 for children ages 6-12. There is no charge for kids 5 and under. Tickets for the dinner are sold separately from tickets for the musical.

To order tickets, or learn more about the spaghetti dinner, visit [kiwanisclubofvillapark.com](http://kiwanisclubofvillapark.com), and click the "What We Do" link at the top of the page.



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## Bryers receives 88's Best honor for October

Willowbrook High School senior Jaclyn Bryers was recently honored as her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of October. Bryers was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education's Oct. 27 meeting. She is pictured (right) at that meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left). Krause spoke during the meeting and read comments from some of Bryers's teachers, who described her as a stellar student, a natural leader with remarkable confidence and poise, and a mature and thoughtful student with a strong work ethic. Bryers is an academic standout in Willowbrook's Class of 2026. When she graduates, she will have completed 14 Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction, and she has been named to Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll each semester of her time in high school. Bryers is an inductee of multiple honor societies, including the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the Science Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the Thespian Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Bryers is a four-year member of Willowbrook's marching band. She's also a member of the school's wind ensemble, and its jazz band. Bryers has been a dedicated member of the school's theatrical productions, serving in multiple capacities, including stints as a cast member, a sound crew member, a stage manager, and an assistant director. Bryers is in the process of applying to multiple schools, including the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Princeton University, the University of Michigan, UCLA and the University of Chicago. She plans to major in aerospace engineering or criminal justice/criminology.

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## Taking donations for annual food drive

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Villa Park Lions Club members Christi Klein (left) and Joe Helton (right) stood outside Jewel-Osco in Villa Park on Friday morning, asking residents to donate to the Villa Park Office Equipment annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Villa Park Office Equipment will use the collected money to purchase items for local families and neighbors in need. Those items include Jewel and ALDI gift cards, instant potatoes, instant stuffing, canned green beans and vegetables, single-serve packaged desserts, microwavable Dirty Moore stew, meals in pop-top cans (soup, ravioli, etc.), packaged microwavable food, instant rice, pasta and mac and cheese, Hormel Compleats meals, individual instant coffee and tea, hot chocolate packets, paper towels, paper plates, bowls, cups and napkins, and plastic utensils. Villa Park Office Equipment will be accepting donations at its showroom, located at 1120 N. Villa Ave., from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Thursday, Nov. 20. These donations will then be taken to DuPagePads in Wheaton—the county's largest year-round shelter—which provides emergency housing, meals, and wraparound support services to families and individuals facing homelessness.