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# Fall musical at Willowbrook

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Willowbrook High School's theater department presented its fall musical—"Seussical: The Musical"—last week. The performances took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-15, in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The photo shows several cast members during Friday's performance.

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## Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims. Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Nov. 11

A 54-year-old Aurora man was charged with two counts of domestic battery. The subject was arrested at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, for an incident that allegedly occurred in the 300 block of N. Illinois on Nov. 10.

### Nov. 10

Antonio T. Jackson Stanton, 20, of Villa Park, was charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer—exceeding 21 mph over the limit, resisting an officer, reckless driving, speeding, improper use of registration, no valid license or permit and driving the wrong way on a divided highway or cross median near Roosevelt and Villa at 7:53 p.m. Stanton was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

A complainant at a restaurant in the 1000 block of W. North reported at 8:25 p.m. that a subject battered them.

### Nov. 9

Hosni Vilchez, 40, of Villa Park, was charged with violation of an order of protection in the 600 block of W. Vermont. Vilchez was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

A complainant at a store in the 900 block of S. Route 83 reported at 2:51 p.m. that a subject's actions alarmed and disturbed them. The subject

was issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

### Nov. 8

A complainant in the 300 block of E. Kenilworth reported at 11:26 p.m. that a subject battered them.

A complainant at a restaurant in the 1-100 block of W. Roosevelt reported at 4:17 p.m. that a subject battered them.

A complainant in the 200 block of W. Division reported at 6:24 p.m. that a subject battered them.

### Nov. 7

A complainant at a hotel in the 300 block of E. Roosevelt reported at 5:06 a.m. that a subject entered their vehicle and removed several items.

A complainant in the 300 block of E. Washington reported at 5:10 p.m. that they paid a subject for work and that the subject has not come back to complete it.

A complainant in the 300 block of E. Washington reported at 8:39 p.m. that a subject battered them.

### Nov. 6

A 22-year-old Berkeley man was charged with domestic battery at a car wash in the 700 block of N. Addison at 9:59 a.m. The man was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

### Nov. 5

A complainant in the 300 block of E. Schiller reported at 12:17 p.m. that a garbage truck struck an electrical pole.

### Identity theft, fraud

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported two incidents of identity theft or fraud in the village between Nov. 5 and Nov. 11.

## Court grants state's motion to detain Chicago man charged with leading police on a high-speed chase

*After the chase ended, a 4-year-old child was allegedly found in the back seat*

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Oak Brook Chief of Police Brian Strockis announced last week that Judge Joshua Dieden granted the state's motion to detain pre-trial a Chicago man accused of leading police on a high-speed chase.

Asdrubala Brito Marcano, 27, appeared in court on Thursday, Nov. 13, and was charged with one count of aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer (Class 4 felony) and one count of misdemeanor endangering the health or life of a child.

On Nov. 12, at approximately 6 p.m., an Oak Brook police officer observed a Chevy Impala with suspended license plates parked in a handicapped space in the Nordstrom parking lot, located at 10 Oakbrook Center. It is alleged that the Impala, driven by Brito Marcano, pulled out and exited the parking lot, at which time the officer activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop

at Spring Road and Harger Road. It is alleged that once the officer stopped and got out of his vehicle, Brito Marcano fled. The officer initiated pursuit with his lights and sirens activated.

It is alleged that Brito Marcano continued to Roosevelt Road, merged onto I-290, where, between Mannheim Road and 25th Street, he drove on the shoulder and gained speed, traveling in excess of 65 mph in a 55 mph zone. It is alleged that Brito Marcano continued driving on I-290, weaving on and off the shoulder of the road until he exited the expressway at 17th Street, where he drove over a curb and ran a red light.

At this point, a Cook County Sheriff's Office's helicopter continued to observe Brito Marcano as he allegedly made his way onto I-55 to I-90/94 to southbound I-94 to 59th Street, where he ran out of gas. A short time later, a Chicago police officer took Brito Marcano into custody after

Brito Marcano waved down the officer for assistance. A 4-year-old child was found in the back seat of the Impala.

"Fleeing from law enforcement is not only illegal, it is also extremely dangerous and puts the lives of the officers involved, other motorists, innocent bystanders and the accused in harm's way," Berlin said. "What I find particularly disturbing in this case are the allegations that Mr. Brito Marcano fled police at a high rate of speed, drove on the shoulder of the road and even jumped a curb while a four-year-old child was in the back seat. With the busy holiday season fast approaching, I want to remind motorists that if you hear sirens and see flashing lights behind you, you must pull over. In DuPage County, we have no tolerance for those who unnecessarily put others at risk. If you flee, we will use every tool at our disposal, including the use of a helicopter as in this case, and once apprehended, you will

find yourself facing additional felony charges. I commend the Oak Brook Police Department for their work on this case and continued efforts in keeping our roadways safe. I thank the Chicago Police Department for their work in apprehending the defendant and the Cook County Sheriff's Office's helicopter team for air support."

"This incident is an excellent example of what our officers do so consistently," Strockis said. "They had a plan, communicated the plan, utilized all available resources and executed the plan to safely take this offender into custody. Those that chose to continue to flee from the police should realize that you cannot outrun effective police communication, technology and air support. I want to thank the Cook County Sheriff's Office helicopter team and all the other agencies that assisted."

Brito Marcano's next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 8, in front of Judge Ann Celine O'Hallaren Walsh.

## Fire leaves Oak Brook home uninhabitable

*No injuries reported; firefighters from multiple municipalities, including Villa Park, provide assistance*

Residents were left homeless after a fire heavily engulfed their Oak Brook home, causing a part of the roof to collapse, early in the morning of Nov. 11.

At 2:20 a.m., the Oak Brook Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the 500 block of

Abbeywood Court.

According to a release issued by the Oak Brook Fire Department, the first arriving units encountered a heavy volume of fire in an attached three-car garage, with a partial roof collapse.

Upon arrival, heavy fire was also noted communi-

cating into the attic space of the single-story ranch-style home.

Three occupants of the home were alerted by a functioning alarm system, notified the fire department via 911, and were able to safely evacuate without injury.

Crews immediately began interior fire suppression operations. Firefighters encountered heavy smoke conditions throughout the home and a well-involved fire throughout the attic space.

Based on fire conditions, the alarm was elevated to a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 12 Box Alarm.

Ultimately, two aerial master streams and multiple handlines were used to bring the fire under control. The fire was extinguished and the box alarm was struck approximately 2 hours and 20 min-

utes after the initial crew's arrival.

There were no injuries to the home's occupants or firefighters on the scene.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force.

There was significant fire, water, and structural damage throughout the home, leaving the home uninhabitable.

The last Oak Brook unit cleared the scene at 7:40 a.m. and the property was turned back over to the homeowner.

The Oak Brook Fire Department was assisted by firefighters from Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Hillside, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, Westmont, Western Springs and York Center, as well as the Oak Brook Police Department and DuPage Fire Investigation Task Force.

## WPO Craft Fair



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The Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) held its 10th Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 8, in Willowbrook High School's field house. More than 1,400 people attended the event, which featured an array of vendors, crafters and food trucks. Willowbrook alumnus Paul Velat and the Willowbrook student jazz group—"The Sax Operators"—provided music entertainment. The event raised nearly \$18,000. All proceeds will be used to enhance student success through scholarships and support. WPO Craft Fair Coordinator Anne Goodhart thanks all of the volunteers, shoppers, vendors and Willowbrook administrators/staff members who contributed to the successful day. She stated that the WPO is already looking forward to next year's Craft Fair, which is scheduled to take place Nov. 14, 2026. Pictured left to right at this year's Craft Fair are Linda Polacek, Janet, Jay and Colleen

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# Village of Villa Park issues announcement about temporary closure of Fire Station 81

Station on Ardmore Avenue will close for renovations in late December; renovation project expected to take four to five months; Station 81's crew will temporarily relocate to the former Iowa Community Center

The Village of Villa Park recently announced that Fire Station 81, located at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave., will be temporarily closed for renovations beginning in late December. According to the village, the renovation project is expected to last approximately four to five months.

"Originally built over 50 years ago, Fire Station 81 no longer meets current safety or operational standards," noted the village's announcement. "The upcoming renovations will improve the station's functionality, ensure greater code compliance, and enhance the department's ability to serve the community, though additional upgrades may be needed in the future to fully address all operational needs."

During the renovation project at Fire Station 81, the station's crew will temporarily relocate to the former Iowa Community Center at 338 N. Iowa Ave.

"Emergency response services will continue without interruption," related the village's statement about the temporary closure of Fire Station 81. "For questions or more information, contact the Villa Park Fire De-

partment at 630-833-5350. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to improve our facilities and continue to serve you with excellence."

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The village's recent announcement about the closure of Fire Station 81 and its crew's relocation to the former Iowa Community Center included the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) segment, along with answers:

**Q: Will the Fire Department still respond if I have an emergency?**

A: Yes. Although Station 81 will be temporarily relocated during renovations, the Villa Park Fire Department remains fully operational. While there may be minor adjustments, we do not anticipate any significant impact on emergency response times. During this period, the department will operate out of a temporary location and coordinate closely with neighboring fire departments through a shared response plan. This collaborative approach ensures continued, reliable emergency coverage for the entire village.

**Q: Why are these renovations necessary?**

A: The renovations to Fire Station 81 are essential to address several critical safety, health, and operational concerns:

• **Severely Deteriorated Apparatus Bay Floor:** This key area, where emergency vehicles are stored and maintained, is in urgent need of repair. Its current condition poses safety hazards and limits the station's ability to operate efficiently.

• **Inadequate Restroom and Shower Facilities:** The station currently has only one bathroom and shower available for all on-duty personnel. This setup does not meet modern workplace standards and affects both health and morale.

• **HVAC System Deficiencies:** The station requires major upgrades to its heating and ventilation systems, including mold remediation, improved fresh air circulation during winter, and better temperature zoning. The existing boiler system is outdated and insufficient for maintaining a healthy indoor environment.

These upgrades are critical to ensure the safety of firefighters, support effective operations, and bring the facility up

to modern standards

**Q: How long will the fire station be closed?**

A: The renovation project is expected to take approximately four to five months to complete, depending on weather conditions and construction progress.

**Q: Will the Fire Department still be available for community events?**

A: Yes. Even while Station 81 is temporarily relocated, the Villa Park Fire Department remains committed to community

engagement. We will continue to participate in public events, safety demonstrations, and educational programs throughout the renovation period. Staying connected with our residents is a top priority.

**Q: Who can I contact for more information?**

A: For questions or updates, contact the Villa Park Fire Department at 630-833-5350 or email: Villa Park Fire Chief Steve Stapleton at [stapleton@inwillapark.com](mailto:stapleton@inwillapark.com).

## Obituary

**PATRICIA A. DODDS, 71**

Patricia A. Dodds, nee Cooper, age 71 of Villa Park, IL. Beloved wife of William Dodds; loving mother of Jackie (Jeff Tarant) West, Shannon (Darren) Letson, Fawn (the late Drew) Malec, Darlene (Tommy) Plis, Billy (Kristen Jeffery) Dodds Jr.; devoted grandmother of Ryan, Rob, Ally, Dylan, Justin, Amber, and Kelsey; fond sister of Wanda

(Ed) Thomas, the late Lois, the late George, the late Butch, and the late Vernon; aunt of many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Gathering was held Wednesday, Nov. 12, 4-7 PM at Steuierle Chapel, 15 W Park Blvd. Villa Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the wishes of the family are appreciated. For more info: 630-832-4161 or [www.steuierlefh.com](http://www.steuierlefh.com).

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## Thanking firefighters

Villa Park Fire Station 81 welcomed a special visitor last week. Noura stopped by the station at 1440 S. Ardmore Avenue to personally deliver a Thanksgiving painting she made to thank the village's firefighters. Members of the fire department showed Noura some of the department's vehicles and equipment. Pictured left to right at Fire Station 81 are Lieutenant Matthew Sauter, Lieutenant Brian Morrice, Noura, Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Schimanski and Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Gonzalez.



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## Kyrychenko receives 88's Best award

Willowbrook High School senior Illia Kyrychenko was recently honored as his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of November. Kyrychenko was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education's Nov. 10 meeting. He is pictured (right) at that meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left). Krause spoke during the meeting and read comments from Willowbrook staff members, who described Kyrychenko as a kind, friendly, and thoughtful student who has a love of learning. Kyrychenko came from the Ukraine in 2022 and did not speak English. Krause referred to comments from Willowbrook counselor Lourdes Pina, who related that Kyrychenko worked very hard to learn English and acclimate to a new country and culture. Since arriving at Willowbrook, he has demonstrated resilience and determination while making remarkable academic growth. In addition to praising Kyrychenko as hard-working, motivated, and ambitious, staff members noted that he is respectful, courteous, and humble. Kyrychenko is a member of Willowbrook's boys cross-country and track and field teams. He hopes to become a high school math teacher, and possibly an English Learner (EL) teacher.