

# Vernon Hills Village Voice

People Planning with Pride

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Vernon Hills



Your Vernon Hills  
**Summer Fun Schedule**  
is inside...

## Welcome to Our New Village Hall

Our Village headquarters has officially moved to the new Village Hall, located right next to the previous building on Evergreen Drive near Route 45. The phone numbers and address for the new building will remain the same — 847-367-3700 (main number) and 290 Evergreen Drive.

The address for the previous hall will change to 294 Evergreen Drive. The Village continues to work out lease terms with the Park District for the use of that building.

An official Open House is planned for Sunday, August 25 (*see page 2*). In the meantime, make sure you stop by to visit.



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## Reminders on Garbage Program

The new Village-wide garbage program is in full swing. All residents in single family homes should have received and begun using their new Onyx garbage and recycling containers. Note that Onyx has been instructed to not collect from other containers, including the old blue recycling bins. Here are a few more points of interest:

**Changing Service:** If you need to change your service (for instance, request a different container size), contact Onyx at 847-623-3870. Residents in single-family homes may choose

among three garbage container sizes and two recycling container sizes, as well as once or twice weekly collection options. Please note that if you live in association-controlled housing, you should check with your association or management firm for direction.

**Container Storage:** Village ordinance requires that all residents have waste removed from their property at least once per week. Chapter 9 also requires that containers be removed from the public right of way by 7 p.m. the night

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From the Mayor...

## Thank You and an Invitation

**Technology Committee:** I would like to start by first extending thanks to the Vernon Hills Technology Committee, chaired by resident John Sonnenberg. The committee has done an excellent job in its first year. As many of you saw in the March/April issue of the *Village Voice* and on our website ([www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org)), the group developed a Resident Internet Survey to collect feedback regarding interest in high speed internet service. Thank you to the group for spearheading this effort. Survey results are posted online at [www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org).

**Village Hall Open House:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25, and plan to attend the grand opening ceremony for our new Village Hall. We'll provide details on the website and in the next issue of the *Village Voice*. In the meantime, please feel free to stop by to see our community's new headquarters.

**Cultural Partners:** At the center of this newsletter you'll find the 2002 Summer Fun Schedule, a listing of many of our village-sponsored family friendly events. You'll notice that once again we've formed cultural partnerships with some of our valued business neighbors. **CDW, American Hotel Register, and Washington Mutual** are joined this year by **Portofino Italian Bistro**. These local businesses have generously agreed to help us sponsor such events as Summer Celebration, the Arbortheater Concert Series, and 4th of July Fireworks. Thank you, partners, for your continued support.

## Garbage

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of collection, and that containers be stored outside the view of the front entrance to the property. If you are unable to store garbage and recycling containers in your garage, the ordinance does allow storage behind your garage or home. Fines are assessable.

**Old Containers:** Previous contractors have been instructed to collect containers they have supplied. If you still have containers provided by your previous contractor, call them for pick up. (See last paragraph for phone numbers.)

**Recycling Bins:** The old blue bins may no longer be used for recycling. You may keep them for other purposes, or leave them at the curb. Village trucks will collect them for reuse by local schools and organizations.

**Refunds:** Some residents are due refunds from the previous contractors. If you have not received your refund by June 15, please contact your previous hauler.

### Numbers to Call:

- Onyx: 847-623-3870
- Waste Management: 800-964-8988
- Jenson/Mundelein: 847-566-5159
- Arc: 847-981-0091

## It's Vacation Time...

# Leave Your Worries Behind

Summer is finally here and many of you will soon be leaving town for vacation. Regardless of whether your activities will take you away from home for one month or one day, it can be a tempting time for a burglar to strike — unless you take precautions. The Police Department offers the following suggestions:

**1 Stop Deliveries.** A pile of newspapers or mail is like hanging out a sign telling others that no one is home.

**2 Use Appliance Timers.** Placing one of these inexpensive devices on each floor to turn a light on and off makes it appear as though someone is home. You can also use one to turn on a radio that is near a door.

**3 Give a Key to a Person You Trust.** That person can stop in every so often to make the house look "lived in" — for instance, moving the car in and out of the garage, opening and closing the drapes, and bringing in the newspapers and mail if the deliveries weren't stopped. Make sure your grass stays cut.

**4 Never Hide a Key Outside!** You're not the only one who knows about fake rocks and other tricks for holding a spare key!

## 5 Ask for a Vacation Watch.

This free service of the Vernon Hills Police Department is a great addition to other security steps. All it takes is one phone call and the police will check your house periodically while you're away. **Call 847-362-4449.**

Learn more about residential security on the Police Department's web site — [www.vernonhills.org/police](http://www.vernonhills.org/police).

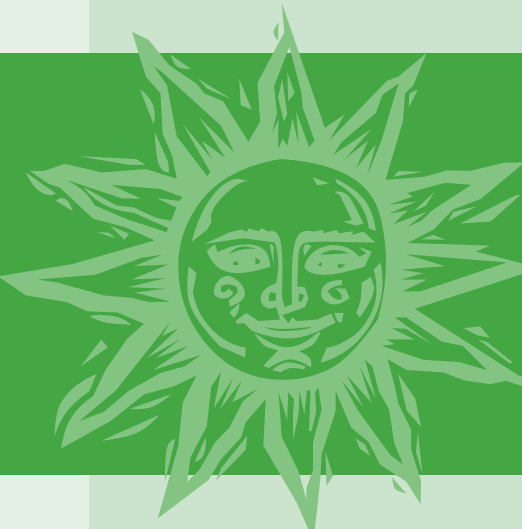
## IN BUSINESS...

Here are a few of the recent business openings around Vernon Hills.

- **The Painted Penguin** has opened at 204 Hawthorn Center.
- Check out **Kidsnips** at 128 Hawthorn Center.
- And **Lift Salon** is at 1314 S. Milwaukee.

### OTHER BUSINESS NEWS...

Local telephone company **TDS Metrocom** notes that it can provide twice the speed of traditional dial-up Internet connections with ISDN BRI service. Call TDS at 847-968-5848 or e-mail [donald.hedges@tdsmetro.com](mailto:donald.hedges@tdsmetro.com).



Vernon Hills

# Summer Fun Schedule

- **June 17:**  
Vernon Hills Pageant
- **June 22:**  
Arboretheater Concerts Begin
- **July 4: Parade, Concert and Fireworks**
- **July 14: 11th Annual Children's Art Fair, Cuneo Grounds**
- **July 17 to 21:**  
Summer Celebration
- **August 9: Summer Splash**
- **August 17: Plant and Flower Show, Cuneo Grounds**
- **August 18: Cuneo Classic Car Show, Cuneo Grounds**



Vernon Hills  
Events Hotline  
**367-3725**

or

[www.vernonhills.org/events](http://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, Arboretheater Concert Series, and the Fourth of July Fireworks. These events are run through the dedication and tireless work of dozens of volunteers. I and the entire Village Board thank these volunteers for their efforts.

In light of the increasing cost of entertainment, the Village is fortunate to work with the following partners who assist us in sponsoring events — **CDW**, **American Hotel Register** and **Washington Mutual**. This year we are pleased to welcome a new cultural partner — **Portofino's Italian Bistro**. Thank you to these outstanding organizations for their tremendous support of Vernon Hills and our residents!

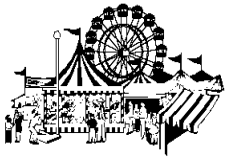


If you or your organization would like to learn more about the Cultural Partnership Program, please contact Evan Teich at [evant@vhills.org](mailto:evant@vhills.org) or 847-918-3558 or Jason Raidbard at [jasonr@vhills.org](mailto:jasonr@vhills.org) or 847-367-3700, ext. 3516.

Enjoy your summer,

Roger L. Byrne  
Village President

# Celebrate Summer – VH Style



**Summer Celebration is  
July 17 to 21...  
Music and So Much More!**

Summer Celebration offers five days of fantastic family fun — including carnival rides, delicious food, and exceptional musical fare. This year’s event is set for July 17-21. Celebration grounds are located in Century Park, two blocks north of Route 60 at Lakeview Parkway. Mark your calendar for the many free concerts and special events listed below, and watch for additional activities including:

- Carnival ride specials from Salerno’s Windy City Amusement, Inc.
- Food Fest, featuring many of our fine local eateries.
- Beer Garden, offering entertainment Friday and Saturday nights after the main stage entertainment.



## Wednesday, July 17

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

## Thursday, July 18

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

## Friday, July 19

Midway Opens 6 p.m.  
Planet Strange 6:30 p.m.  
Marshall Tucker Band\* 9 p.m.  
Grounds Close 12 a.m.

## Saturday, July 20

Midway Opens 1 p.m.  
Heartsfield 7 p.m.  
38 Special\* 9 p.m.  
Grounds Close 12 a.m.

## Sunday, July 21

Midway Opens 1 p.m.  
Ronnie Rice 6 p.m.  
New Colony Six 8 p.m.  
Grounds Close 10 p.m.

**Note:** \*Tentative. All entertainment is subject to change without notice. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the park.

*Special thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who make Summer Celebration possible!*

- The Mauds** bring a powerful horn section and high energy R&B tunes, including their own '60s hits like "Knock on Wood."
- Marshall Tucker Band** is a classic — rock and roll roots with a country twist.
- 38 Special** offers such great Southern rock hits as "Hold On Loosely."
- American English** is one of the hottest Beatles tribute bands around — fun for those of us who remember, and those who never got the chance!

**Ronnie Rice** and **New Colony Six** — high energy antics and groovy hits from the '60s and beyond. Plus so much more...

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fun

**Thursday, July 4**  
**All Free • All Fantastic**

## • Bike Decorating Contest — 8 a.m.

Girls and boys ages 4 to 12 — show your patriotism by decorating your bike! First place contestants win prizes and all entrants receive a ribbon and gift certificate. You may ride in the parade if accompanied by an adult.

**Location:** Deerpath and Atrium Drives, near Countryside Fire Station.

## • Parade — 9 a.m.

**Route:** Deerpath subdivision, starting at Deerpath and Atrium Drives, traveling south to Sullivan Drive, west to Aspen Drive, and north to the Hawthorn Primary School.

First place trophies awarded to best business and community floats. Registration is free. Forms are available at [www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org).

## • Evening Entertainment — 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free family fun includes the music of **J.P. & the Cats**, as well as juggling, face painting, and general clowning around by Chuck-A-Roo, Star-E, Ttapi and Jewel.

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

## • Fireworks — 9 p.m.

**Closest view:** Century Park, north of Route 60 at Lakeview Parkway.

Soft drinks and snacks sold by the Vernon Hills High Booster Club.

## Vernon Hills Pageant

Miss Vernon Hills Bonnie Nagel, Junior Miss Vernon Hills Hannah Black, and Little Miss Vernon Hills Laura Brooks invite you to the 2002 Vernon Hills Pageant...

**When:** Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

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

## Concerts at the Arborthheater

**Saturday, June 22**

**Jammin' Daddies**

Dancable rock — a local favorite!

**Thursday, June 27**

**Vernon Hills Symphony\***

Classical and contemporary standards

**Saturday, July 13**

**Waterhouse**

Reggae and calypso rhythms

**Saturday, July 27**

**The Illinois Brass Band**

30-piece group offers fanfares & melodies

**Saturday, August 3**

**BBI**

'70s favorites from rock and Motown

**Thursday, August 8**

**Vernon Hills Symphony\***

Classical and contemporary standards

**Wednesday, August 14**

**Jazz Spectrum**

"Swinging" jazz tunes

**Saturday, August 17**

**Salt and Silver**

Acoustic duo offers '70s classics

**Wednesday, August 21**

**Lynne Jordan and the Shivers**

Rock, blues, gospel and R&B

All concerts are free and open to the public. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. 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 Sullivan Center, 635 Aspen Drive, except for the Vernon Hills Symphony, which will move to the Vernon Hills High School, 145 N. Lakeview Parkway.

# 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. **For details, call the Park District at 847-367-7270.**

## Hours

- **May 25 to June 9**  
Monday to Friday: 4 to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **June 10 to August 18**  
Monday to Friday: 12:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday, Holiday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **August 19 to September 2**  
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 for Vernon Hills Residents. Call the Park District at 847-367-7270 for information.

## Special Events at the Aquatic Center

- Keys to Summer Safety . . .Saturday, June 8 . . . . .10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Teen Pool Party  
for 6th to 8th graders . . . . .Tuesday, June 11 . . . . .7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Father's Day . . . . .Sunday, June 16 . . . . .11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Caribbean Getaway . . . . .Thursday, June 27 . . . . .1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Family Cookout . . . . .Thursday, July 4 . . . . .noon – 3 p.m.  
Karoake Challenge . . . . .Tuesday, July 9 . . . . .noon – 4 p.m.  
Mom's Special Day . . . . .Sunday, July 14 . . . . .11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sports Spectacular . . . . .Thursday, July 25 . . . . .1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Dive-In Movie . . . . .Friday, August 2 . . . . .8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Grandparent's Day . . . . .Sunday, August 11 . . . . .11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Family Cookout . . . . .Monday, September 2 . . . . .noon – 3 p.m.

## Summer Splash

Summer Splash 2002 is set for Friday, August 9 at the Vernon Hills Aquatic Center, 635 N. Aspen Drive.

While the event is free, tickets are required and may be picked up at the Village Hall or the Sullivan Center shortly before the event. *The event is 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 about tee times, leagues and more.

## Junior Golf Program

The Vernon Hills Junior Golf Program is a series of free clinics for young residents of Vernon Hills interested in learning the fundamentals of course rules and play. Sessions are organized by age group, and meet in the early evening at the course. Participants are welcome to play in the Vernon Hills Junior Tournament, scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13.

This free program is open only to residents of the Village. Sign up at the Pro Shop starting June 14 at 7 a.m. Space is limited to the first 50 participants.

- Age 8 -10 — 6:45 to 8 p.m. on July 16, 23, 30, and August 6.
- Age 11-15 — 6:45 to 8 p.m. on July 18, 25, and August 1, 8.

## 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

online: [www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org)

## Comprehensive Plan

On April 24, 2002 the Village of Vernon Hills Plan Commission began discussions on updating the Village's existing comprehensive plan. The Commission agreed to schedule a public meeting early this fall to discuss this topic. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments please contact Assistant Village Manager **John Kalmar** at [JohnK@vhills.org](mailto:JohnK@vhills.org) or 847-918-3550.

## Police Department Honors

The Village joins with the VH Police Department in honoring two long-time employees. Deputy Chief **John Kincaid** recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Congratulations for completing this rigorous and very elite three-month program. And congratulations to Officer **Kim Christenson**, who marked 25 years on the force this past May.

## Fishing Derby

James T. Heier Veterans' Fishing Derby is set for Sunday, **June 23** at Big and Little Bear Lakes. Volunteers start setting up around 9 a.m., and hundreds of grateful veterans begin arriving around 11. Lend a hand. Call **Jim and Helen Heier** at 847-680-1321 to learn more.



**Scholarship Winners:** On May 20, the Village Club presented its annual scholarship awards of \$1000 each to two local women. **Kirsten Fantom** (on left) of Stevenson High School, who will pursue Pre Med at St. Mary's at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. **Heather Titus** (on right) of Carmel High School will attend Northwestern to pursue a teaching career. Congratulations!

## YMCA Lifetime Award

**James R. Maurice** is this year's YMCA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner. Mr. Maurice has been active in the Lake County YMCA program since 1986, and was a driving force behind the Central Lake YMCA facility here in Vernon Hills. The Y also honors **American Hotel Register** as the 2002 Corporation of the Year. Congratulations — and thank you.

## Newsletter Via E-mail?

Would you like a PDF of the newsletter e-mailed right to your computer? E-mail your request to [JasonR@vhills.org](mailto:JasonR@vhills.org). The process will start with the next issue. (Note that in order to *save* money, we'll still mail you a printed copy. By mailing bulk to the entire town, we get the best mailing rate possible.)

## Adopt a Highway

Vernon Hills has a stretch of Milwaukee Avenue that's looking for a caretaker group. Public Works provides the training and equipment. Contact **Tom Olkowski** at 847-367-3726 to learn more. Thanks to the **Knights of Columbus**, who helped keep our roadways litter-free during their May 18 Adopt a Highway clean-up effort.

## Another Successful Tree Sale

On May 11, nearly 100 residents participated in the annual Village Tree Sale, purchasing almost 200 trees. Public Works also delivered more than 200 cubic yards of free wood chips. *Don't forget:* There's usually a large pile of wood chips free for the taking at the Public Works building, 490 Greenleaf. Chips are always accessible — bring your shovel.

## Health & Wellness Fair

The 2nd Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair is scheduled for Thursday, **June 20** from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cuneo Museum and Gardens. The event features on-site screenings for blood pressure, bone density, cholesterol, diabetes, vision, hearing and more. Sponsors include the Vernon Hills Lions Club, the GLMV Chamber of Commerce and the *News Sun*.

## Free Garage Sale Permits

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

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The following projects are underway. For details and project updates, call the Engineering Division at 847-918-3565 or the 24-hour Engineering Hotline at 847-918-3575.

**Country Club Estates:** The full rehabilitation of pavement on streets in the Country Club Estates Subdivision is in full swing. Completion is set for late July.

**Lakeview/Fairway Intersection:** Crews are adding lanes and a traffic signal, as well as improving access to the Post Office and Glacier Ice Arena.

**Nike Recreation Site:** You can almost hear the sound of bat on ball as progress continues at the Nike site. As of late, work has focused on completing the underground and earthwork, particularly subgrade work for the Fairway Drive extension. VHHS athletes may be interested to know that the stadium and other playing field surfaces are excavated and top-soiled. The current goal is to have the stadium ready for play by October 4th. For details, check the new Nike Newsletter at [www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org).

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Thom Koch, Kathleen Ryg, and Barbara Williams  
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Public Works 367-3726  
Building Div. 367-3704  
Clerk's Office 367-3700  
Village Mgr. 367-3700  
Cable Studio 367-3700  
Main Fax 367-0880  
TDD 918-3597  
Internet [www.vernonhills.org](http://www.vernonhills.org)

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## Vernon Hills High School Graduates First Class

**Congratulations to the very first class of Vernon Hills High School graduates. On June 6, more than 200 students will take part in this historic event.**

**Please join us in wishing these — and all of our graduates around the area — best wishes for a safe celebration and a bright future.**