

Vernon Hills Village Voice

People Planning with Pride

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Vernon Hills

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By the Numbers...

18,101

That's the number of carloads of visitors who toured the Winter Wonderland Holiday Light Show, held at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens. Thanks for your patronage of this Lake County tradition.

Time to Hit the Books...

Evergreen Interim Library Open

January 13 marked the beginning of something special in Vernon Hills. The Cook Library District opened the 2,800 square foot Evergreen Interim Library Branch in the lower level of the Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive. Open Monday through Saturday, this facility houses a sizable collection of books, videos, and other materials, as well as computer terminals with Internet access.

Patrons will have access to the entire Cook collection by reserving books, which will then be delivered to the Evergreen site during daily delivery runs. The site will also offer children's programs, including story times. A book drop box is located at the parking circle near the front door of the Village Hall.

The site is named "interim" because the District wishes to pass a Referendum during the April 1 election, with the intent of funding the construction of new facilities at Aspen Drive and Route 60, as well as at the current site in downtown Libertyville. Because the Evergreen facility is considered a temporary site, all materials and furnishings have been selected to move to a new site, once it's constructed. In fact, the District is using this opportunity as a pilot for library processes, which have never before served two sites.

For information about the library proposal and referendum, contact the Cook Library at 847-362-2330 or look online at www.vernonhills.org for reports and recommendations prepared by the Village Ad Hoc Library Committee.

Evergreen Interim Library Hours

Monday — 2 to 8:30
 Tuesday — 10 to 8:30
 Wednesday — 10 to 8:30
 Thursday — 2 to 8:30
 Friday — 10 to 5
 Saturday — 10 to 5
 Sunday — closed

Phone: 847-362-2330



From the Mayor...

The Village Board and I hope that your holidays were joyous and safe, and that you enjoyed events such as the Holiday Light Show, the Village Tree Lighting, and the New Year's Eve fireworks. A special thanks to the volunteers who make these events possible.

Thank You, Committees

The Village is fortunate to have volunteers who serve their community. I would like to recognize two of these groups. First, the **Broadband Technology Ad Hoc Committee**, chaired by **John Sonnenberg**, whose members worked with staff to address the need for high speed Internet access in the Village. Through their efforts, AT&T began offering cable modem access services earlier than projected.

Second, the **Library Ad Hoc Committee**, with committee co-chairs **Jennifer Hakko** and **Karen Broms**. This group was formed to review the service and legal aspects of the Cook Memorial Library District. Both committees deserve a great deal of gratitude for their service. Thank you.

Sales Tax Revenue and the Village Budget

As many of you know, the Village does not levy a property tax. While other taxing bodies such as local schools and the county levy such a tax, the Village receives a substantial portion of our operating revenue from sales taxes generated from local businesses. It is these sales tax dollars that are used to provide residents with services such as police protection, road construction, snow removal, recycling and yard waste collection, and other services.

When sales decline, our revenues decline — which is the situation we face now. This year's Village budget

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Get Ready to Vote in April 1 Election

Register to Vote by March 4

If you've moved, changed your name, recently turned 18, or are a new US citizen, you'll need to register or re-register by **March 4** in order to participate in the April 1 election. It's easy to do — present two forms of identification, at least one of which shows your current address. Examples include a drivers license, Social Security card, checkbook, etc.

Voter registration is available at the Village Hall (290 Evergreen Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5 p.m.), and at Vernon and Libertyville Township Offices. Vernon Area and Cook libraries (including the Evergreen Branch) also have registrars on staff, though it's advisable to **call first** to make sure the registrars are on duty.

Absentee Voting Available

If you'll be away during the election, consider absentee voting, which can be done in person or via mail before the election.

In-person absentee voting begins March 10 and will now be available at

the Village Hall. Hours for Village Hall absentee voting are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5 p.m., as well as on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. until noon. You must be a registered voter and provide two pieces of identification.

In-person absentee voting is also available at Vernon Township Office (for residents south of Route 60; call 847-634-4600) and Libertyville Township Office (for residents north of 60; call 847-949-3214).

Absentee ballots are available via mail by calling the Lake County Clerk at 847-377-2400 or by applying online at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck/absentee.

For Assistance and Information

For assistance in locating your polling place, call the Village Clerk's Office at 847-367-3700 or the Lake County Clerk at 847-377-2400. Information is also posted online at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck.



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Absentee Voting starts March 10
Election is April 1

Laschen Honored with Community Center Nameplate

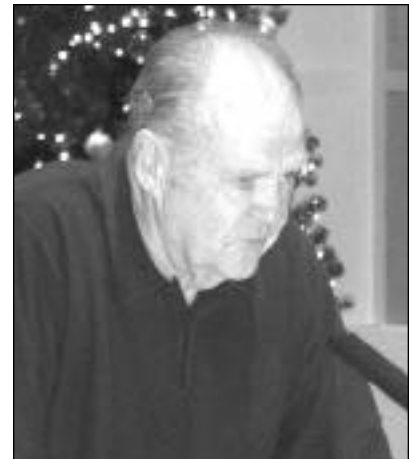
During the December 17 meeting of the Village Board, it was announced that the former village hall would be renamed the Larry Laschen Community Center.

Mr Laschen, who was present at the board meeting, is a key figure in the development of the Village — serving first as police chief starting in 1973, and then taking the role of village manager.

During Mr. Laschen's service, the Village was able to encourage such high-profile tenants as Hawthorn Mall, CDW, and American Hotel Register to choose Vernon Hills for their operations.

Also honored was Joanne Korstanje, who served as Village Clerk from 1966 to 1989.

The Laschen Center will now house Park District offices, as well as provide community meeting rooms.



Larry Laschen addresses the Board, noting that the Village was home to only 5,000 residents when he first joined the Police Department staff.

IN BUSINESS

Money you spend with Vernon Hills merchants goes right back into our community. With that in mind, here are a few new business openings, as taken from recent permit requests to the Community Development Department:

- **First Spa Nails Salon**, 700 N. Milwaukee, #123
- **Quite Frankly** lunch counter at 493 Milwaukee, inside Home Depot
- New kiosks at Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn include:
 - **Dippin'Dots Ice Cream**
 - **US Cellular**
 - **Mobile Solutions**

In addition, the following special events are coming up at Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn:

February 14-16: Antiques Show

February 22-23: Bridal Show

February 25: "Rock Your Prom" Model Search, sponsored by JCPenney and *Seventeen Magazine*

How Are We Doing?

As part of the Village's continuous effort to best meet the needs of our customers and improve our quality of service, the Community Development Department encourages customers to submit comments and questions regarding their experiences.

The "Customer Quality of Service Survey" is available at the front counter of the Village Hall, or may be accessed on the Village website, www.vernonhills.org/forms/. Don't hesitate to say what is on your mind. Each survey is given individual attention. We look forward to hearing from you!

Metra Begins Work to Add Second Track



In early January, Metra began efforts to add a second track to the

Wisconsin Central/Canadian National railroad. The work is expected to continue over the next two and a half to three years. Once the second track is completed, Metra plans to expand their North Central Service to 22 trains, up from the 10 commuter trains that currently serve our area.

The second track will be built directly east of the current rail. Metra plans to start at Port Clinton Road and work northward. Efforts will include clearing brush and trees to make way for the new track bed, second track, and associated storm water detention.

Metra's work will also require extensive bridgework and station modifications, including the addition of a platform at the Vernon Hills station. The new platform, which will be constructed on the west side, will become the "inbound" platform and will feature a shelter and windscreen.

The Village continues to work with Metra and their contractor to protect, to the extent possible, the vegetation along the right of way and to address issues of flooding, freight traffic, and safety.

Metra has offered to meet with individual residents about their specific concerns. Please contact Metra's Jack Bauer at 312-322-8015 to set up a meeting.

Village Budget Time

The Village is currently involved in the 2003/04 budget process, which starts with Board discussion during committee meetings. It is anticipated that by late March these discussions will have progressed to the development of a full budget document, which will then be made available at the Village Hall.

The process also includes public hearings, which are anticipated to begin during the March 18 or April 2 Board Meetings, held at 290 Evergreen Drive. (Note that the usual pattern of first and third Tuesdays is changed for April, due to the April 1 election.) Meetings start at 7 p.m., with hearings held at the beginning.

All meetings, including budget discussions, are shown on Cable Channel 4. For a current schedule, see www.vernonhills.org/community_information/cable.

For questions, comments or updates, call the Clerk's Office at 847-367-3700.

Village Approves Capital Improvement Projects for 2003 Construction Season

The Village Board recently approved the following capital improvement projects for the 2003 construction season.

- New roadway and enhancements at Fairway Drive North through the Nike site and at Route 45/Prairie Road
- Road rehabilitation for Lakeside Drive, Westmoreland and Royal Oak areas
- Sidewalk maintenance throughout the Village, through a new Sidewalk Program
- Concrete joint repairs at Lindon and Midway Lane in Deerpath
- Storm sewer extension for Alexandria Drive

- Culvert replacement on Deerpath Drive
- Street lighting improvements for Aspen and Deerpath Drive

While efforts are expected to begin in the spring, final schedules are not yet developed. Residents most affected will be notified directly, with neighborhood meetings planned for several of the projects. More information and updated status will be available by contacting the Community Development Department Engineering Division at 847-918-3565 or by checking online at www.vernonhills.org.

Clarification on Political and Public Issue Signs

With elections comes the opportunity for residents to express their patronage in the form of yard signs and other displays. The Village encourages residents to get involved in the issues and the process. Therefore in light of the upcoming April 1 election, it seems an appropriate time to outline the points in the Village Ordinances that address signage — most notably where signs can be placed, and how long they can be displayed.

The Political and Public Issue Sign Ordinance

Signs announcing candidates seeking public political office, public issues, or other political announcements are defined as temporary signs and permitted by the Village Code of Ordinances, Section 19-4(5), in accordance with the following standards:

- Political signs must not be installed more than thirty days prior to an election to which they apply. (For the April 1 election, the first day display is allowed is Sunday, March 2.)
- Signs shall be displayed on private property, only, with the consent of the property owner.
- Signs shall not be affixed to fences, light poles, mailboxes, or other accessory structures (sheds, garages, playground equipment).
- Signs placed on public property, within the public right-of-way, or in the parkway (the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb) will be removed and discarded.
- Each property is limited to six square feet of cumulative signs. Although signs may be double-faced, this usually limits each property to two signs.
- Within multi-family districts, the cumulative sign total of six square feet shall apply to each dwelling unit provided the person placing signs has received authorization from the managing homeowner's association and each sign is labeled with the name of the person placing the sign.
- All signs shall be removed within seven days after the political event for which they were displayed.
- Any person found guilty of violating any provision of the Village's sign ordinance may be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$200 for each offense. Each separate day upon which each violation exists shall continue as a separate offense.

If you have questions or concerns relating to this ordinance, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-367-3700.

Village Welcomes New Intern

The Village welcomes intern **Brian Bursick**, who is currently assisting the Public Works department. Brian, who is a student in the NIU Masters of Public Administration program, will rotate through the various Village departments, offering assistance and gaining experience.

Special thanks are in order for interns **Jason Raidbard** and **Sarah Jenniges**, who have recently moved on to other opportunities. Jason played a key role in such projects as the Cultural Partners program while Sarah specialized in engineering/GIS efforts.

Plan Now for VH Pageants

Young women of Vernon Hills are encouraged to take part in the annual Vernon Hills Pageant. The event includes Little Miss (ages 6-8), Junior Miss (ages 11-13), and Miss (ages 16-21), with top contestants eligible to compete in the Lake County Pageant.

"The participants always tell us what a great experience this is, regardless of the outcome," says pageant coordinator **Pam Adams**. "They make friends, gain tremendous confidence, and practice some of the finer social graces."

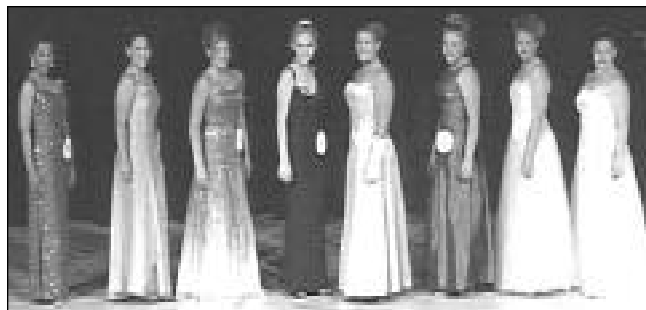
Girls interested in learning more about the pageant, including preparation sessions provided by the pageant committee, should call Pam Adams at 847-362-7598.

Pageant applications may be picked up at the Village Hall after April 1,

and will be posted at www.vernonhills.org. Deadline for applications will be May 12. This year's event is tentatively set for June 16 at Vernon Hills High School.

Attention Past Queens...

The Queen Hall of Fame in the Laschen Center (the former Village Hall) has been removed as the building converts to Park District use. If you have been a past Queen and would like your portrait, please pick it up at the Village Hall. Those photos that aren't picked up will be given to the Village Historical Society. *Thank you for all the years of beautiful smiles!*



Miss Vernon Hills 2002 pageant participants

PD/County Take 470 Guns Out of Circulation

On December 7, the Vernon Hills Police Department participated in the second Lake County Association of Chief's of Police Gun Buy Back Program. On that day, residents had an opportunity to turn in old or unwanted firearms to any of ten locations around Lake County — including our own police station. In return, each citizen received either \$50 cash or a \$50 gift certificate.

Approximately 470 firearms were turned in county-wide. Pictured at right are some of the 32 weapons received in Vernon Hills. All of the firearms and accessories that were turned in will be destroyed.



Three Police Force Members Receive Honors and Accolades

Congratulations are in order for three members of the Vernon Hills Police Department.

Investigator John Briscoe was recently awarded the 2002 Law Enforcement Award from the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center, which is part of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. Certified in computer forensics, Officer Briscoe received the award for his work in child exploitation investigations. With more than 400 hours of specialized training, John estimates that he has analyzed more than 200 computers and has had a hand in the arrest of more than 200 child exploitation offenders.

In December, **Deputy Chief Bill Price** received the Executive Leadership Award from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. This credential recognizes an individual's development and commitment to delivering the best, most professional service to the community. To be eligible, a recipient must complete a multitude of supervision and management programs. Deputy Chief Price was nominated after completing 640 hours of training.

This past November, **Commander Jon Petrillo** graduated with honors from the Southern Police Institute Administrative

Officers Course at the University of Louisville. The Administrative Officers Course is a challenging twelve-week program designed to develop informed, effective, ethically and technically competent law enforcement managers. Graduates of this prestigious course are numbered among the law enforcement leaders around the world.

The residents and businesses of Vernon Hills can be proud of the accomplishments of these officers. Congratulations to these law enforcement professionals, and to the entire force for their dedication and service.



Investigator John Briscoe (top left), Deputy Chief Bill Price (top right) and Commander Jon Petrillo (left) were recently honored.

VHPD Signs Emergency Preparedness Agreement

Late in 2002, Vernon Hills signed an agreement to become part of a new statewide mutual aid response network. The network plan is one aspect of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) that was created in 2000. The strategies of the ITTF became even more significant after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The plan recognizes that natural or man-made occurrences may result in emergencies that exceed the resources, equipment, and personnel of any single agency. As a member of the network, the Vernon Hills Police Department is insured of having these resources readily available to safeguard the lives and property of all citizens in the event of a crisis situation.

This mutual aid plan is similar to a current agreement with the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS). NIPAS is a more local multi-agency agreement designed for a variety of law enforcement-specific needs. NIPAS has been in existence since the early 1990s.

From the Community Development Department...

Tips for a Smooth Permit Process



The Community Development Department, which includes the Building Division, compiled this list of frequently asked questions.

Q: What is the address of the Village Hall and Community Development Department, which includes the Building Division? What are office hours?

A: The Community Development Department is located inside the Village Hall at 290 Evergreen Drive, at the corner of Route 45. The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Q: When is a building permit required?

A: Building permits are required for most home improvements, including:
 Patios, Driveways, Walkways
 Fences, Decks
 Porches, Gazebos, Garages, Sheds
 Water Heaters
 Air Conditioners, Furnaces
 Re-roofing
 Swimming Pools
 Interior Remodeling
 Basement & Future Room Finishing
 Plumbing Work
 Electrical Work
 Siding, Soffit, Fascia

Satellite Dishes
 Lawn Irrigation
 Additions
 Security Systems
 Hot Tubs

If you would like someone from the Department to contact you during the planning stages of your project, please call 847-367-3704.

Q: Why do I need approval from my Homeowner's Association before submitting a permit application?

A: Many Homeowners' Associations have asked for the opportunity to review and approve projects in accordance with their subdivision's covenants prior to residents submitting an application for a building permit. Generally, the Village requests association approval letters for all exterior property improvements. By having the HOA acknowledge the proposed improvement prior to applying for a building permit, conflicts with covenants can be avoided, saving you time and money.

Q: How long does it take to review and process a permit application?

A: Permits for re-roofing, siding/fascia/soffit replacement and water heaters

are issued immediately over the counter. Depending on the number of permit application waiting to be reviewed, other applications may take up to 15 working days. If the permit application and plans are required to be re-submitted or if additional information is requested, the re-review would depend on current work load of the plan examiner, but in no case would it take longer than an additional 15 working days.

Q: What is the cost of a building permit?

A: Generally, the cost of a permit is 1% of the total value of construction with a minimum fee for any residential permit of \$25. All permits also require a refundable cash completion bond. The minimum amount of a completion bond is \$50. Typically, the completion bond is refunded within three to four weeks after the final inspection has been approved.

Q: How can I request an inspection?

A: Inspections may be requested Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. by calling 847-367-3704. Inspections need to be requested one day in advance. Please provide the permit number, the address of the project, and the type of inspection required. If the resident desires to be present for the inspection, the Community Development Department will work to schedule an approximate time for the inspector and resident to meet.

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will reflect this economic condition, and some tough choices may need to be made. I encourage you to attend our public meetings regarding the 2003/04 budget, which are held before meetings of the Village Board. See page 3.

Library Proposal Unveiled

The Village Board and I are encouraged that the Cook Library District has taken action to address service issues at the southern end of the district. For the first step, the Library has opened an interim library facility in the lower level of the Village Hall. This site is designed as a

temporary facility and will be closed if and when a new permanent facility is built in Vernon Hills.

For its next step, the Library Board recently unveiled plans for a two-site construction project — which includes building a library near the corner of Aspen and Route 60, as well as replacing the current library in Libertyville. Details about this plan are available from the Library by calling 847-362-2330. Please note that this plan has been endorsed by the Village Ad Hoc Library Committee.

Our next step is for voters to consider a Referenda for a tax increase, which will

be included on the April 1 ballot. Without such approval the District will not have funds to construct the proposed facilities, either in Vernon Hills or Libertyville. A failed referendum would bring us back to square one, and leave the Village with no real options regarding permanent library service.

This is an important issue. I urge each resident to learn about the facts and decide where you stand. Information is available from the Cook Library, as well as on the Village's website (www.vernonhills.org) and Cable Channel 4.

Whatever your decision, please take time to learn about issues impacting our community. And please vote on April 1.

Roger L. Byrne

Yard Waste Collection Resumes on April 1

Free yard waste collection will begin again on **April 1**. Please remember that the Village does not collect leaves or other debris raked to the curb. Rather, all yard waste must be collected into kraft paper bags, or into containers marked with an "X." (Yard waste collected into plastic bags will not be collected.) Small branches of less than 2.5" diameter may also be placed at the curb; cut them to lengths of 4 feet or less, and bundle them with biodegradable twine. For details about this or any other pick ups you may need, please contact Onyx Waste Services at 847-623-3870.

Need to Change Containers?

If you use Onyx Waste Services you may change your container size at no charge once in any 12-month period. Additional changes cost \$25. For new customers wishing to change containers there is no charge.

Park District Deadline

The Park District Summer registration lottery deadline is Tuesday, **February 11** at 9 p.m. Walk-in registration will begin on Wednesday, **February 26** at 8:30 a.m. For details about camps, swimming lessons and more, stop by the Sullivan Center at 635 N. Aspen Drive, call 847-367-7270, or visit online at www.vhparkdistrict.org.

Park District Special Events Beat Cabin Fever

For details on the following events, call the Park District at 847-367-7270 or visit online at www.vhparkdistrict.org:

- February 21: Wilmot Ski Trip, Gr. 9-12
- March 3: Alpine Valley Ski Trip, Grades 5-8
- March 14: 6th Grade Teen Dance
- March 21: Just the Two of Us dance, girls ages 3-8 and a male guest
- April 12: Hoppin' Holiday Hunt
- April 26: Earth Day Celebration with Run/Walk

"Lost in Yonkers" Auditions

The Vernon Hills Players will hold auditions for "Lost in Yonkers" on February 18 and 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sullivan Center. The cast includes two boys age 14 to 17, as well as women and men. The group also welcomes people to help out behind the scenes. The play will be performed in May. For information, call the Park District at 847-367-7270.

Home Show: March 29 & 30

The GLMV Chamber of Commerce Home Show is scheduled for **March 29 and 30** at the Libertyville Sports Complex, 1950 North Hwy 45 in Libertyville. Packed with booths from local businesses, the event has outgrown the Sullivan Center! For information, call the Chamber at 847-680-0750.

Free Sunday Swimming

Vernon Hills residents can enjoy free swimming each Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. at Central Lake YMCA, 700 Lakeview Parkway. Sometimes the pool fills up, so admittance is first come, first served. Check with the Y for their complete listing of camps, fitness sessions and other classes. Call 847-367-6797.

Village Club Meetings

The Village Club of Vernon Hills has moved its meetings back to the newly named Laschen Community Center. General meetings are held every third Monday at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Center, 294 Evergreen Drive. For details, call **Joyce Miller**, 847-367-0229.

Report Plow Damage Now

Our Village snowplow operators take great pride in their efforts. However if you experienced mailbox damage that you believe was caused by a Village snowplow, call Public Works at 847-367-3726 by May 15 to report the damage.

SRACL Services

Do you know someone with a disability who enjoys participating in recreation activities? Consider contacting the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRACL). SRACL is a cooperative extension of the Vernon Hills Park District, with a purpose of providing recreation programs to residents of all ages with special needs. Offerings include day camp, sports, cultural arts, and more. For information, call 847-816-4866 or visit www.sracl.org.



Things are shaping up on the Village ball diamonds (left) and at Stevenson High School's tennis complex (above).

Views from the Nike Recreation Site

Work has continued through the winter on the Nike Recreation Site, located adjacent to the Arbortheater. Seedblankets are down and backstops are rising from many of the playing fields. The Stevenson High School tennis center is nearly complete, and expected to be ready for spring play. With recent approval of design concepts, plans for concession and restroom facilities for the Village's baseball and softball fields will move forward in anticipation of a summer completion. While work continues at a fast pace, all construction is not expected to be complete until the end of the year.

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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. 

FACTS FROM THE COOK LIBRARY BOARD

Q: What were the main factors contributing to the Library Board's decision on a two-site plan?

- Focus groups indicated that Libertyville wanted the library to stay in its current location, while taxpayers from the southern part of the district wanted a library in a more accessible location, making a single site impossible.
- The land for both sites is free. The Village of Vernon Hills is donating the Aspen property and the Cook Park Library will be built on the existing site in Libertyville.
- The district serves 57,000 taxpayers in five communities. Two libraries will provide accessible service for all.
- Based on our consultant's space findings, a library serving our population needs 110,000 square feet of space for adequate services. That size building will not fit on our present property in Libertyville.

Q: Why don't we split the district and let each community have its own library?

The current plan offers cost-effective, accessible library service, and is endorsed by the Vernon Hills Ad Hoc Library Committee.

Q: How much will this cost me as a homeowner?

A \$100 a year increase will amount to \$8.33/month – the cost of a single movie ticket. For a home worth \$200,000, that's a total increase of \$88.44 per year. Homes worth \$300,000 will increase by \$135.10 per year.