

Vernon Hills Village Voice

People Planning with Pride

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Vernon Hills

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New Garbage Program Starts May 1

Starting May 1, Vernon Hills will move to a single waste hauler — Onyx Waste Services, Inc. of Waukegan. The decision to move to a single-hauler system is designed to improve efficiency, cost, aesthetics, and contractor accountability.

Please Return Your Service Selection Card

This change impacts single-family residents in the Village, though even that change has been designed to be as simple and transparent as possible. These residents need only fill out a card indicating the size of garbage and recycling containers they want delivered, as well as if they would like a second collection during the week. The brochure that includes this tear-off card should have arrived in

your mail during the last week in March. Onyx requests that you return these cards (which are postage paid) to them as soon as possible to ensure you receive your preferred service options. If you need assistance, call Onyx at 847-623-3870 or the Village Clerk's Office at 847-367-3700.

Residents of multi-family and association-controlled housing should check with their management firm or homeowner association about any changes, as these groups can choose to opt out of the Village's program.

Cancelling Existing Service

Previous contractors are aware of this change. You need not notify them. If you pre-paid for unused service, you should receive a refund in May. If you have containers to return to your previous hauler, simply leave them at the curb following your last collection in April; the hauler will collect them.

The New Collection Schedule

In general, residents living north of Route 60 as well as the Grosse Pointe Village and Grosse Pointe Circle neighborhoods will be assigned a Tuesday collection day. Everyone else will be collected on Monday. Recycling will stay on Monday, as will yard waste collection, which begins again in April.

Keep in mind that beginning May 1, residents in single family homes must begin using the new wheeled containers for both garbage and recycling. Questions? Contact Onyx at 847-623-3870, or Evan Teich at 847-918-3558.

Container Sizes



35 gallon



65 gallon



90 gallon



As seen in the Village Hall...

CDW's Art Friedsen accepts a Cultural Partner award from Mayor Roger Byrne at the February 19th meeting of the Village Board.



847-623-3870

www.OnyxWasteServices.com

From the Mayor...

Garbage Program: This Spring, Vernon Hills will embark on a new path toward a cleaner Village. Starting May 1, all single family detached residential units will be required to use Onyx Waste service for solid waste, recycling and yard waste collection. Attached units, such as townhomes, will be allowed to continue to use either containers provided by their hauler or their own personal containers, but will be required to use the Onyx recycling containers. The yard waste program will remain the same with residents using either containers or "kraft" bags. Please remember to mail your card.

New Village Hall: In late April, Village administration and the Senior Center will move next door to the new Village Hall. The new Hall will keep the 290 Evergreen Drive address. The existing building's address will change to 294 Evergreen Drive. Later this Spring, Park District administration will move into the old space. It will continue to be used for free public meeting space as well as some Park District programming.

Budget: On April 3, the Village Board will adopt the 2002-03 budget. This year's budget contains many capital improvement projects designed to keep the Village in sound shape, including street rehabilitation in the Cherry Valley area. The budget reflects decreased sales tax revenue, which is expected to be flat for most of the year. This is significant as sales tax is the Village's major source of revenue; we do not levy any property tax. Keep this in mind when you make significant purchases outside the Village.

Please Volunteer: It takes dozens of volunteers to put on events such as the 4th of July parade and Summer Celebration. And it takes dozens to staff commissions such as Planning and Zoning, Traffic Advisory, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. I urge you to take part. Contact Lynn Deanda at lynnd@vhills.org or 847-367-3546.

Roger L. Byrne

Citizen's Police Academy "In Session"

Ten Vernon Hills residents are beginning a nine-week program that will surely be interesting. It's the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA), and it's not only educational, but fun as well.

The CPA consists of 9 weekly two-and-a-half hour sessions designed to give residents the opportunity to learn first hand the type of training that police officers receive and to gain a better understanding of law enforcement, specifically in Vernon Hills. Topics include patrol procedures, investigations, DUI, self-defense, and firearms. (Yes, you do get

to shoot!) Participants also ride along with an officer.

CPA programs are conducted in the spring and fall. The program costs nothing. There is no additional commitment.

Although there is usually a waiting list to participate in the CPA, we do take the names of interested residents. When your name comes up, we'll give you a call. Interested? Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847-247-4888. We'll be glad to send you a brochure that explains the program.

Village Arbor Day Tree Sale

Celebrate Arbor Day with the Village Tree Sale. This popular annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at the Public Works Department, 490 Greenleaf Drive. The sale runs from 9 until noon, with pre-sale purchase pickups available between 8 and 9 a.m. First come, first served. Rain or shine.

Village arborists have purchased an assortment of 200 hardy trees. All trees are 3 to 4 foot tall in manageable 3-gallon containers and sell for \$10 each. Sales are limited to two per resident, or ten per homeowner association repre-

sentative. Please show proof of residency.

Pre-sale purchases are encouraged and accepted until May 1. Details and an order form are available at the Village Hall and Public Works Department as well as at www.vernonhills.org. Or call Public Works at 847-367-3726.

Wood Chips

As always, free wood chips are available at the Public Works facility. As a special service, on May 11 residents can receive free delivery for either one or two cubic yards of material. Call 847-367-3726 to set up delivery.

Looking for Lightening Spotters

Countryside Fire Protection District is launching Neighborhood Storm Watch, an aggressive program intended to encourage residents to be watchful for lightning strikes during thunderstorms and to call 911 immediately if they see a building struck by lightning.

"We receive several calls each year reporting homes that have been struck by lightning," notes Countryside Chief James Spiegel. "Unfortunately, in some cases, no one is home or the house is unoccupied when lightning strikes so the fire burns for some time before we're notified. Firemedics arrive within min-

utes once we receive a call but when the fire has a long head start, we cannot undo the damage already done. During each of the past three years we have had homes destroyed by fires started by lightning because we were notified too late to prevent a small fire from becoming a large and destructive fire."

For information, or to arrange for a presentation on the program, call the District's non-emergency telephone number (847-367-5511) or log on at www.countrysidefire.com.

Train Enforcement Focuses on Convenience *and* Safety



● Focus On the Trains

As motorists, we have all been inconvenienced as we wait for a slow-moving freight train. As a kid, you probably enjoyed watching as one of these beasts rumbled past. However, as an adult, you probably wish that the tracks could be moved elsewhere. Your frustration can be compounded when the train is stopped on the tracks and the traffic backs up for blocks.

You may have heard or read lately that many police agencies have taken a more aggressive position in enforcing state laws pertaining to trains that block intersections. As a Vernon Hills resident, you should be delighted to know

that officials from the Police Department worked with both local prosecutors and the Mundelein Police Department to develop a plan to address this issue.

Without going into detail, Illinois law is very specific as to how long a train can block an intersection. Once the law is violated, the fine escalates depending on the length of time that the train is stopped.

So the next time you're inconvenienced by a stopped freight train and ask yourself why something can't be done — remember that we can, and we will.

● Focus On Children and Pedestrians

For many, many years the Police Department has preached and enforced the safety and legal messages relating to railroad property — in other words, the tracks. The tracks are the property of the railroad and anyone on them is trespassing. It's illegal to cut across them or walk along them. It's that simple.

Procedures are in place to deal with this matter when complaints are received. The police department also conducts proactive compliance activities.

From a safety standpoint, why take the chance? A train going just 30 miles per hour needs a half mile to stop. Obviously, there is no way a train can stop in time if someone is unable to get out of the way.

With summer fast approaching, this is a perfect time to talk to your children about this highly dangerous topic. If you would like to read more, go to www.vernonhills.org and click on "Safety & Security Info."

Directional Horn Tests

New directional horns are in place at several local spots, including the crossing at Butterfield just south of Route 60. Testing is underway to see if this type of system will meet safety needs — while also keeping nearby neighborhoods quieter. (See the August/September 2001 issue of the *Village Voice* at www.vernonhills.org for background.)

A Request for Metra Riders...

As long as we're on the subject, Metra has asked us to pass along the following to residents who use the North Central line. When arriving at your destination (whether it is Vernon Hills or elsewhere), please do not head for the doors until the train has stopped. Metra officials are concerned for the safety of all riders who try to be one of the first ones off of the train and out of the lot. Your cooperation (and patience) is greatly appreciated.

IN BUSINESS...

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

- **Oreck Floor Care** is now open at 555 Townline Rd., Unit 27
- **Rammy's Sub Contractors** has opened a new sandwich shop at 222 Hawthorn Village Commons
- **Verizon Wireless** is in business at 701 N. Milwaukee, Unit 362

A Few Notes on Garage Sales

Spring brings spring cleaning — and garage sales. The Village offers this friendly reminder that garage sales are governed by a few regulations. Here are a couple examples of the rules, which are designed to eliminate "nuisance cases" from our neighborhoods:

- Permits are required to hold a garage sale. The permits are free, and available at the Village Hall.

- Ordinance limits garage sales to no more than three in any calendar year.
- Additionally, signs should not be posted on public property (such as on telephone poles or in the right of way). Signs should be removed on the evening of the last day of the sale.

For more information on any of this, or to get your free garage sale permit, contact the Village Clerk's Office, 847-367-3700.

ROAD WORK NOTES

The Engineering Division expects these projects to start this Spring. For details, call 847-918-3565. For updated information on current projects, please call our 24-hour Engineering Hotline at 847-918-3575.

- **Country Club Estates Streets:** The Village will be improving the streets and parkways of Westmoreland and Cherry Valley from Oakwood Road east to Camden. Lake County Public Works previously made improvements to the water and sewer system. The Village portion of the improvements will include sidewalk improvements, removal and replacement of curb and gutter for better drainage, depressing curb at driveways, and resurfacing of the asphalt. The Village will meet with residents as the project moves forward.
- **Lakeview/Fairway Intersection:** Work will begin to expand the intersection of Lakeview Parkway and Fairway Drive to include extra lanes and a traffic signal. Access to the Post Office and Glacier Ice Arena will be improved as well.
- **Butterfield Road:** A reminder that Lake County crews should start working on Butterfield Road — at the southern end near the intersection with Route 45 well as a section that starts north of Gregg’s Parkway.

Internships

Engineering Internship: The Engineering Division is offering a summer internship, with duties to include civil engineering field inspections.

GIS Internship: There’s an opening for an intern studying Geography/GIS. Projects include cellular 911, street rehab, storm sewer, and street lighting.

Public Works Internship: Public Works is looking for an administrative intern to assist in day-to-day operations. For details, contact Human Resources at 847-367-3700.

Storm Sewer Safety

In anticipation of spring rains, the Public Works Department offers this advice:

- Caution children about playing around inlets and catch basins. Water volume can be strong and catch basins are deep. Spring rains make them even more dangerous.
- Never pull a grate or manhole lid. Water pressure can cause the grate to close, resulting in personal injury. Public Works personnel have the proper equipment and training— leave it to them.
- If you notice debris in the inlets around your home, consider cleaning them out. If you’re unable to remove the obstructions, or if the water is too high, call the Public Works Department at 847-367-3726 (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) or the Police Department non-emergency number at 847-362-4449 (for after-hours assistance).
- If you see rising water, give Public Works a call right away so the crews have time to fix the problem before it becomes an emergency.

Village Communications Committee Pushing for Improvements

The Village of Vernon Hills has established a Communications Committee to look into the status of high-speed internet access within the Village. As part of its duties, the Committee is requesting resident feedback regarding internet access in general, and high-speed access in specific.

Please take a moment to answer the survey questions. This form can be dropped off or mailed to the Village Hall (290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061). The form is also online at www.vernonhills.org. Thank you for your input and assistance.

Service Update

AT&T crews are in the process of upgrading our cable system. Part of the work includes splicing in new equipment, which can cause short power outages. AT&T expects to finish these improvements by the end of the year. According to the company, at that time, customers should have access to expanded service. Thanks to the Village’s Communications Committee members, who have been instrumental in these efforts. If you have questions, contact Evan Teich at 847-918-3558.

Resident Internet Survey

1. Do you currently have a computer at home? yes no
 2. Do you currently have internet access at home? yes no
If “yes,” what type?
 dial up ISDN DSL
 cable modem wireless
 other: _____
 3. Are you interested in high-speed internet access (Broadband) at your home? yes no
If “yes,” what would you use it for?
 personal work education
 other: _____
- What would you be willing to pay for high-speed internet access *each month*?
- \$25-40 \$41-\$55
 \$56-\$80 \$81+
4. Please provide other comments to the Communications Committee that you feel are relevant.

Summertime is Fun Time... VH Volunteers Looking for Help

Summertime in Vernon Hills brings lots of family-friendly events. Volunteers play a big part in making all this fun happen. Interested in getting involved? Call the Village Hall at 847-367-3700 to learn more:

- **July 4th Parade:** Consider being in the parade — or helping organize the event. A parade registration form is available at www.vernonhills.org. Or call the Village Hall for a brochure.
- **Summer Celebration:** This free festival offers music, food and fun. Volunteers do everything from planning logistics to selling tickets. Lend a hand!

Blood Drive is April 20

The Village Blood Drive, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be held **April 20** at Hawthorn Elementary, 301 Hawthorn Parkway. Appointments are every twenty minutes from 8:00 a.m. until 2:40 p.m., and can be scheduled through the Village Hall by calling 847-367-3700. Call LifeSource at 847-298-9660 if you have questions about donating or scheduling.

Park District Programs

The Park District is taking registration for summer camps. Also, spots are still available for swimming lessons at the Family Aquatic Center. To inquire about programs — or to find out about season passes to the Aquatic Center — call 847-367-7270.

Village Club Welcomes You

The Village Club invites new residents and friends to their **April 15** meeting. Entitled "A Friend in Deed," the evening's presentation explores the phases and roles of a woman's life through prose, poetry and laughter.

On **May 20**, the Club will present the Philanthropy Award Ceremony and New Board Inauguration. This is the 6th year the Village Club will award a scholarship. For details, call Pia Van Auken (847-362-1520), or Joyce Miller (847-367-0229).

SRACLC Putt with the Pros

The Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County Foundation invites you to Putt with the Pros on Saturday, **June 8** at the Libertyville Sports Complex Miniature Golf Course. Putters will rub shoulders with notable athletes and celebrities. Proceeds support the Association's Special Olympics training programs and Financial Aid Fund. To find out more about this event — or available sponsorship opportunities — contact John Buckner at 847-816-4866.

YMCA Summer Camps

Summer camps held through Central Lake YMCA are set to start **June 10**. Offerings for first through fifth graders include arts and crafts, swimming, nature, games, and field trips. Sixth through ninth graders can take part in "Summer of Service," which combines recreation with community service and career exploration. In its third year, this program is a collaboration of the Y, Abbott Labs, Allstate, Baxter, Discover and Illinois District 102. For information, call the YMCA at 847-367-6797.

Spring Classic is April 13

The Vernon Hills Spring Classic is set for Saturday, **April 13** at the Vernon Hills Golf Course. The four-person scramble tees off at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Play is limited to the first 18 teams to sign up. Call the pro shop at 847-680-9310 for details.

Golf Course is Ready

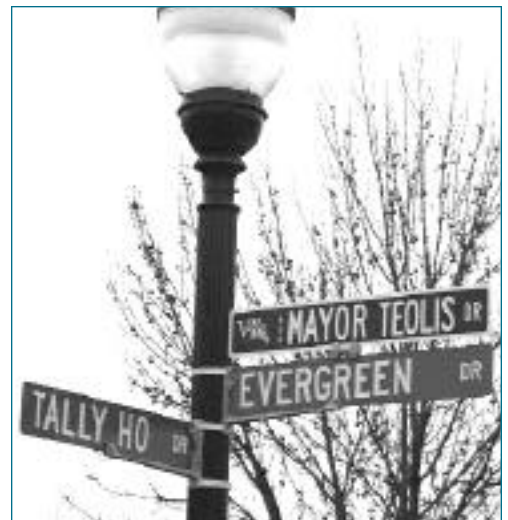
Interested in setting up an early-morning tee-time for your corporate team? Or a regular round for your service organization? The Vernon Hills Golf Course is ready to help. Call 847-680-9310 — and ask about season passes and special rates.

Vernon Hills Pageants

The Vernon Hills Pageants are scheduled for Monday, **June 17**. This year the event will be held in the auditorium of the Vernon Hills High School. Girls and young women interested in learning more about the event are encouraged to call coordinator Pam Adams at 847-362-7598.

Latex Paint Disposal

Need to dispose of some old latex paint? Solid Waste Agency of Lake County recommends crushed corn cobs. Bags of crushed cobs may be picked up at the Public Works Department, 490 Greenleaf Drive (7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday). Call first to make sure they have a supply. Dump the cobs into the can to absorb the paint. The paint will dry out quickly. You can then dispose of the can in your regular garbage. SWALCO will no longer accept latex paint at collection events. For more information on this or upcoming collections, contact SWALCO at 847-366-9340 or check the website www.swalco.org.



Have you seen the sign at Evergreen and Tally Ho? Matthew F. Teolis served as our village's first mayor from 1958 to 1962. He resided at 106 Forest Court, in what is now Hawthorn Club.

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Arbortheater Concerts Start June 22

Arbortheater Concerts are free and family-friendly. Concerts start at 7 p.m. at the Vernon Hills Memorial Arbortheater (50 N. Fairway Drive, just past the intersection of Lakeview and Fairway Drive). Watch for the complete line-up in upcoming issues.

- **Saturday, June 22: Jammin' Daddies**
- **Thursday, June 27: Vernon Hills Symphony**
- **Saturday, July 13: Waterhouse**