



Villa Park Chamber of Commerce
10 W. Park, Villa Park, IL 60181
www.villaparkchamber.org 630/941-9133
Chamber Connections April, 2014



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting of our Very Own Unique Upscale Gaming Café!!!

Stella's Place

Villa Oaks Shopping Center
196 Roosevelt Road
(Next to Starbucks)



Stella's Place is an upscale neighborhood cafe and gathering places for adults to enjoy a light meal, beverage and gaming in a warm and welcoming environment.

Stylized with a contemporary interpretation of mid-century modern design, Stella's Place has the comfortable feel of being in your own living room. Offering highly personalized service and superior amenities, Stella's is sure to be the place in your community to enjoy a premium gaming experience!

Watch for their Sister Shelby's Opening Soon!



Welcome New Member!



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Chamber/Community Calendar

- 4- 24 GRAND RE-OPENING and
Ribbon Cutting BMO Harris
- 4-24 Multi-Chamber lunch with Dan Cronin
- 4-26 Prairie Path Cleanup at the Museum
- 4-26 D45 5K Fun Run
- 4-26 Giving Dupage Human Race
- 5-1 Sip for Scholarship Wine Tasting
- 5-3 Easter Seals Run for the Kids
- 5-22 Multi-Chamber Passport to Success expo
Visit www.villaparkchamber.org for info

Who and Where is Parker??

Parker is the official mascot of the VP 100th Anniversary Celebration. He's known to pop up all around town! To book a FREE appearance and to learn more about the events planned for the Centennial, visit www.villapark100.com



Parker makes an appearance at Mascot Madness at the Odeum with the Knight from Sterling & Knight Jewelry & Pawn



MEGA Multi-Chamber Business Expo

Over 525 business professionals attended the 19 Chamber Business Expo featuring Key note speaker Jeanne Malnati of Malnati's Pizza.

Exhibitors included our very own Villa Park Office Equipment, Sign-A-Rama, and the United States Post Office.



Jeanne Malnati

Howie Leighty shows off his signs to the 525 prospective customers!



Katie from VPOE shows the new interactive web site which assists customers in the design and selection process to create the most efficient office space.



Did you know the USPS offers many affordable mailing options for businesses? Find out more at usps.com

Discover yourself in Villa Park

Village hosts
"selfie" event to
celebrate 100th
anniversary

Calling all Villa Park residents!

The Village of Villa Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary this summer on Aug. 8, 2014, and wants you to join in the fun!

Take a "selfie" (a photo of yourself or together with a group of friends/family members) in Villa Park, and **you could be featured on the 100th anniversary website at www.tvvpstyle.com/villapark100.**

Whether you're out and about in the community at a favorite restaurant, relaxing at a park or visiting one of the schools or other historical landmarks in the village, be a part of this special anniversary with a simple click of a button.



Selfie event details

→ Send photos to Pat Boksha at pboksha@invillapark.com by June 8, 2014.

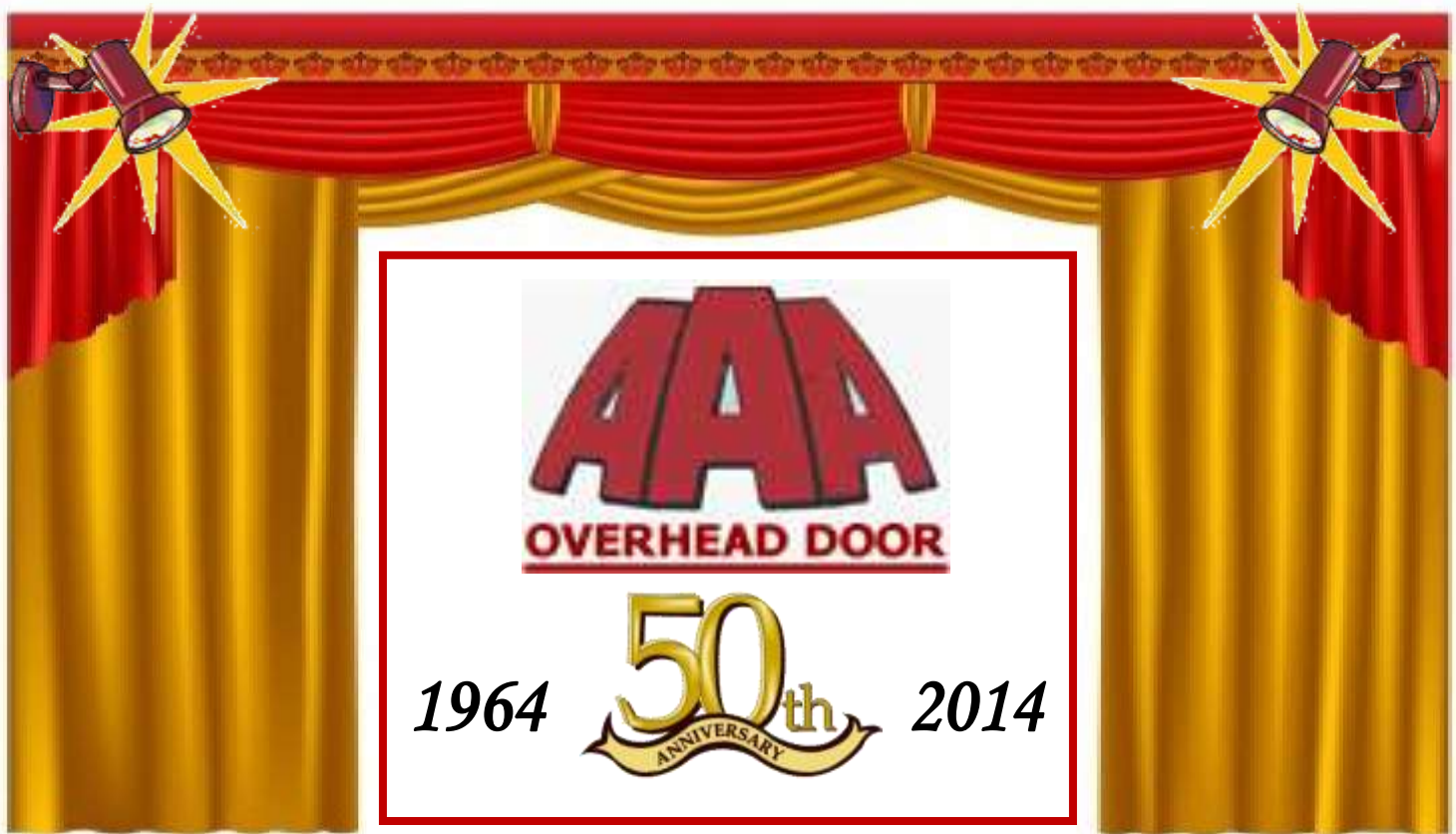
→ If you're a student, you must fill out the permission slip on the back of this form for your entry to be eligible.

→ Inappropriate content will not be considered and will not be posted online.

→ Photos must be royalty and copyright free, and they become the property of the Village of Villa Park for the village's use.

→ For questions or more information, contact Rae Srch (chairperson of the 100th Anniversary Committee) at raesrch@voyager.net.

Chamber Member Spotlight!!



AAA Overhead Door has been serving the community since 1964. We are a door service company dedicated to fast, courteous service and quality products offered at a fair price. This was and still is founder **Pete Sylvester's** vision and dream.

Through many years of hard work and dedication, AAA became "**Home of Speedy Petie Service**" because in most cases we offer same day repair service.

AAA Overhead Door has grown over time from a 1 truck operation in 1964, to a small fleet of trucks.

Today, over 5 decades later, AAA still works hard to earn your business through dedicated, prompt and courteous service.

**Sales, Service, Installation,
Emergency, Repair
Door Repair, Spring Repair
Commercial,
Industrial
Residential
Institutional**



Then



Now



**The Villa Park Public Library
and the Friends of the Library**



invite you to join our

8TH ANNUAL POETRY READING

in honor of National Poetry Month

AT C U LATTE IN VILLA PARK

following the Friends' general meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM

please bring a poem to read at this

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT

**C U Latte is located at 9 E. Park Boulevard in
Villa Park. The contact number is (630) 206-0276.**

**Registration is available at:
<http://poetryreadingvppl.eventbrite.com>**

**For more information, please contact
the Library at (630) 834-1164, ext. 5,
or visit our website at:
www.vppl.info**



Multi chamber



Luncheon

April 24th, 2014

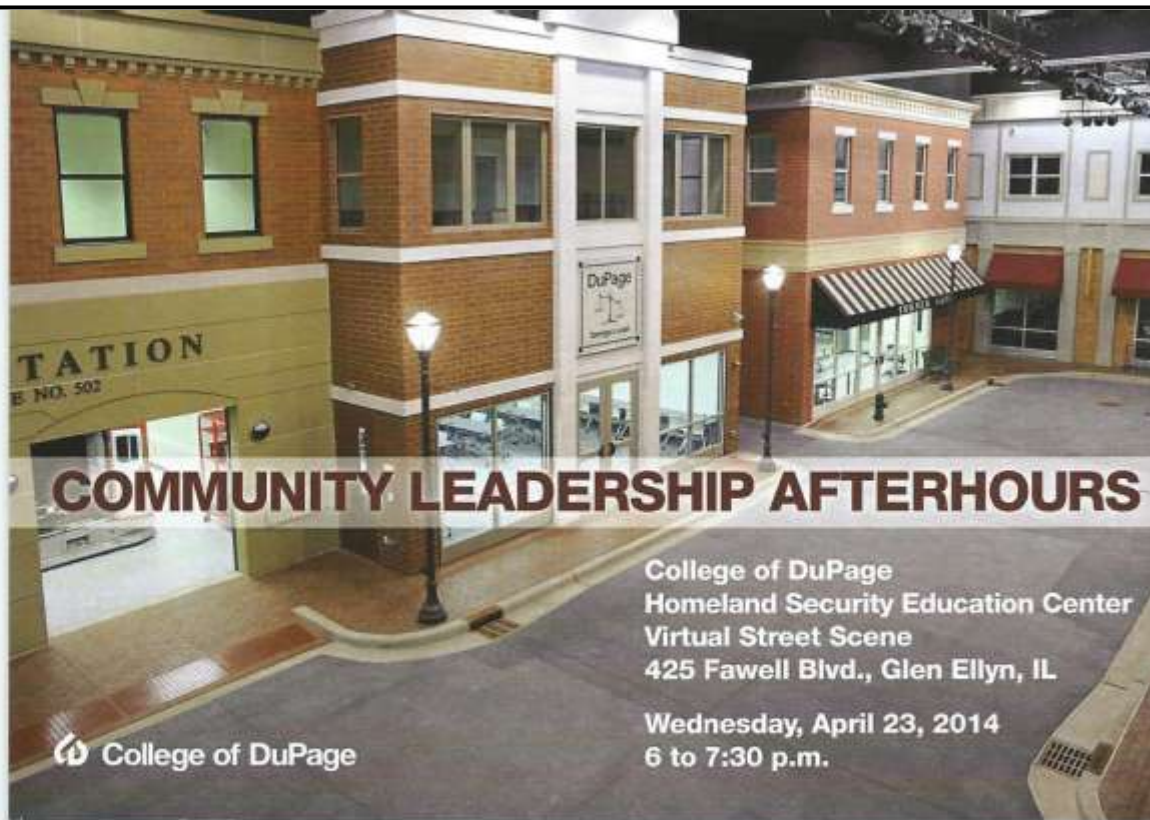
11am Lunch, Noon Presentation
Medinah Shriners Club, Addison, IL

\$25.00 Members/\$30 NonMembers

Featuring Speaker Dan Cronin

**Topic: Economic Development
and Business Interests**





WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE: Taking Preventative Measures to Protect Your Business

With the Homeland Security Education Center's (HEC) 4,800 square-foot tactical street scene as a backdrop, College of DuPage Associate Dean of Homeland Security Tom Brady will discuss methods for protecting your organization from internal and external harm (fraud, workplace violence, and physical security), identifying your organizations' Achilles Heel, and creating a culture of security for your employees. This engaging presentation will include anecdotal stories stemming from Brady's distinguished career in fraud investigation, which included serving as Inspector in Charge in the Washington Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Inspector in Charge of the Chicago Division.

Space is extremely limited.
Please RSVP by Monday, April 14 at cod.edu/rsvp.

For more information, contact Ami Chambers, (630) 942-3823, or email chambersa@cod.edu.

School News!

Willowbrook High School Scholarship Breakfast Highlights!

More than 30 members of the Community, Parents, and Village Leaders attended the March 6th Scholarship Breakfast prepared by the Brook Catering Co comprised of WBHS Culinary Students. Entertainment was provided by WBHS music students.

Superintendent Scott Helton, Principal Dan Krause, and Board President Donna Cain Shared their vision and goals for WBHS.



6th Annual 5K Run/
1 Mile Kids'
Just for Fun Run in Memory of Bonnie Seahill
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Sponsored by
School District 45 PTA Council
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
WALK or RUN!



Time:
7:00 A.M. -7:45 A.M. Race Day Packet Pick up and Registration
8:30 A.M. 5K Race Start
9:15 A.M. 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run (K-5th grades only)
Location: Villa Park Gazebo on the Prairie Path at Central & Ardmore Avenues

Fees: 5K Pre-registered Individual Entries-\$20 (guaranteed t-shirt)
1 Mile Fun Run Pre-registered Entries- Elementary (K-5) \$10 (guaranteed t-shirt)
Day of Race Registration: -1 Mile Kids' Fun Run (K-5) \$15 5K \$25

For safety reasons, headboards, bicycles, strollers, skateboards and animals will not be permitted at this event. Children Under 12 MUST be Accompanied by an Adult. This is not a School District #45 sponsored event.

First 25 adults/students to finish 5 K receive a champion t-shirt!
To guarantee t-shirt size, registrations MUST be received by Thursday, March 20th, 2014

5K Run –Just for Fun –Registration Form

Please complete ONE form for EACH participant. For general information contact Cindy McManis or Krista Spaulding at: vkooos5krun@panet.com

Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Email Address: _____ Emergency Phone () _____
Please circle one: Race: 5K Run / 1M Kids Fun Run Race Class: M / F
Shirt Size: Youth- *See / Med / Lrg / XLrg* Adult: *Sm / Med / Lrg / XLrg / XXLrg (\$1.50)*
Grade (as of race day): _____ School Representing: _____
Deliver bags to school: _____ Name of student to receive the bags: _____

WARRANTY: I know that running a race or trail race is a potentially hazardous activity. I understand and understand that an individual who will properly assess if agree to abide by any decision of a more official individual's ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including and not limited to, but not limited to, the effects of weather, the effects of weather, including light and dark clothing, and the conditions of the race or trail, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read the waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone named to act on my behalf, waive any claims for damages against the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, School District 45 PTA Council, County of DuPage, School District 45, and the Village of Villa Park, their officers, directors and agents, all positions. Some registration fees and proceeds from all classes and a portion of any fund raising from my participation in this event, although the liability may arise out of negligence or recklessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. By signing this form, I agree that for safety reasons, headboards, bicycles, strollers, skateboards and animals are not permitted at this event. Directors will be permitted as walking participants and will not be held liable as walking participants.

Signature: _____ (Signature of Parent/Guardian if entrant is under 18)
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PTA COUNCIL-5K RUN. RETURN CHECK AND FORM TO SCHOOL MARKED PTA 5K. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY MARCH 20th TO RECEIVE T-SHIRT. Registration forms can also be mailed to: District 45 255 W Vermont Street, Villa Park, IL 60181

Save the Date!

All Welcome! 21 and over!

Save the Date! More details coming!

Class of 2014
Wine & Cheese Tasting

Thursday May 1, 2014

5:30 - 7:30pm

Try a Variety of Wines paired
with perfect Cheeses

RSVP 630/941-9133 or vpcchamber@obcglobal.net



All proceeds will be donated to the Villa Park Chamber Scholarship fund



Vila Park Community Pride Commission
2014 Prairie Path Cleanup

Saturday, April 26th 9:00am-12:00pm
Villa Park Historic Museum
20 S. Villa Avenue

Make a difference in your community!



Event will take place
RAIN or SHINE so please
dress appropriately!

Garbage bags & water will be provided; please bring your own
work gloves. Questions? Email pride@invillapark.com

11th Annual Run for the Kids: Superhero Hustle

5K Run/2 Mile Walk to benefit Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley



Join us at the 11th Annual Run for the Kids on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

NEW THIS YEAR!!! Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero or create an identity of their own. Join a team to support an Easter Seals superhero and come ready to run in a cape or costume!

This 5K Run/2 Mile Walk will benefit the mission of Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region to enable infants, children, and adults with disabilities to achieve maximum independence, and to provide support for the families who love and care for them.

All pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt. Awards, refreshments, entertainment, face-painter, kids' dash & a silent auction will all be at the event! All abilities and skill levels welcome.

This is an extremely family-friendly event. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome and encouraged. Formal registration is not required for the Kids Dash.

Note: If you are having trouble with registration for any reason, please call Kelly Moreland at 630.282.2029

- See more at: <http://eastersealsdfvr.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1093421#sthash.63vCpzw.dpuf>



Did you Know???



Your NEW membership earns you:

- One FREE E-Blast to over 400 contacts on the Chamber email list
- A FREE Listing of your business by category and alphabetical on our website at www.villaparkchamber.org
- FREE Job postings on our website!!
- FREE Hot deals posting on our website!
- Numerous opportunities to promote yourself and your business to prospective customers at our Monthly Multi-Chamber luncheon events!
- FREE Proud member of the Villa Park Chamber window decal
- FREE subscription to Chamber Connections, a monthly newsletter featuring news about You and the Community!
- Opportunity to serve on a committee and help plan, organize and coordinate our events!
- FREE Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Chamber and Village Leaders!!
- Earn a spot on our Board of Directors!
- FREE promotion on our website of your events!



The More you Do, the More your Dues Work for you!!

For more information about these and other programs, contact me at 630/941-9133 or vpchamber@sbcglobal.net