



Villa Park calling. I see Villa Park is cutting down parkway trees again. Well, they cut down my parkway tree about 10 years ago and promised me the following summer I'd have a tree. Well, guess what? I still don't have a tree and it's almost 10 years. My neighbor's just got cut down. Are they getting a tree? Villa Park should be called the treeless town. Thank you.

On June 9, Trump was indicted with 37 counts of injustice. Yes, it is terrible that this had to happen, but Trump brought this on himself. The real surprise is that both of Trump's lead attorneys resigned as they won't lie for him and don't want to represent a proven loser. This is not a "witch

hunt." He was indicted by a federal grand jury in Florida, which is a red state. Please check the facts before you blame the DOJ or the FBI.

I noticed the price of a gallon of gas jumped to \$4.49 around here. Good thing our state senators and representatives voted themselves a 17 percent raise in January and got another 5 percent cost of living increase with the new state budget. At least they can afford it.

To the caller who asked what the big deal is about all-gender bathrooms, and that he or she has them in their house, well, duh, we all do, but I think you are missing the point. It is

not about all-gender public bathrooms that are single (one person at a time) use, like I would imagine is in your house. It is about those with multiple accommodations in one bathroom that people of both genders can use at the same time. Why would this even be a consideration in our state politics? Another way to get their finger in the pie of business and try to regulate capitalism? Ridiculous that this should even come up.

Democrats have impeached Trump, indicted Trump and censured Trump. They also had the Russia collusion hoax to smear and discredit Trump. But I'm sure no Democrat would ever try to tamper with an election!

The people who are illegally entering our country through the southern border aren't all residents of the northern portion of Mexico. Does the mainstream media point this out? From October 2022 to February 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported that more than 4,300 illegal immigrants from China were apprehended for crossing our southern border. There are also a significant number of illegal immigrants from Haiti, Afghanistan, Egypt and other countries. Is anyone asking how these people got to our southern border? They didn't walk there. We frequently hear how poor these migrants are. If that's the case, how did they get to the Mexican-US border? Who is helping

them get there? \*

The former president says he will go after Joe Biden when he is president again. Isn't that exactly what he is accusing Biden of doing? Which, by the way, he is not. Biden is staying out of this whole litigation mess as much as possible. Even Republican senators are finally admitting that these charges, if proven, are very bad for the country. The real question should be: can the former president run the country from jail if he is somehow re-elected? \*

We Democrats talk about saving democracy in all the mailings we receive from the establishment. How can this be true if we are always attacking our political adversaries who don't agree with us, by calling them names and labeling them as racist, etc.? This is not the true American way and not democracy by definition. \*

Hey, I noticed a code enforcement officer in my neighborhood checking on things. Well, that's good. I appreciate that. I make sure all the rules are being followed. But perhaps the code enforcement person should not park their vehicle on the wrong side of the street, going against traffic. That's got to be a violation of some code or another. Now try and set a good example for us. Thank you. \*

The big question is: can the Democratic Party expect to win the presidency in 2024 if the candidates can be out in the open for a debate? President Biden isn't up to discuss for our future with our own party, he can negotiate with America's competition, like China and Russia? Who is actually accountable for the past future and the future of our country? \*

Another indictment of Trump. More election interference like 2020. The Democrats are literally out of control and they are destroying the country. \*

It cracks me up to see guys cut their lawn with flip flops on. \*

I'm glad to see Clayton Kershaw speak up against the Los Angeles Dodgers having an LGBTQI group called the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at the team's annual Pride Night. Kershaw is Catholic. I agree with him when he said this has nothing to do with the LGBTQ community or pride. If people want to live LGBTQI lifestyle, they are free to do so. I'm all for live and let live. In opinion, what I find offensive about this group is that it makes fun of, mocks, the Catholic faith with the use of religious imagery, lewdness, vulgarity. Take a look at their website. They say they are a legitimate Order of queer and trans. \*

## Village's Summer Festival will take place on Saturday

*Kick-off to summer includes live music and several attractions for children*

The Village of Villa Park's Summer Festival is an annual gathering of people coming together to enjoy music, food, libations, entertainment, local vendors and each other. The one-day event serves as a kick-off to summer.

This year's Summer Festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. this Saturday, June 24, in the Ardmore Business District (Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard, near the Illinois Prairie Path).

The festival will feature eight musical performers at the Rugar Gazebo, including: Combat Fusion (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), Katie Kostner

(12:45 to 1:45 p.m.), Scottie Long (1:45 to 2:45 p.m.), Neal Rudnik (2:45 to 3:45 p.m.), Seven Soul (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), The Cave Dwellers (5:45 to 7 p.m.), Dixon Bandits (7:30 to 9 p.m.) and Lake Effect (9:30 to 10:30 p.m.).

The attractions for kids at the upcoming Summer Festival will include a giant inflatable area (with a bounce house, 21-foot slide and more), a children's magician, a balloon artist and a face painter. The festival's attractions for kids will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival will feature several local vendors, including local food vendors.

## Fire department assists Lombard Fire Department with house fire

On Friday, June 16, at approximately 7:55 p.m., the Lombard Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire on the 200 block of S. Grace Street.

Firefighters arrived on scene within two minutes, confirming a fire on the second floor of the residence. Fire crews initiated an aggressive interior attack, utilizing hose lines to combat the fire while conducting thorough searches for occupants and ventilating the structure.

It was determined that all occupants exited the home before the Fire Department arrived. The fire was declared under control within ten minutes of arrival, minimizing further damage. There were no injuries to residents or firefighters.

The Lombard Fire Investigation

Unit is investigating the cause of the fire, and preliminary estimates indicate approximately \$150,000 in damages to the home, which was deemed uninhabitable.

The Lombard Fire Department was assisted by the Elmhurst, Oak Brook and Villa Park fire departments, as well as the Addison and York Center fire protection districts. The Lombard Police Department provided assistance with traffic and crowd control.

"We appreciate the quick response and teamwork by our firefighters and the assisting departments to bring this fire under control. Ensuring the safety of our community is our highest priority, and we are thankful that no injuries were sustained," said Lombard Fire Chief Rick Sander.



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## Scholarship recipients

Willowbrook High School's Athletic Booster Club held its senior athletic banquet near the end of the 2022-23 school year. The featured the presentation of scholarships and awards to several student-athletes in the school's Class of 2023. Four students received the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors 1994 Willowbrook graduate Susan Jurkonis, who played badminton and volleyball for the Warriors. A member of Willowbrook's Athletic Hall of Fame, Jurkonis received a scholarship to play volleyball at Purdue University. She passed away in 1998, at the age of 22, after battling a malignant brain tumor. Her parents—Karl and Ellen Jurkonis—and sisters—Jill Jurkonis Lesch and Krista Jurkonis—attended last month's banquet to announce this year's scholarship recipients. Susan's parents and sisters are all Willowbrook graduates. The first of the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Scholarships was presented in 1999. This year's four recipients are: Sarah Ball, Molly Brennan, Patrick Dasbach and Michael Wangler. Each of those four Warriors received a \$2,500 scholarship. Pictured left to right are: Ellen Jurkonis, Krista Jurkonis, Ball, Dasbach, Karl Jurkonis and Jill Jurkonis Lesch. Not pictured are Brennan and Wangler.