



Village of Villa Park

The Keystone of Chicago's Western Suburbs

The Village of Villa Park Community Profile, published by the Village of Villa Park, is a comprehensive collection of information and data geared specifically for businesses. The primary purpose of the profile is to provide business site selectors with the best source of the most widely sought after economic development information.

All information/data is for the Village of Villa Park, unless otherwise noted.

The Village of Villa Park is your one-stop economic development assistant. We are dedicated to helping to move your business project forward. For further information and assistance, please contact:

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Villa Park Officials

Joyce Stuegia
President

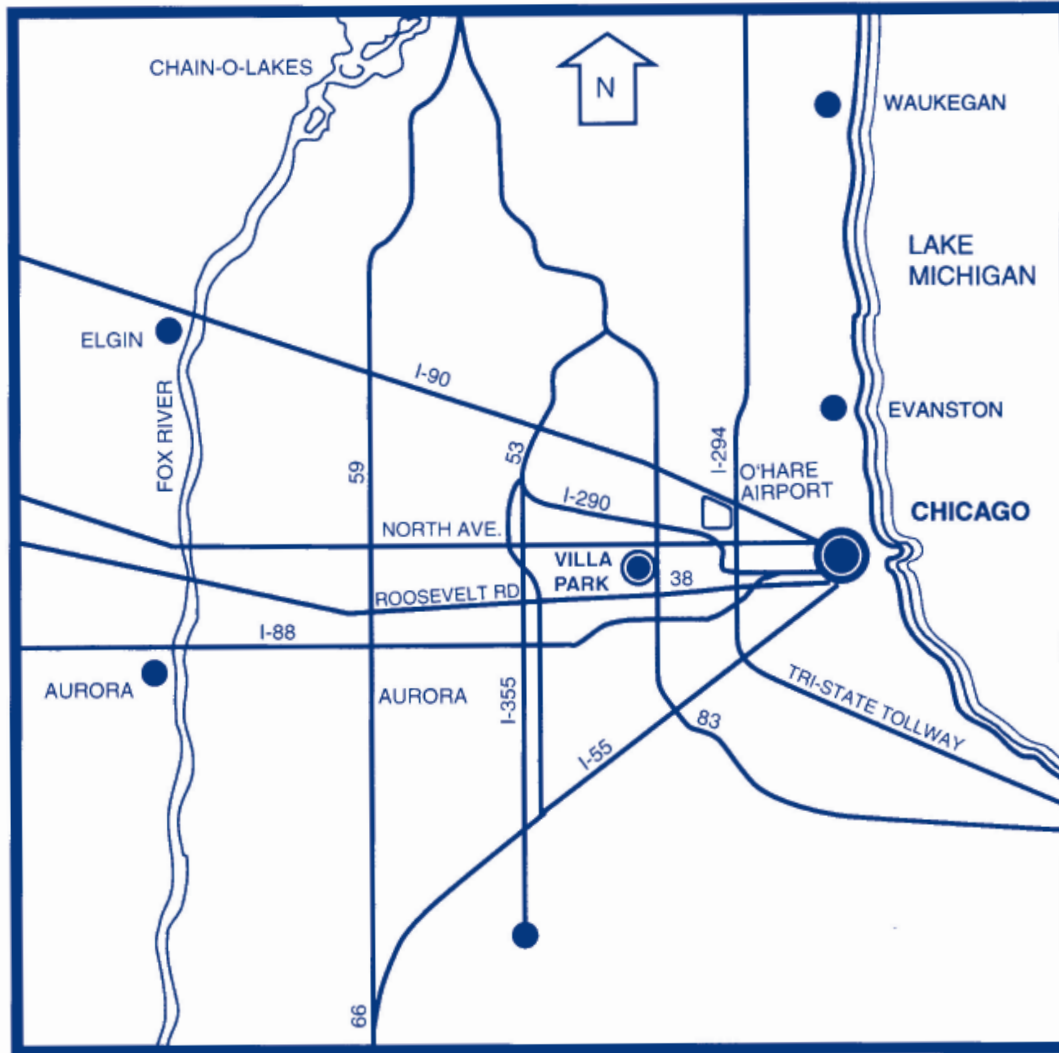
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Robert Niemann, *Village Manager*
Hosanna Korynecky, *Village Clerk*

Location, Location

The Village of Villa Park is ideally located as an “inner” western suburb of Chicago. Villa Park has the best of both worlds - direct access to downtown Chicago as well as to the rest of the western suburbs. Just 19 miles directly west of the Chicago Loop, Villa Park is located in east central DuPage County. Approximately four square miles in area, Villa Park is bounded by Addison on the north, Lombard on the west, Oakbrook Terrace on the south and Elmhurst on the east.



Surrounding Amenities

Shopping Centers

Oakbrook Mall
Yorktown Mall



Hotels

Holiday Inn
Hampton Inn
Hyatt
Marriott
Westin



Hospitals

Elmhurst Memorial
Good Samaritan



Colleges

Elmhurst College
College of DuPage

Distance from Villa Park to other Major Cities

Cedar Rapids, IA	189 miles	Madison, WI	109 miles
Charleston, WV	414 miles	Memphis, TN	543 miles
Cincinnati, OH	266 miles	Milwaukee, WI	80 miles
Cleveland, OH	327 miles	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	349 miles
Des Moines, IA	291 miles	Omaha, NE	421 miles
Detroit, MI	252 miles	Pittsburgh, PA	427 miles
Indianapolis, IN	169 miles	Springfield, IL	169 miles
Lansing, MI	184 miles	St. Louis, MO	255 miles
Louisville, KY	279 miles	Topeka, KS	450 miles

Transportation

Business retention surveys reveal that the primary advantage of doing business in Villa Park is the community's central location. "Access" and "Proximity" are the keys to business success. Villa Park is truly ideally located within the Chicagoland area. Located in east central DuPage County, Villa Park is considered an "inner" western suburb and is only minutes from downtown Chicago as well as other suburban communities.



Highways

The entire Chicagoland region becomes easily accessible from Villa Park due to the community's proximity to an outstanding transportation system.

The interstate highway system puts Villa Park one-day truck travel time from:

Chicago	Memphis
Cleveland	Milwaukee
Detroit	Minneapolis
Kansas City	St. Louis



Distance from Villa Park to Various Highways

<u>Interstate Highways</u>	<u>Hwy No.</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Adlai E. Stevenson	I-55	10 miles south
Dwight D. Eisenhower	I-290	2 miles east
Tri-State Tollway	I-294	2 miles east
North-South Tollway	I-355	6 miles west
Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway	I-88	4 miles south

State Highways

Robert Kingery	Rte. 83	Adjacent to eastern
Roosevelt Road	Rte. 38	Within Village Limits
North Avenue	Rte. 64	Within Village Limits
Butterfield Road	Rte. 56	.5 miles south

Federal Highways

Ogden	Rte. 34	4 miles south
Lake Street	Rte. 20	1.5 miles north

Rail

Metra's Union Pacific/West Line

- Located in the northern section of Villa Park
- Provides regular daily passenger service between Chicago and Geneva as well as freight service to the region.

Canadian National Railroad

- Freight line bisecting the northern part of the Village
- Dupage County carriers are Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; Burlington Northern; Elgin; Joliet and Eastern and the Sooline.

Air Service

O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

- World's busiest airport
- Located just 14 miles north of Villa Park
- Serviced by approximately 56 commercial carriers
- Served 76.5 million passengers in 2006

Chicago Midway Airport (MDW)

- Located just 24 miles from Villa Park
- Serves over 17 million travelers each year.
- Serves major airlines such as American, Continental, and Southwest

Dupage County Airport

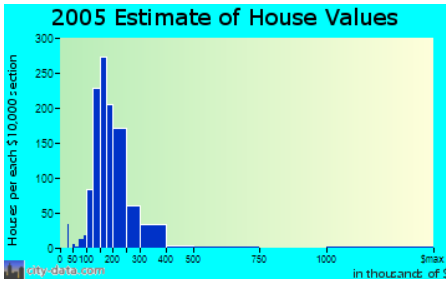
- Illinois's third busiest airport
- Located 17 miles west of Villa Park
- Private aircraft storage, aircraft maintenance and charter service available

Water

Illinois International Port

- Located on the south side of Chicago, approximately 35 miles from Villa Park
- A Great Lakes port with an international shipping capacity through the St. Lawrence Seaway
- A 12-month shipping season from Chicago to New Orleans through the Inland Waterway
- Foreign Trade Zone at the Illinois International Port.

Demographics



RACIAL MAKEUP

White	89.15%
African American	1.67%
Native American	0.18%
Asian	3.65%
Pacific Islander	0.03%
Other Races	3.65%
2 or More Races	1.68%
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	12.55%

HOUSEHOLDS

Total Households	8,125
% Families	71.7%
Average Household Size	2.82

POPULATION

	1990	2000	Current
City	22,253	22,075	22,578
County	781,666	904,161	904,161
Labor Market	0	530,868	530,868

4,900 people per square mile

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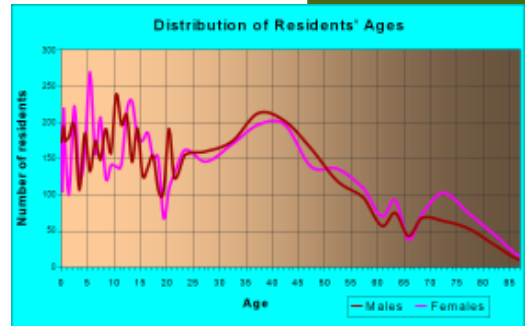
Avg. Winter Temp	21.00 F
Avg. Summer Temp	74.00 F
Avg. Annual Rainfall	33.55 In
Avg. Annual Snowfall	40.40 In

AGE

Median Age	35
Aged 0-17	26.9%
Aged 18-24	8.8%
Aged 25-44	32.4%
Aged 45-64	20.2%
Aged 65+	11.7%

HOUSING

Total Housing Units	8,331
% Owner Occupied	74.5%
% Renter Occupied	25.5%
% Vacant	2.7%
Median Home Value	\$155,900
Median Rent	\$720



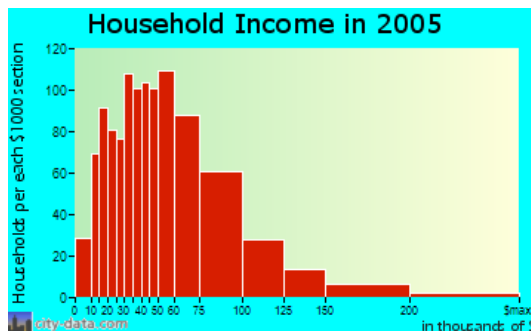
Source: US Bureau of the Census, Census 2000
Village of Villa Park Special Census, 2003

BUILDING PERMITS 2007

Number of Permits Issued	1379
Total Permit Value	\$361,057
Total Construction Value	\$22,024,650
Additions over \$25,000	
Residential	26
Commercial/Industrial	1
Multi-Family	0
Remodels over \$10,000	
Residential	13
Commercial/Industrial	14
Multi-Family	0
New Construction	
Residential	4
Commercial/Industrial	3
Multi-Family	1

INCOME

Median Household Income	\$55,706
Average Household Income	\$63,664
Median Family Income	\$62,805
% 16 years & over employed	70.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%
Poverty Rate	4.8%



EDUCATION

% High School Graduates	86.0%
% College Graduates	23.7%

People Move Here to Stay: 48.5% have lived in Villa Park five years or more

Local Government



President Joyce Stupegia

Board of Trustees

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Village Manager Robert Niemann

Village Clerk Hosanna Korynecky



The Village of Villa Park, Illinois is governed by a Council/Manager form of government consisting of a Village President and six Trustees. All trustees are elected on a village-wide basis and hold office for a term of four years. The seven-member board is responsible for the appointment of a Village Manager who is the chief executive officer and administrative head of village government.

Local government has established a close and positive working relationship with business and industry in Villa Park. Many local business and community leaders serve on village boards, commissions and advisory groups, helping to strengthen the tie between government and business. One of these commissions dedicated specifically to creating a conducive business environment and promoting economic growth is the seven-member Economic Development Commission.

The Village department most actively involved with business and industrial retention, expansion and attraction is the Community Development Department. This department has professional staff members employed to work closely with both existing and prospective firms in many areas of business development.

The Village is committed to improving its physical condition for the benefit of its residents and businesses. Over the past few years, the Village has invested over \$10 million in public improvements including over \$7.4 million in street and sidewalk improvements,

over \$1 million in sewer system improvements and over \$1.5 million in park improvements. In order to make such improvements, the Village has pursued such innovative financing programs as federal grants, recapture agreements, Special Assessment Area and Tax Increment Financing.

Townships - York and Addison

Villa Park is served by two township governments who provide services mandated by the state and approved by their Board of Trustees, such as general assistance, tax assessing and roads.

DuPage County Board

The DuPage County Board consists of 18 members. It provides several services including tax assessments and collections, courts, county clerk and recorder, highways, forest preserves, public health services and the conduction of elections.

Municipal Zoning	Yes
County Zoning	Yes
Comprehensive Plan - Rev. 1984	Yes
Home Rule	No
Subdivision Ordinance	Yes
Emergency 911 System	Yes
Rescue Squad	Yes
Public Library	Yes

Property Tax Rates Year 2000

City	1.3483%
County	0.2536%
School	5.2113%
Other(s)	0.2843%
Total	7.0975%

Total Sales Tax Rate 7.75%

Property tax rates per \$100 assessed valuation. Valuation is 33.3% of real property except in Cook County where commercial property is assessed at 38% and industrial property is assessed at 36%.

Utility Tax on:

Electricity	5.00%
Natural Gas	5.00%
Telephone	5.00%
Water	0.00%

Economic Development

Development Assistance

The Village of Villa Park Economic Development Commission was formed in 1985 to attract and promote commercial and industrial development in the Village. The Commission was formed as a result of the Village's commitment to promoting economic growth and creating a conducive business environment. Its membership is composed of business and community leaders.



Assistance is available through the Village's Community Development Department to existing and prospective businesses in the areas of community data, land availability, buildings for sale or lease, plan review, development assistance and financing. Contact: Shubhra Govind, Director, Community Development Department, Village Hall, 20 South Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181, (630) 592-6072.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA)

Provides a myriad of financial, technical, and training assistance. Contact: Department of Commerce Affairs, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 3-400, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 814-7179.



College of DuPage Economic Development Center

Offers several services and technical assistance for the small business: small business counseling, assistance for entering the international market place, assistance for securing governmental contracts; assistance for product development and marketing and small business seminars. Contact the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the College of DuPage, 2525 Cabot Drive, Suite 201, Lisle, IL 60532 Phone (630) 942-2600.

Villa Park Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission prepares and recommends to the Village Board procedures for the planning, execution and implementation of business district plans, including plans for development of adjacent areas to provide for the housing, social and recreational needs of the business district.

Powers and duties of the Commission include acting as an agent for the Village for the purposes of business district development and redevelopment; collecting information on opportunities for business and investment in the Village; preparing pamphlets explaining opportunities; outlining Village regulations relating to energy conservation and environmental protection; assisting the Village Board to expand the tax base; and assisting in plans to increase the opportunity for Village residents to obtain local employment

Meeting: 4th Wednesday of each month

Location: Village Hall, second floor

Time: 7:00PM

Members: Seven

Term: 3 years

Economic Development

Financial Assistance for Development

The Village of Villa Park has participated in a number of financial assistance mechanisms including the establishment of a low-interest rate business loan program, special service area financing, sales tax sharing and tax increment financing.

Special Service Area Financing

Municipal taxing mechanism designed to finance "Special Services" in designated areas within the Village. It is generally used to finance utilities, infrastructure and special services. It involves the leveling of an additional real estate tax in the service area so that improvements can be provided. All taxable real estate within special service area is taxed at the same rate.

Tax Incrementing Financing

Municipal financing technique used to pay public improvement costs necessary to attract a private developer into a redevelopment area. The costs of the public improvements are borne by the increased real estate revenues that result from the improvements and the subsequent private development in the area. This increase in tax revenues is the tax increment. The tax increment funds can be used to retire bonds issued for the project, or for the cost of the public improvements.

Small Business Administration, Small Business Assistance

Provides funding to small businesses through its SBA 503/504 program for fixed assets and Guaranteed Loan Program. Contact: Small Business Administration (312) 353-0357.

State of Illinois, Department of Revenue, State Investment and Jobs Credit.

Investment tax credit against Illinois Personal Property Replacement Income tax for purchases of property, including building, used in manufacturing, mining or retail businesses. Credit is equal to 0.5% of the adjusted basis of tangible new or used property. Companies can qualify for an additional 0.5% if the base employment increases has increased at least 1% over preceding year. Contact: Department of Revenue, (312) 814-3058.

Private Financial Institutions

Low Interest Rate Business Loan Program. With the cooperation from a few local financial institutions, the Village developed a low interest rate loan program specifically to spur the expansion and retention of existing Villa Park businesses and the attraction of new businesses. Request the Villa Park Low Interest Rate Loan Program brochure for specific program information. Conventional loans are available through Villa Park banks and savings and loans to credit-worthy applicants.

See the following list of Villa Park financial institutions.



Banks

Bank of America
180 E. Roosevelt Rd.
(630) 758-0648

Charter One Bank
320 E. St. Charles Rd.
(630) 279-7000

DuPage Credit Union
29 E. St. Charles Rd.
(630) 428-3440

First Bank
101 E. St. Charles Rd.
(630) 993-3900

Harris Bank
10 S. Villa Ave.
(630) 834-0800

Inland Bank
305 W. St. Charles Rd.
(630) 530-5000

Standard Bank & Trust Co.
1 W. Roosevelt Rd.
(630) 620-8888

State Farm Bank
221 E. St. Charles Rd.
(630) 834-8272

TCF Bank
33 W. St. Charles Rd.
(800) 823-2265

Illinois Finance Authority

IFA is the state's financing authority for economic development projects and was created to provide access on capital for Illinois businesses, local government and not-for-profit corporations. IFA provides industrial revenue bonds, direct loans and other funding vehicles to businesses. Contact Illinois Finance Authority, 233 S. Wacker Drive, #4000, Chicago, IL (312) 627-1434.

Business

Employment

Managers & Professionals
28.4%

Sales & Administration
31.5%

Service Occupation
14.1%

Farming
0%

Production/Repair
11.1%

Operators
14.9%

Villa Park is fortunate to have a diverse employment base and to not be reliant on one or two primary businesses. The majority of businesses in Villa Park (79%) employs 10 persons or fewer.

Some of the larger employers include:

High School District 88	240 employees
Laidlaw International, Inc.	230 employees
Village of Villa Park	225 employees
Wal-Mart	225 employees
Target Corporation	180 employees
Supreme Lobster & Seafood Co.	170 employees
Jewel Food Stores	150 employees
MTS Titan Electric, LLC	150 employees
Conxall Corporation	150 employees
Cottage Hill Operating Company	130 employees

Between 1980 and 1990, employment within the County increased by approximately 67% which is over three times as great as the percentage increase in population. By 1990, more than 58% of the DuPage County residents who worked were employed in DuPage County. In addition, over 220,000 workers from other communities commute to DuPage to work - an increase of 109% since 1980. Along with the increasing number of employees, the number of businesses have also increased. Although all industry sectors showed growth, the significant increase was in the service and retail trade sectors. Growth in Villa Park seems to mirror that of the County's.

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Within in a 5-Minute Drive Time:

Populations 27,000 to 34,000

Grocery Buying power from \$48 to \$54 million



VILLA PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Linking Business, Industry, and the Community"

10 West Park Boulevard, Villa Park, Illinois 60181 • (630) 941-9133 • Fax (630) 941-9134

Our Motto: "Shop Villa Park First"

The vision of the Chamber is to be the foundation of business strength in Villa Park.

Our purpose is to enhance and assist the businesses with knowledge and support by providing resources and promote cooperation between business, industry and the community.

We encourage you to support our Business Community and enjoy shopping in Villa Park.

A Chamber is only as strong as their membership foundation and the community they serve. Our Members give back to our village everyday with their support of community events and other worthwhile causes that make it a wonderful place to live in.

Commercial Services

Odeum Sports and Expo Center

Surrounded by major hotels, restaurants, and shopping malls, the Odeum is located in the hub of eastern DuPage County's busiest transportation corridor and just five miles from O'Hare International Airport, within easy access by major expressways from downtown Chicago. On-site parking facilities accommodate 2,000 vehicles.

The physical capabilities of the Odeum are surpassed only by the level of care and customer service that exhibitors find here. The complex houses a 5,300-seat arena, space for 600 trade show booths, and meeting rooms to



accommodate from 10 to 6,000 people. Clients can enjoy the full-service amenities of a large, clear-span facility, as well as personal attention derived from a business that is family owned and operated. Management staff and suppliers are equipped to handle the unique demands of any event, from the initial planning to a successful conclusion. The Odeum has established an excellent reputation for providing a customer-friendly environment. The 130,000-square-foot facility hosts a wide range of activities year-round, such as trade shows, concerts, banquets, corporate meetings and state-of-the-art teleconferencing, and sports events, including boxing, soccer, and in-line skating. More than 2.3 million visitors pass through the Odeum's doors each year. M.G. Concessions, the exclusive food and beverage supplier for the Odeum, is experienced at providing food service of every kind, including event concessions, casual buffets, or elegant sit-down dinners for 50 to 5,000 guests. M.G. Concessions offers a variety of menus to complement and enhance any event and is happy to create special menus tailored to individual needs. In all, the Odeum Sports & Expo Center is a premier multipurpose facility known for providing expert accommodations and professional attention in a friendly environment. The Odeum's motto is "Set the Date and Leave the Rest to Us!"

Media

Newspapers serving the Villa Park area include the Chicago Sun Times, the Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, DuPage Business Ledger, the Villa Park Review, Villa Park Argus and the Villa Park Independent.

Television stations covering the entire Chicago area include affiliates of the three major networks as well as a number of independent and cable stations. A large number of AM and FM stations in Chicago and the suburban areas serve Villa Park.

Waste Water Treatment

The Salt Creek Sanitary District operates a full-service sewage treatment plant; primary, secondary and tertiary. The district, with a daily capacity of 8,500,000 gallons and an average daily flow of 2,500,000 gallons, can accommodate the discharge of the largest user.

Salt Creek Sanitary District
201 South Route 83
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-832-3411

Telephone

Local Provider - Ameritech
1-800-727-2273

Long Distance Provider - AT & T
1-630-571-5320

Electricity

Special rate incentives may be available for new and/or expanding companies.

Commonwealth Edison
1-800-EDISON-1 or 1-800-334-7661

Cable Television

Comcast
1-800-COMCAST or 1-800-266-2278

Gas

Northern Illinois Gas Company (NICOR)
90 North Finley Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
(630) 629-2500



Community Services

Houses of Worship

Villa Park has 16 individual congregations, including the following:

Baptist	1
Evangelical	2
Islamic	1
Jehovah's Witnesses	1
Lutheran - ELCA	2
Lutheran - Missouri Synod	1
Methodist	2
Other	3
Pentecostal	1
Roman Catholic	2



Education

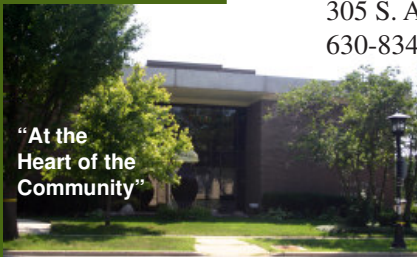
Villa Park and its surrounding areas have 21 schools to offer:

Local Public Schools		Local Private Schools	
Elementary	8	Montessori	2
Middle School	3	Grade School	2
High School	1	High School	3

Area Colleges 2

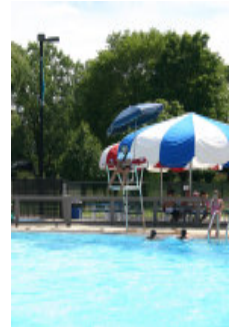
Library

Villa Park Public Library
305 S. Ardmore Avenue
630-834-1164



Parks and Recreation

Villa Park Parks & Recreation provides programs and activities for all ages and abilities, maintains nineteen parks with over 100 acres of green space, operates two public swimming pools, and is the host to many special events, trips and a center for senior citizens.



Sugar Creek Golf Course

Sugar Creek Golf Course is a 9-hole, par 32 public golf course owned and operated by Elmhurst Park District and Village of Villa Park. Other features include a full-service clubhouse, pro shop, driving range and putting green.



2 Major Shopping Malls and over 15 Strip Malls



Villa Park French Market - Every Sunday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. April through October

The Villa Park French Market offers a wide variety of items including fresh flowers, fresh produce, hand-made soaps, pottery and more. The French Market is located on Park Boulevard, immediately west of Ardmore, by the gazebo. The French Market is accessible by the Prairie Path

Bensidoun USA, developer of the French Market in the US, has brought, and hopes to continue to bring, its expertise and resources, as well as a touch of Parisian color, to the United States. **By bringing the French Market to the Village of Villa Park, Bensidoun USA hopes to bring with it the sense of community found in markets in France,** providing community residents with a place to gather, socialize and purchase quality goods at reasonable prices.

