

Vernon Hills Village Voice

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The Official Newsletter of the Village of Vernon Hills



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Public Works employee Josh Hansen (*left*) demonstrates climbing techniques during the **Public Works Open House**, held May 18. Kids of all ages enjoyed “driving” the street sweeper, operating a back hoe, riding the aerial buckets, visiting Bubba the Art Bus, and more.



Village Plans and Projects Swing into Gear

Several major Village construction projects are underway or in the planning stages. Here’s a quick run-down of just a few of the efforts. For details, call the Village Hall, 847-367-3700.

- Work to extend **Fairway Drive** through the Nike Sports Complex will begin this summer, and take about a year to complete. A public information meeting is set for 7 p.m. on June 12 at the Village Hall. For details, call the Construction Hotline at 847-918-3575.
- This spring, per Village long-range plans, three **homes along Route 45** adjacent to the railroad tracks were purchased, demolished, and the lots seeded. Officials are in discussion with other owners along this stretch, which is being reserved for open space and

expansion of roads, rails (growing to two tracks) and the train station.

- The **Route 45/Prairie Road** intersection is working toward winter bidding. In addition to providing stoplights and turn lanes, the project will include work along Route 45 for a couple of miles in each direction. Work is expected to begin next spring.
- The **Route 60** resurfacing should be completed by mid-July. Work continues on Milwaukee Avenue, Butterfield and Route 22.
- Trustees recently authorized negotiation with a group interested in creating a plan for the **TIF district** north of Route 45 and west of Milwaukee Ave. Half Day Partners, LLC was selected from among several firms submitting ideas for the area, which covers 42 acres and includes the College of Lake County.

News from Our Neighborhoods

Village representatives recently met with the Gregg’s Landing Homeowner’s Association. A few points from that forum follow, with more information posted at www.vernonhills.org. If your group would like to schedule a similar meeting, contact Village Manager Mike Allison at 847-918-3540 or mikea@vhills.org.

Q: Will there be “big box” retail on the commercial parcels on Milwaukee?

A: It’s difficult to say exactly what will be developed there. It’s fair to say that the Village derives more than half of its revenue from sales tax and that some retail component will be developed there.

Q: What about more parks for the southeast part of Gregg’s Landing?

A: The Village continues to work with the Park District on this issue.

Q: Does Clarke Mosquito (Village contractor) check the golf course ponds?

A: Yes. In light of the threat presented by West Nile Virus, Clarke will continue providing services, which include summer-long surveillance and trapping in potential mosquito breeding sites, such as ponds, retention areas, marshes, etc., which are treated with larvicide. Street drains are also treated. If trigger points are reached regarding density or disease findings,

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From the Mayor...

Village Board Elections: On April 1, residents voted in three trustees to our Village Board. We welcome newcomer Stephanie Weil, previous member Richard Cashman, and Cynthia Hebda, who was re-elected to her seat. I am confident that together, your trustees will represent you with honor and integrity. I would also like to thank Stephen Henley and Kathleen Ryg for their many years of service to the Village.

Library Service: The voters have spoken; the Cook Library District's referendum to construct two new libraries did not pass. We hope that the new Library Board will continue to work toward a solution that benefits the whole district.

On that note, you may have read that the Village recently heard a proposal for a public use building that might include a library. This proposal was presented by a developer interested in building on the vacant property at Route 60 and Aspen Drive. At this point, plans are purely conceptual. Development of this parcel will undoubtedly involve lengthy discussion. We will keep you posted if any plans become more concrete.

Nike Site Fields: Many people have worked hard to transform a former military base into a tremendous public amenity. The fruits of that labor are taking shape at the Nike Sports Complex. Though the fields may look ready, we must let the grass grow another season so that a more resilient playing surface can take root. Please be patient. By this time next year we will be playing on "Grade A" fields.

Roger L. Byrne

Road Closure: A section of Milwaukee Ave. will be closed from Friday, June 20 at 7:30 a.m. to Tuesday, June 24th at 7 a.m. for crossing repairs on the tracks just north of Cuneo Museum. Check the website for updates, www.vernonhills.org.

Security Notes from the PD...

RR, Vacations, Curfew and More

• Teach About the Tracks

Efforts to add a second track to the Wisconsin Central/Metra line are underway — meaning the area around the rail-



road tracks offers even more potential for danger. Bottom line: Don't walk down the tracks or take a short cut across them.

Trespassing charges and fines notwithstanding, if someone on the tracks becomes injured or is not paying attention, there is no way that a train can stop in time. Parents, please stress the importance of staying off the tracks.

• Like a Watch Dog...

...and you don't have to feed us! If you're going away this summer, consider requesting a vacation house watch. The police department will be glad to check your home periodically while you are away. To set up this free service, call 847-362-4449. For security suggestions, visit www.vhpd.com and click on "Safety & Security Info."

• Curfew — Even in Summer

Village curfew hours are in effect year round for age 17 and younger. "Off the streets" time is between midnight and 6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday morning, and between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. all other days.

• Do You Have the "Blues"?

You've probably heard about the department's child safety music CD, *Dressed In Blues*, which has received quite a bit



of media attention. So we'll be brief: Are they still available? Yes. How much? \$3 each (\$4 if you want it mailed). How do you get one? Stop by the station or call 847-247-4889.

• We Want To Hear From You

The Police Department has posted a new online feedback form at www.vhpd.com. If you've had contact with the department, please take a moment to give anonymous feedback about your experience.

Neighborhoods

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abatement moves to ultra low volume misting on residential streets. For information, contact Clarke at 800-942-2555.

Q: Is there any Village money set aside for landscaping along Butterfield Road?

A: The Village Board has asked staff to look into this issue, however the area is difficult to work in because of power lines and other utilities.

Q: What's the status of the Mundelein Haul Road, located south of Gregg's Parkway between Milwaukee Avenue and Butterfield?

A: Mundelein and Vernon Hills have approved an agreement, which will allow certain sections to be landscaped.

IN BUSINESS...

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

- Striking Difference Pro Shop in Hawthorn Lanes, 316 Center Rd.
- Casual Male Big and Tall Clothing, 445 E. Townline Rd., Unit 2
- New carts and kiosks at Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn include:
 - Booth's Micro Racing
 - Rainbow Midwest
 - Trendz
 - Remote Possibilities
 - French Collection
 - New York Collection
 - USAccessories
 - Euro Porcelain
 - Diamond Jewelry



Vernon Hills Summer Fun Schedule 2003

- **June 16:**
Vernon Hills Pageant
- **June 21:**
Arbortheater Concerts Begin
- **July 4: Parade, Concert
and Fireworks**
- **July 13: Children's Art Fair,
Cuneo Grounds**
- **July 16 to 20:**
Summer Celebration
- **August 8: Summer Splash**
- **August 17: Cuneo Classic
Car Show, Cuneo Grounds**



**Vernon Hills
Events Hotline
367-3725**

or
www.vernonhills.org/events

Thank You Volunteers and Cultural Partners

Each year, the Village of Vernon Hills sponsors many free, family-friendly events — including Summer Celebration, Arbortheater Concert Series, and the Fourth of July Fireworks. Dozens of volunteers spend hundreds of hours to plan, promote, and present each of these programs. I and the entire Village Board thank these volunteers for their efforts.

Vernon Hills has been particularly fortunate to be able to offer this fine programming, particularly in light of the economic times. The reason we are able to enjoy these community events is because of the generosity of our Cultural Partners — organizations that make a commitment to our community by providing funding. **Thank you to CDW, American Hotel Register, Washington Mutual, Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn, Fifth Third Bank, Target and Civiltech Engineering.** Your tremendous support of our community is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your summer,

Roger L. Byrne
Village President



4th of July Fun

Friday, July 4

All Free • All Family Friendly

• BIKE DECORATING CONTEST — 8 a.m.

Girls and boys ages 4 to 12 — show your creativity by decorating your bike, trike or wagon! Two first-place winners earn a trophy and ribbon, and all entrants get a ribbon and gift certificate. Kids may ride in the parade, if accompanied by an adult.



Contest location: Corner of Deerpath and Atrium Drives near Countryside Fire Station.

• PARADE — 9 a.m.

Better than ever — including a military honor guard, a Dixieland jazz band, drum and bugle corps, floats, clowns and more!

Route: Deerpath subdivision, starting at Deerpath and Atrium Drives, moving south to Sullivan, west to Aspen, north to Hawthorn Elementary South.



Staging area for entrants: Deerpath and Atrium Drives, just south of Highway 60. Registration is free — see www.vernonhills.org.

• EVENING ENTERTAINMENT — 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Free family fun includes the music of **J.P. & the Cats**, balloon artistry, face painting — and a climbing wall!

Location: Century Park two blocks north of Route 60 at Lakeview Parkway.

• FIREWORKS — 9:30 p.m.

Closest view: Century Park, north of Route 60 at Lakeview Parkway. Option School PTO will sell snacks while Boy Scout Troop 273 will sell glow sticks. No alcohol is permitted in the park.

Vernon Hills Pageant

Miss Vernon Hills Kylie Adams, Junior Miss Vernon Hills Alexis Kailas, and Little Miss Vernon Hills Erica Smolinski invite you to attend the 2003 Vernon Hills Pageant...

When: Monday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Where: Vernon Hills High School, 145 N. Lakeview Parkway

Best wishes to all of the participants!

Arborthheater Concerts



Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

Movie starts at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public

Saturday, June 21

Jammin' Daddies

Dancable rock from a local favorite!

Thursday, June 26

Vernon Hills Symphony

Familiar classics and traditional tunes

Saturday, July 12

911 Mambo Orchestra

Pop and jazz with a Latin flair

Saturday, July 26

World Class Noise

A 9-piece Rock 'n Soul sensation

Wednesday, July 30

Bopology

Swing with an attitude.

Saturday, August 2

Salt and Silver

Acoustic duo offers '70s classics

Wednesday, August 7

Vernon Hills Symphony

Classical and contemporary standards

Saturday, August 16

Family Movie Night

Movie starts at dusk — 8:30 p.m.

We'll pull in the big screen for a family-friendly flick (to be determined)

Concerts are held at the Vernon Hills Memorial Arborthheater, 50 N. Fairway Drive, just past the intersection of Lakeview and Fairway Drive. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the Park District Sullivan Center, 635 N. Aspen Drive.

Summer Celebration: July 16 - 20

Mark Your Calendars for Music and So Much More!

Summer Celebration offers five days of fantastic family fun — including carnival rides, food, children’s activities —and loads of free concerts. Celebration grounds are located in Century Park, two blocks north of Route 60 at Lakeview Parkway. Mark your calendar for July 16 to 20, and join the fun. Special activities continue to be added. For the latest details, check www.vernonhills.org, or call the Special Events Hotline at 847-367-3725.

- **Carnival ride** specials from Salerno’s Windy City Amusement.
- **Art projects for the kids**, including mural painting and other special activities.
- **Food Fest**, featuring many of our fine local eateries.
- **Beer Garden**, offering entertainment Friday and Saturday nights after the main stage show. Open during the week from 6 p.m. until grounds close, and on weekends from noon until grounds close.
- **Hole-in-One Contest** to a green floating in Little Bear Lake — proceeds benefit SRACLC and the Park District.



Wednesday, July 16

Midway Opens	6 p.m.
Infinity	7 p.m.
Fireworks	9:15 p.m.
Grounds Close	10 p.m.

Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who make Summer Celebration possible!



Thursday, July 17

Midway Opens	6 p.m.
American English	7 p.m.
Grounds Close	10 p.m.

Friday, July 18

Midway Opens	6 p.m.
Person to Person	7 p.m.
Loverboy	9 p.m.
Grounds Close	12 a.m.

Saturday, July 19

Midway Opens	1 p.m.
Humpback Wail	7 p.m.
Survivor	9 p.m.
Grounds Close	12 a.m.

Sunday, July 20

Midway Opens	1 p.m.
The Houndz	6 p.m.
Classic Rock All Stars	8 p.m.
Grounds Close	10 p.m.

- A. **American English** is one of the best Beatles tribute bands around — fun for those of us who remember, and those who never got the chance!
- B. **Loverboy** kept radios rockin’ through the ‘80s with tunes like “Turn Me Loose,” “Lovin’ Every Minute of It,” and singer Mike Reno’s duet “Almost Paradise.”
- C. **Survivor** started out on the Chicago club scene, and soon everyone had the “Eye of the Tiger.” Other hits include “Is This Love?” and “The Search Is Over.”
- D. **The Classic Rock All Stars** brings players who rocked with the likes of Iron Butterfly, Rare Earth and Sugarloaf. These are the guys who made hits like “Ride Captain Ride,” “I Just Want to Celebrate,” and the legendary (if not enigmatic) “In A Gadda Da Vida.”

Other entertainment includes Chicago’s own **Infinity**, paying tribute to such great bands of the ‘70s and ‘80s as Journey, Boston, REO and STYX. Enjoy hits from the ‘60s and ‘70 with the brassy sound of **The Houndz!**

Note: All entertainment is subject to change without notice. No food or beverages — in particular, no alcohol — may be brought into the park. Please, no dogs or other pets on the grounds.

Summer Fun at the Family Aquatic Center



The Vernon Hills Park District Family Aquatic Center, located at 635 N. Aspen Drive, offers something for everyone — from zero-depth, to lap lanes, to a 700-foot lazy river. Lessons, birthday party packages, and group rentals are available. **For details, call the Park District at 847-367-7270.**

Hours

- **May 24 to June 8**
Monday to Friday: 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **June 9 to August 17**
Monday to Friday: 12:30 to 8:30 p.m.*
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
* *Season pass holders may enter at noon*
- **August 18 to September 1**
Monday to Friday: 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Daily Fees (Resident / non-resident)

Children (3 and under): *Free*
Youth (age 4 to 18): **\$5 / \$10**
Adult (age 19 and up): **\$7 / \$14**
Senior (age 60 and up): **\$4 / \$8**

Season Passes

Season passes are available. Call the Park District at 847-367-7270 for information.

Special Events at the Aquatic Center

To Be AnnouncedThursday, June 1912:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Father's DaySunday, June 1511 a.m. – 7 p.m.
To Be AnnouncedTuesday, July 1512:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Family CookoutFriday, July 4noon – 3 p.m.
Mom's Special DaySunday, July 1311 a.m. – 7 p.m.
To Be AnnouncedWednesday, July 2312:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Dive-In MovieFriday, August 18 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Grandparent's DaySunday, August 1011 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Family CookoutMonday, September 1noon – 3 p.m.

Summer Splash '03

Summer Splash is set for **Friday, August 8** at the Aquatic Center, 635 N. Aspen Drive.

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.*

Anyone for Golf?

The Vernon Hills Public Golf Course offers a restaurant, banquet facilities — and great golf. Visit the Pro Shop at 291 Evergreen Drive, just south of Route 45, or call 847-680-9310 to learn more.

Junior Golf Program

The Vernon Hills Golf Course will again offer the Junior Golf Program. This series of free clinics is for young residents age 9 to 15 who are interested in learning the fundamentals of course rules and play. Sessions are held on Tuesday (July 15 – August 12) or Thursday nights (July 17 – August 14), from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Space is limited for this extremely popular program. Sign up is first come, first served at the Clubhouse beginning at **7 a.m. on Friday, June 13**. Note that to be fair to all, you may only sign up your own children — “neighborhood” registrations will not be accepted. You may be asked to provide proof of residency. For details, call the Clubhouse at 847-680-9310.

Information

Vernon Hills Village Hall:
847-367-3700

Vernon Hills Events Hotline:
847-367-3725

Vernon Hills Golf Course:
847-680-9310

Vernon Hills Park District:
847-367-7270

Central Lake YMCA:
847-367-6797

Cuneo Museum & Gardens:
847-362-3042

online: www.vernonhills.org

Comprehensive Plan

The Village recently adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, which is posted at www.vernonhills.org. Contact John Kalmar at johnk@vhills.org or 847-918-3550.

Construction Hotline

Residents affected by the Road Rehab project are reminded of the 24-hour construction hotline. Listen to updates or leave messages by calling 847-918-3575. During business hours, you may also call 817-918-3565.

Building Permit Info Online

The website has been updated with a selection of building permit applications, guidelines, and frequently requested resources. Go to www.vernonhills.org and click "Download Forms." Of course, you may contact a building specialist by visiting Village Hall or calling 847-367-3704.

No Burning Allowed

Please remember: The burning of garbage, yard waste, and debris is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Village at all times. The burning of wood in fire pits, used solely for recreational purposes, is allowed provided the fires are supervised by an adult and the smoke doesn't become a nuisance for neighbors.



Clean Up Time: Disposal Tips

Warm weather often sets us to cleaning out the garage and other "fun" projects. Here are some disposal tips.

Created more garbage than usual?

Call Onyx Waste Services at 847-623-3870 for a special pick-up. 24-hour notice is required; for Monday collections please call on Friday or leave a message over the weekend. Leave your address, the extent of your pick up, a daytime phone number, and the authorization to bill your account. Onyx can also assist with disposal of "white goods" (old washers, etc.) as well as provide containers for construction debris.

Comcast Office to Close

In June, Comcast will close its customer service office at 129 Townline Road. Cash payments will be accepted at the Currency Exchange in River Tree Court. For information, call Comcast at 866-594-1234.

Free Garage Sale Permits

Garage sales in Vernon Hills require a permit, which is free and available at the Village Hall. For assistance, contact the Clerk's office at 847-367-3700.

Dial Before You Dig

If you're planning to dig in your yard, call JULIE at 800-892-0123 first.

GLMV Chamber On Line

Looking for details on events and resources available through the GLMV Chamber of Commerce? Check the organization's new website — www.glmvchamber.org. Or call the Chamber at 847-680-0750.

GLMV Relay for Life

The GLMV Relay for Life is set for **June 7 and 8** at Libertyville High School. Last year's event raised \$473,000 for the American Cancer Society, of which only 5% went for expenses. To find out more, call the Chamber (847-680-0750) or Amy Sheele at the Cancer Society (847-317-0025). Register online at www.cancer.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.

Fishing Derby

The Veterans' Fishing Derby will be **June 22** at Big Bear Lake. To help with this or other efforts to support veterans at the VA hospital, call Jim Heier at 847-680-1321.

Cuneo Museum Presents...

Visitors to the Cuneo Museum and Gardens, 1350 Milwaukee Avenue, can now enjoy an exhibit showcasing **needlework**. Beginning July 11, a selection of antique **vestments** will be displayed in the chapel. The **Children's Arts Fair** is set for July 13 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the **Classic Cars** will return on August 17. Call 847-362-3042 for details.

Friday Night Family Dinner

Throughout the summer, the Vernon Hills Golf Course will offer Friday night dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 847-680-9310 for menus and details.

What about landscape waste? While yard waste collection is unlimited, there are certain guidelines. Yard waste must be collected into kraft paper bags or containers marked with an "X." Plastic bags will not be collected. Small branches less than 2.5 inches in diameter may also be bundled with biodegradable twine and placed at the curb. Bundles cannot exceed 4 feet in length or 18 inches in diameter. Dirt, wood, concrete and rock are not considered landscape waste. For details, call Onyx at 847-623-3870.

Looking to get rid of old latex paint?

Stop by the Public Works Department at 490 Greenleaf Drive (for details, phone

847-367-3726) to pick up a free bag of crushed corn cobs. Dump a couple cups of the cob mixture into your paint can to absorb all the moisture. Leave the lid off, and set the can beside your garbage cart on your regular pick up day. Note, this is for latex paint, only — which is no longer accepted by SWALCO

What about household chemicals

such as weed killer, oil paint, cleaners, antifreeze, etc? The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County conducts periodic collections. Contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or www.swalco.org.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please do not place refuse at the curb any earlier than 5 p.m. the day before your collection day.



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Terrific Tree Sale

On May 10, nearly 100 residents participated in the annual Village Tree Sale, purchasing almost 200 trees. Public Works also delivered 200 cubic yards of free wood chips. Don't forget: There's usually a large supply of wood chips free for the taking at the Public Works Department, 490 Greenleaf. Chips are always accessible — bring your shovel.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in access to governmental services and programs. For assistance, call the Village's ADA Coordinator at 367-3700.

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