

Vernon Hills Village Voice

People Planning with Pride

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Vernon Hills

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Construction Season Continues...

Summer Marked by Major Projects

While the sound of heavy equipment is common during summer months, this construction season has proven to be particularly interesting. Here's a quick update on the status of a number of higher profile projects around the Village.

Hawthorn Schools Will Feature Improved Traffic Routes

At Hawthorn School District 73, contractors were rolling in just as the last bus rolled out for summer break. In what is expected to be a two-year project, the District will construct two new schools and conduct an estimated \$5-million refurbishing of the middle school.



One immediate improvement will be new traffic patterns and increased parking, which will reduce gridlock and increase safety around the schools. In order to lessen congestion along Aspen Drive, Hawthorn South will feature a longer front driveway for cars to drop off and pick up students. Bus traffic will be separated from cars and pedestrians, with bus riders entering and exiting from the rear of the school. In addition, an improved playground will be situated between the Kindergarten and South buildings. Similar changes are in store for the north campus, where crews are installing new parking areas as well as a new bus-only exit from Route 60 — all designed to improve safety and efficiency.



Parents: You will receive a detailed information packet in mid-to late-August. Updated information is available at www.hawthorn73.org, or through the District Office at 847-990-4200. Residents are encouraged to learn more by attending board meetings, which are announced on the District website and rebroadcast on Cable Channel 4 (Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.).

A Great 4th of July Parade!

Thanks for braving the early morning storms to take part. Special thanks to our Grand Marshal, State Senator Terry Link, shown above right with his wife Susie. And congratulations to the more than two dozen boys and girls who took part in this year's bike decorating contest. What a great job!

Countryside Fire Responding During Construction

Construction is under way at Countryside Fire Protection District's station #2 on Deerpath Drive. The project, which expands office areas and crew quarters, is expected to be completed by mid-2004.

During construction, the fire station will continue to be staffed 24-hours a day, every day, by firemedics. The district's administrative staff has temporarily relocated to station #1 on Midlothian Road. Due to the hazardous nature of a construction site, public access to the Deerpath station is restricted. However, car seat checks, tours and other activities may be arranged at fire station #1 by calling the business phone number — 847-367-5511. (In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.)

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From the Mayor...

Share Your Ideas: As a Village, we strive to be fiscally responsible while providing appropriate services. We take a long-term view in promoting a vibrant community. It is that balance and forward thinking that is prompting Village officials to host focus group discussions designed to gather your input and direction. If you receive an invitation to attend, I would greatly appreciate your participation in this important project.

Shop in Town: Sales tax provides the bulk of our Village's revenue. For every \$100 in sales tax generated within the Village, we receive \$1. Keep in mind that the money you spend in town provides funds to repair streets, employ police officers, and maintain the public infrastructure. Shop Vernon Hills!

Thank you, Volunteers: Residents donate countless hours to our many family-friendly activities. Thank you to the hundreds of individuals and organizations that make it all possible.

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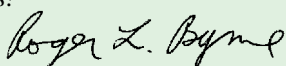
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Special Thanks:

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Village Says "No" to Solicitors

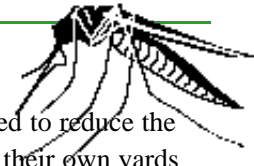
During a recent meeting of the Village Board, Trustees approved an ordinance that prohibits peddlers or fundraising solicitors from standing on any State or Federal highway within the Village — in other words, Route 60 or Route 21. This ordinance mirrors a similar state rule. Groups wishing to conduct drive-by fundraisers will still be allowed to do so on other Village streets, if they meet certain criteria.

Note that in accordance with recent court rulings, door-to-door solicitation is permitted in the Village. However, residents wishing to curtail these visits may **post "no solicitor" stickers, which are available at no charge from the Village Hall and Police Department.** If a solicitor ignores the sticker, you may call the police, who will issue a warning or a fine. For information, call the Police non-emergency number, 847-362-4449.

Mosquito Battle Continues

This summer's fairly extensive rainfall has made a perfect environment for mosquitoes. It also causes increased concern with mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile Virus. The virus affects crows and blue jays; if you find a dead crow or blue jay, contact the Lake County Health Department's West Nile Virus Hotline at 847-377-8300.

The Village continues to work with Clarke Mosquito to monitor and control the situation. For information on the abatement efforts or to request a breeding site inspection, call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555. General information is also available from the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile.



Residents are encouraged to reduce the mosquito population in their own yards by eliminating standing water:

- Fill or drain puddles and low spots.
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clear so water will drain properly.
- Cover trash cans and remove pails, bottles, etc. that can catch rainwater.
- Fill in tree holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
- Repair leaky pipes and outdoor faucets.
- Empty wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use. And make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots or drip trays at least once a week.
- Keep grass short and shrubbery trimmed so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.

Public Works Tackling Tree Replacements

While it may seem a distant memory, last winter's weather has lived on in many of our trees and plants. The season's extreme cold combined with a lack of insulating snow cover to allow the frost to go deep into the ground, killing the roots of many trees. On top of that, we had little precipitation, causing plants to become starved for water.

Especially hard-hit were the trees in the parkways, which received a "double whammy" — lack of moisture plus exposure to road de-icing salts. (The salts attracted what little moisture was

available, robbing the trees.) The species that were particularly affected were hackberry, ash, red maple and other species of plants with shallow root systems.

The Public Works Department is aware of the problem and is in the process of locating and removing dead parkway trees. Since so many trees were damaged, we ask for your patience. While many of the trees will be replaced this fall, some replacements will need to wait until next spring.

If you have any questions or want to see if your tree is on the replacement list, please contact Public Works at 847-367-3726.

Projects

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Fairway Drive Starts

Equipment is rolling to extend Fairway Drive through the Nike Site. In July, contractors began excavation as well as storm sewer installation in the area starting from Huron Street in Centennial Crossing and moving north.

In an effort to control dust created by these activities, water trucks will spray the work site as needed. Residents in these areas should also note that no construction traffic will be allowed on streets in the Centennial Crossing or the Stonefence Farms neighborhoods. **For updates, call the Construction Hotline at 847-918-3575.**

Road Rehab Ready for Sod

The 2003 Road Rehabilitation Project focused on the neighborhoods around Royal Oak, Westmoreland and Lakeside Drive. Beginning in June, crews began grinding down and replacing road surfaces, repairing curbs and sidewalks, and fixing storm sewers. The last step in the project is to place sod, which will be

done in late August or early September (per IDOT guidelines), to ensure that the sod has the best chance of survival.

Residents are encouraged to lend a hand in keeping the sod watered, once it is in place.

Town Center Talks Continue

Village officials continue to talk with potential developers of a master plan for Town Center, being proposed for the northwest corner of Route 45 and Milwaukee Avenue. Some time this fall, trustees expect to receive a detailed proposal from Half Day Partners LLC, which is comprised of Antunovich Associates Architects, Taxman Corp and Newport Builders. Preliminary ideas for the area include a mix of high-end condos, townhouses, retail/restaurant space and office space.

The site, which is adjacent to the College of Lake County's south campus, is part of a newly formed TIF district, which is designed to spur economic development by providing a mechanism to self-fund necessary infrastructure improvements. If you have questions, contact Assistant Village Manager John Kalmar at 847-918-3550 or johnk@vhills.org.

IN BUSINESS...

Here are a few business openings, as taken from recent permit requests to the Community Development Department:

- **Bow Meow Grooming**, 268 Hawthorn Village Commons
- **Curves Exercise Studio**, 271 Evergreen Drive
- **Kona Cafe**, 175 Hawthorn Pkwy
- **MGM Currency & Collectibles**, 103 Townline Road
- **Therapediatrics**, 200 Fairway
- **Wireless Retail**, inside Sam's Club
- **Cache**, 712 Hawthorn Center
- **Cajun Cafe**, 908 Hawthorn Center
- **Furniture Dash**, 228 Hawthorn Center
- **Time Service**, inside Sears
- **New carts at Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn include:** Leather Lodge; The Chicago Stop; Bamboo & More

DID YOU KNOW...

Of all the Barnes & Noble Booksellers in greater Chicagoland, the shop at Westfield Hawthorn had the largest turnout on June 20 for the Harry Potter book debut? Crowd estimate: more than 1500

Final Stretch at Nike Sports Complex

As major construction efforts to create the Nike Sports Complex are approaching the final innings, it is definitely no stretch to say that this multi-use recreation area will be a remarkable amenity for Vernon Hills and the surrounding community. The complex is scheduled to be fully available in Spring 2004, with an official dedication ceremony date still to be determined.

The parcel consists of areas for the Village of Vernon Hills, Vernon Hills High School, Stevenson High School, and Lincolnshire District 103.

The Village portion includes four state-of-the-art lighted baseball/soft-

ball diamonds (*see photo of dual pitcher's mound at right*), two practice diamonds, three full-size soccer fields, three junior soccer fields, concession/restroom facilities, a pavilion, and parking for more than 200 cars — all connected by a scenic network of walking paths. Many fields feature automatic irrigation, and all are designed for quick drainage after summer rains. For details, contact Village Engineer David Brown at 847-918-3544 or daveb@vhills.org.



Notes from the PD...

School Rules, Curfew, Fundraiser

• It's Back to School Time...

Yes, school will be back in session soon. Please be watchful of children enroute to and from schools and at bus stops. The police department asks all drivers to be diligent in obeying the rules of the road, especially those pertaining to school buses that are stopped to pick up or discharge students, and school zones, where the legal speed limit is 20 miles per hour.

The safety of our children should certainly be enough to convince you to drive safely. However, remember this — if you are convicted of passing a school bus that is stopped to pick up or discharge pupils (with its stop sign out and red lights flashing), your drivers license will be suspended for three months. It's longer for the second conviction. A conviction for speeding in a school zone also carries a higher than normal fine. Anyone with questions regarding these or other traffic laws can contact our Traffic Unit at 847-362-4449, ext. 4821.

• Correction to Curfew Info

The last issue of the *Village Voice* contained information pertaining to curfew. The age was incorrectly stated as "17

and younger." The correct ages affected by curfew are actually 16 and under. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience that it might have caused. For more information, call 847-247-4889 or visit www.vhpd.com.

• A Great Keepsake

The Vernon Hills Police Department Explorer Scout post is selling die cast models of the VHPD Police Interceptor squad car as a fundraiser for the program. Each individually packaged model is 1:43 scale and has authentic graphics, rubber tires, and opening doors, hood, and trunk. The cars are numbered and detailed like the real thing.

Each car costs \$20 and can be picked up at the station on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For \$5 more they can be shipped to you. For details, call 847-362-4449, ext. 4821.



Explorer Scouts are selling models of a squad car.

Since the next issue of the *Village Voice* isn't until October, we're getting the word out now...

Police Department Open House

Sunday, October 5
1-4 p.m.

754 Lakeview Parkway

Call 847-247-4888

You'll no doubt see reminders as the date gets nearer, but just in case...

(Also, please note that due to this year's construction, Countryside Fire will not be hosting an open house at the Deerpath station.)

Crime Alert: Close Garage Doors

As is often the case during the summer, the Village has recently experienced an increase the number of thefts from garages. In most of these incidents, the overhead garage door was left open. Contrary to what you may think, these types of thefts can occur at all hours of the day — not just overnight. Do yourself a favor by closing the overhead door when the garage is not in use.

Snaps from Summer Celebration

Here's a quick look at some of the sights from this year's Summer Celebration...



Slip Into Summer Splash '03

Summer Splash is set for the evening of **Friday, August 8** at the Aquatic Center, 635 N. Aspen Drive. Live music from The Only Sons, contests, games, food — and, of course, swimming! Great fun for the whole family. While the event is free, tickets are required and may be picked up at the Sullivan Center, Laschen Center or Village Hall shortly before the event. *Open to Village residents, only.*

Yard Waste Reminder

Please remember that landscape waste — leaves, grass clippings, etc. — should be placed in containers marked with an “X,” kraft paper bags or, in the case of small branches, bundles. If you have questions, contact Onyx Waste Services at 847-623-3870.

Park District Deadlines

The Park District is now taking registration for fall programs. Lottery deadline is **August 12**. Starting on **August 27**, walk-in registrations will be accepted. For information, contact the Park District at 847-367-7270 or log on at www.vhparkdistrict.org.

Brain Tumor Golf Outing

On **August 16**, the Vernon Hills Golf Course will host a four-person golf scramble to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association. The event includes a silent auction. For information or to donate items, call 847-680-9310.

Classic Cars at Cuneo

On **August 17**, enjoy the beauty of Classic Cars at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens, 1350 Milwaukee Avenue. Call 847-362-3042 for details on this and other special events.

SWALCO Collection is September 13

Many electronic goods, such as TVs and computers, contain potentially

harmful chemicals. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County will collect and recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics during a collection set for Saturday, **September 13** at Mitsubishi Electric Automation Inc., 500 Corporate Woods Parkway, Vernon Hills. For more information, contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or www.swalco.org.

Give Blood September 20

The Village Blood Drive, sponsored by the Vernon Hills Lions Club, will be Saturday, **September 20** at Hawthorn Elementary North, 301 Hawthorn Parkway. Appointments can be scheduled through the Village Hall by calling 847-367-3700. Appointments are scheduled every twenty minutes from 8:00 a.m. until 2:40 p.m.

Violence Prevention Forum is September 20

Lake County Unites for Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) will hold a Symposium on Unity on **September 20**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the College of Lake County Auditorium. The event will focus on defining and eliminating injustice and bullying. For information, contact Swapna Baumann at 708-975-8201 or swapna.baumann@attbi.com.

Get More than Golf!

The Vernon Hills 9-hole Public Golf Course offers a restaurant, banquet facilities — and great golf. The facility is available for parties, luncheons, corporate events, golf outings, and more. Visit the Pro Shop at 291 Evergreen Drive or call 847-680-9310 to learn more.

Volunteer Opportunity: Holiday Light Show

Is your group looking for a fun service project? Consider helping spruce up the wooden cut-outs displayed during the Winter Holiday Light Show. No need to be artistic — though your ideas for new displays will be welcomed! For details, call Evan Teich at 847-918-3558.

Building Permit Info Online

The popularity of home construction projects has Village building specialists working as fast as possible. While many permits are available over the counter, please be patient and allow 15 working days for most plan reviews. A wide selection of permit applications, construction guidelines and frequently requested resources is available online at www.vernonhills.org (click “Download Forms”). Assistance is also available by calling 847-367-3704.



Congratulations, Vernon Hills Royalty!

The new queens are (*front row, from left*) Little Miss Madeline Lasson, Miss Liz Rutkowski, and Junior Miss Christina Chaplin. Also pictured (*back row, from left*), Erica Smolinski, Tara Rooney, Kylie Adams, Shannon Rooney, and Alexis Kailas.

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August at the Arbortheater

**Saturday,
August 2**

Salt and Silver
Acoustic duo offers '70s classics (7 p.m.)

**Thursday,
August 7**

Vernon Hills Symphony
Classical and contemporary standards (7 p.m.)

**Saturday,
August 16**

Family Movie Night
(approx. 8:30 p.m.)
We'll pull in the big screen for **Spy Kids** (2001; rated PG)