



## UP Beat

**Mayor  
Vivian E.  
Covington**

Welcome to the first **Special Edition** of **COMMUNICATE!** Periodically we will run special issues when there is information that

requires particular attention, input and focus by residents. Information that is vital to everyone living in the **Village of University Park**.

I first want to direct your attention to the **Pace Survey** on p. 15-16, aka the Village of University Park Community Vehicle Program Survey. Please review the questions very carefully, and answer as they relate to you and your family. We need to get input from as many residents as possible so we know how many vehicles will be needed, and how to properly staff the program.

If you have questions or additional input, there is a space at the bottom of the second page, to allow you to do so. Once filled out please detach surveys and return to **Village Hall** no later than **end of business day Monday, April 30**.

I next want to make you aware of the perforated **Public Safety Committee flyer in this issue**. This document contains useful emergency phone numbers that connect you with vital services available in the **Village** and **Will County**. Please detach and place where everyone in your family can find it in an emergency.

The **Village of University Park** is continuing to bring needed services to those who live here. I would like to commend the **Human Services and Special Events Committee** for holding a **community-sponsored Job Fair**, on **Friday, April 20 at 90 Towncenter**. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Roosevelt Martin is chairman of the subcommittee and gives additional information about the Job Fair starting on p. 6.

As the economy slowly rebounds, faster in some places than others, we want to do our part in **University Park** to put our citizens back to work.

The most recent national jobs report said that 216,000 jobs were created in the private sector in February, compared to 292,000 in December and 173,000 in January.

These numbers are important considering the fact that neither 2010 or 2011 were very encouraging, for job seekers across the country. This means that some of the economic policies and programs advocated by President Obama are working. We just need for them to continue to work for us.

There is only so much that can be done at the national level. The saying that all politics is local, also resonates when it comes to job creation. We must continue pushing at the state and local levels to encourage local companies to hire local people, when they have positions open. We must also do whatever is necessary to ensure that our residents are ready, when those jobs become available.

And we must be aware where jobs are actually being created. February's job report credited small businesses with creating 108,000 jobs; medium companies 88,000; and large companies only 20,000.

What is important to remember is that in February just about every economic sector added jobs. I am asking companies to get in touch with us and let us know about your available jobs, positions that you have now, as well as those that you expect to have in the near future.

To our residents. Show up prepared. Your first chance to make a good impression, is often your only chance. Let's have a successful Job Fair on Friday, April 20.

Finally, an Illiana update. After more than a year-long study and the expenditure of about \$9 million, Illinois and Indiana transportation experts have proposed a 47-mile route that would connect Interstates 55 and 65, while reportedly easing congestion along Interstates 80 and 90 and creating retail development and jobs.

This route would run south of Beecher and Peotone.

If finally built, Illinois' portion alone could approach

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**G.E.D.**  
GET FREE G.E.D.!  
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TRANSIT SURVEY**  
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# COMMUNICATE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Village Manager  
Lafayette Linear  
& Village of University  
Park Departments**

## VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT

*Lafayette Linear*

We are making progress as we continue to meet with individual Industrial Park companies, to review their TIF agreements. Most recently we have reconciled the TIF accounts of Blue Lynx and Reinhart Foods, and submitted payment requests to the Board of Trustees. The account of 702 Commerce Center is next on the list.

These meetings are helping to facilitate the goal of the **Village of University Park**, as we seek to expand the role of the Industrial Park businesses, as corporate citizens, while at the same time renewing important relationships.

We are also in the process of meeting with individual Towncenter tenants to update our business relationships, as we look forward to renovating the center, and also bring in new tenants to occupy empty spaces.

The Village is renovating the space recently vacated by Cleo's Liquor Store. The Kids Health Club will be moving in once it is ready. Parks and Recs staff have already recruited participants to kick off the pilot program. Vernard Alsbury will soon begin his "train the trainer" program.

Summer will soon be upon us. In anticipation, we have begun reviewing staffing agencies, looking for one that will help us with our summer youth jobs program. The objective is to have an agency supply us with summer help. We will select the employees; however they will be members of the agency's staff. This process will relieve the Village of any employee-related costs like insurance and payroll taxes.

Finally, Mayor Vivian E. Covington, Trustee Keith Griffin, Public Works Director, Jerry Townsend and myself recently visited the Sternberg Light Company in Roselle. We are putting together a street light project for University Parkway this summer. The section we are considering runs from Western to either Steger Rd., or Crawford Ave.

\$3 billion, a giant if. And if the hundreds of homeowners who could be displaced have their way, it might never be built. However, this is always the case with big economic development projects. Some win, others lose.

That is why it is important for **University Park** residents and others in the Southland to stay informed, in order to protect their interests.

In an interview with the Chicago Tribune, Ed Paesel, executive director of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association said, "one of the northern alternatives might better relieve auto traffic, and might produce

more revenue, assuming the Illiana is a toll road."

Steve Schilke, project manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation told the Tribune, "We're going to continue to refine and continue to look at this corridor. We're trying to get (the residents) input on how we can make this better...how we can further refine this to avoid even more impacts."

For those who want to comment on the proposed route go to **[Illianacorridor.org](http://Illianacorridor.org)**.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Chief Mel Davis*

*Valued Employee  
Retiring*

Deborah I. Kowalik is leaving the University Park Police Department after 23 years. She began service with the department as a dispatcher in 1988. In 1992 she began the Animal Control Program, and worked part-time as a Reserve Police Officer during the administration of former Chief Fred Kaupas.



In 1999 Kowalik moved over to become assistant manager of Riegel Farms, an ideal position because of her love for animals. In 2006 she transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department as a secretary. Finally in 2006 at the request of former Chief Melvin Easley, she transferred back to the police department to re-implement the Animal Control Program.

On March 16, Deborah I. Kowalik

ended her tour of duty with the Village of University Park. On behalf of the entire department, Chief Mel Davis said, "We wish her well in the next leg of her journey. We thank you Debbie for all of your years of service."



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*Director Jerry  
Townsend*

### [Village of University Park's Storm Water Management Plan](#)

#### **The Village's Plan**

The Village's Storm Water Management Plan is part of a nationwide effort to protect natural water bodies from pollution. This program is mandated by the USEPA under the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase II Regulations. Storm drains are not connected to sanitary sewer systems or treatment facilities. Urban runoff carries flow directly into creeks, canals and lakes.

The Village's plan has to be submitted and approved by the EPA, which outlines several Best Practices. Our goal is to implement those Best Management Practices (BMP) in a timely, consistent manner that provides the best prevention of pollution. We also monitor the activities of contractors who develop property to ensure that their actions

do not have a negative impact on storm water quality.

#### **How Every Day Events Impact Our Storm Water Quality**

Urban development increases impervious surfaces, such as parking lots, streets and other developments. Rain no longer percolates into the soil, but runs off through the storm drain system. Storm water runoff can negatively impact water quality by immediately changing temperature, pH and oxygen. Over longer periods, runoff can cause algae and increase bacteria levels. Oil deposits from cars can wash into our storm sewers, having an adverse effect on fish and wildlife. Construction projects that don't manage soil erosion carry sediment to our waterways.

#### **How You Can Help**

- When outdoors cleaning things such as driveways, use dry cleanup methods, like brooms, mops or wire brushes, instead of using a hose.
- Closely monitor irrigation systems to prevent over-irrigation. Irrigation runoff can transport fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants to the storm drain system.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides properly. Do not apply 3-5 days before a forecasted rain event.



- Consider planting native vegetation.
- Dump wash water in indoor drains or landscaping where it cannot flow to a storm drain. Never dump anything in a storm drain.
- Store materials indoors or in cover areas.
- Keep dumpsters and trash cans closed.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash.

### Report Illegal Dumping

Call the Public Works Department at (708) 534-4823, if you see anyone dumping anything other than storm water into a storm drain.



**University Golf Club and Conference Center**

*Manager Paul Blockoms*

Golf Course staff have been working on improvements during the off season. Renovations, including the addition of a pond on **Hole #1**, and increased water hazards throughout the Golf Course will assist with drainage concerns. These changes will also make the course more

challenging for your enjoyment.

Golfers who took advantage of the **Indoor Range** during off-season, are very excited about the upcoming season with the new improvements. Congrats to the course superintendent and his staff.

**Music lovers** take note “**Live Music Thursdays**” is back by popular demand. Go to [www.universitygolfclub.com](http://www.universitygolfclub.com) for the schedule. Also, visit our website for the latest menu options, including the **All You Can Eat Breakfast Brunch, Saturdays** 9:00-1:00 p.m. and **Sundays** 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Only **\$11.95** per person and **\$5.95** for children (ages 3-10).

### OTHER NEWS

March is **Women’s History Month**, authorized by Congress first as **Women’s History Week**, starting **March 7, 1982**. In 1987, Congress designated March as **Women’s History Month**. This year’s theme is **Women’s Education - Women’s Empowerment**.

The 2012 theme is significant considering that **Harvard**, the first college chartered in America, was founded in **1636**. It wasn’t until **1833** that **Oberlin**, the first college to admit women was founded. Single sex education, in fact, remained the norm until the early 1970s.

While women’s colleges have decreased in recent years, the ones that do remain tend to enroll a more

diverse cross-section of women than their predecessors.

**Title IX**, passed in **1972**, but not enacted until **1977**, prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions. It has enabled women to enjoy greater participation in all aspects of education, including scholarships, facilities, and classes formerly closed to women.

Special to **COMMUNICATE!** and of particular interest to women, seen recently on **Dr. Oz**. According to **Dr. Oz** the fastest growing cancer in women is **thyroid cancer**, possibly related to the use of dental x-rays and mammograms.

**Be aware** that on the protective apron used there is flap that can be lifted up and wrapped around your neck. You might not be aware of this because many dentists reportedly don’t use the flap, for one reason or another. The same flap is supposed to be used when women undergo their annual mammogram.

**So be aware, the life you save might be your own, or the life of a loved one.** Don’t be afraid to ask your health care provider to do what they should be doing anyway.

### VETS NEED JOBS - OR, THEY MIGHT WANT TO START A BUSINESS

Almost 20 percent, or four million vets, of approximately **24 million** own businesses. And the success ratio is higher than for other



startups. Some might say that this reflects the discipline, skills, and leadership experience learned during military service.

**Read this** if you are a veteran interested in starting a business.

The **SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development** website is a good place to begin. Many veterans like the rest of us will need financing to get started. In the last year or so the SBA has approved more than \$250 million in loan guarantees to more than 2,800 veterans.

For more information on financing go to the **SBA's Patriot Express Pilot Loan** website. Loans are available for up to \$500,000. Funds can be used for startup, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-related real estate purchases. Go to [www.SBA.Gov](http://www.SBA.Gov) for more information.

### CONGRESSMAN JESSE L. JACKSON, JR. PRESENTS 3RD AIRPORT PLAN

About 100 people attended a presentation of the 3rd Airport Plan developed by ALNAC, by **Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (2nd Dist)**, on Saturday, February 25 at **Coretta Scott King Magnet School, in University Park**. ALNAC (Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission), is a organization of 21 municipalities (including University Park), seeking to finance and govern the third Airport in Peotone.

Two Canadian businesses have offered up \$700 million to break ground on the project, which has been in the planning and discussion stages for several years.

According to Congressman Jackson, "This is a 50-year development project." The Congressman also said, "There is no public works project that will create more jobs than airports. Cities usually run their own airports. Counties don't run airports."

Under this plan ALNAC will build the necessary terminals and own them because, "Airlines won't build a terminal in the south suburbs," Jackson said.

Other key points discussed during the presentation include assertions that:

- Proposed airport will eventually be four times the size of O'Hare Airport
- Airlines will rent from owners, thereby driving down ticket prices
- Income from airline businesses will go to developers, who rent land from ALNAC
- The \$6 million borrowed from Elk Grove Village (ALNAC member) will be paid back

Although comprehensive and well-presented, the plan as discussed raised several unanswered

questions. In order to seek clarity **COMMUNICATE!**, posed the questions to **Algernon Penn**, a **University Park Trustee** and current **Chairman, Friends of ALNAC**.

**Can a privately-owned and operated airport be built and operate without the cooperation and support of state and federal agencies?**

**Yes, Bult Field (formerly known as Sanger Field) near University Park did so without either state or federal involvement. But Bult Field is much smaller than the anticipated Lincoln National Airport in size and scale.**

**Is there a model in the U.S. that mirrors the ALNAC plan?**

**Yes, Branson, MO investors have placed a bet on Branson, spending \$155 million to build the only privately financed commercial airport in America. ALNAC like Branson does not seek federal assistance. That allowed (Branson) to offer exclusive contracts to AirTran and Sun Country airlines on certain routes to Branson. Also, the Panama City-Bay County International Airport, which opened a couple of months ago is close to the ALNAC plan.**

**The Congressman indicated the following: Income from airport businesses will go to the developers, who will rent land from**

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**ALNAC. How does this arrangement translate into job opportunities for local residents?**

There is revenue-sharing from the 21 ALNAC communities. The developers will pay revenues to ALNAC from concessions and contracts. ALNAC will then pay the state of Illinois rent for leasing the land that was developed into a terminal and airfield. ALNAC will then pay participating governments that make up the commission.

Local residents will have the first opportunity to be hired for job opportunities and entrepreneurship. ALNAC has committed to exceed the federal and state guidelines for African American, Latino and female contractor participation. Also, ancillary growth from development opportunities from outside the airport, will be maximized as corporations and other businesses look to be located close to the airport.



**Goal of University Park Job Fair: Connecting People With Jobs**



**COMMUNICATE!** recently asked **Chair, Roosevelt Martin** of the **Community Job Fair Subcommittee** to inform readers about the specifics of the upcoming job fair on **April 20, 2012**.

**Give COMMUNICATE! readers a brief overview of the upcoming Job Fair.**

We have worked diligently to bring a diverse group of employers to our event. The employers are looking forward to meeting prospective candidates!

Did you know that most employers at our Job Fairs report making hires from the people they meet? That means you have a great opportunity ahead. Make sure that you are prepared, dressed to impress, and ready for success. We are excited about your future and hope that you are too!

**Where Will It Be Held? What Time?**

**Friday, April 20th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**90 Towncenter Drive**  
**University Park, IL 60484**  
**Free Admission**

**For directions call: (708) 663-9669**

**How Should Participants Prepare?**

This Job Fair will be the place for you to make a lasting impression on recruiters who make hiring decisions. Your presentation is very important. Bring your winning smile, positive attitude and enthusiastic personality.

**Candidates should:**

- Make sure resume is updated and error proof.
- Assess and be able to discuss your skills and abilities. Ask what is important to you in a job? What can you offer an employer? Give examples of similar tasks you have performed.
- Create a personal marketing pitch.
- Review companies attending and prepare questions for recruiters.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**WE CALL POLICE**

VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK



**MAYOR**  
Vivian E. Covington

“We can’t prevent emergencies.  
We can plan for them.”

**Police Chief**  
Mel Davis



# Village Officials - Important Phone Numbers

## TRUSTEES

Larry B. Brown  
Joseph E. Roudez, III  
Oscar H. Brown, Jr.  
Keith J. Griffin  
Milton C. Payton  
Elizabeth Williams

## VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK

Emergency 911 - Non-Emergency - (708) 534-0911  
Village Hall - (708) 534-6451  
Police & Fire Department (708) 534-0911  
Public Works Department (708) 534-4823  
Parks & Recreation Department (708) 534-6456

## WILL COUNTY NUMBERS

Clerk - Dorothy R. Jones  
Treasurer - Devon Diworth  
Village Manager - Lafayette Linear  
Sheriff’s Department - (815) 727-8575  
Health Department - (815) 740-8985  
States Attorney - (815) 727-8453  
County Clerk - (815) 740-4613  
Circuit Clerk - (815) 727-8592  
Recorder of Deeds - (815) 740-4637  
Coroner - (815) 727-8455  
Emergency Management Agency (815) 740-8351  
Animal Control - (815) 724-1520

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Liaison - Trustee Larry B. Brown  
Chairman - Roosevelt Martin  
Co-Chair - Bobbi Greer  
Secretary - Patti Guinn  
Member - Jamal Powell  
Member Business District (TBA)

## MONEE TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor - (708) 534-6020  
Township Assessor - (708) 534-6023  
Child Abuse Hotline - (708) 283-2972

Police Chief - Mel Davis  
Fire Chief - Chuck Exner

## MISSION STATEMENT

**VISION**  
The University Park Police Department is a professional organization dedicated to maintaining community partnerships which promote a high quality of life for our residents. This progressive police force is committed to treating all people with dignity; fairness and respect while providing a service that creates strong community partnerships.

## MISSION

- To promote Public Safety.
- To provide emergency and non-emergency services.
- To develop and maintain strong community partnerships.
- To prevent, suppress and investigate crimes.
- To develop and promote a diverse, professional workplace.
- To create a sense of peace and prosperity for our residents.

## CORE VALUES

- Courage
- Respect
- Diversity
- Service
- Innovation

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,  
SAY SOMETHING!**



- Dress professionally: (black, blue, brown, grey or tan, are appropriate colors).
- Research salary ranges for jobs that interest you. Be prepared to negotiate.

For additional tips go to “Making Conversations Count,” [www.nationalcareerfaairs.com/advice/making\\_conversations\\_count/](http://www.nationalcareerfaairs.com/advice/making_conversations_count/)

### What Should Job Applicants Bring With Them?

Bring at least 20 resumes. Include references, letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts, and portfolios.

### Should They Be Prepared To Interview On The Spot?

Yes.

### How Should Job Applicants Dress?

Applicants should dress for success! Remember your first impression is a lasting impression. Dress conservative/moderate and do not over-accessorize.

For additional information on Dressing for Success go to: <http://jobsearch.about.com/od/interviewsnetworking/a/dressforsuccess.htm>.

### Is The Event Open To People Outside Of University Park?

Yes, all are welcome.

### Who Are Some Of The Invitees?

IDES, Retail Outlets, Manufacturers, CMS, Health-care Facilities, and many more.

### Have Any Companies Confirmed? If So, Who?

Walmart, Aerotek, Enterprise.

### What Advice Do You Have For Those Seeking Jobs In This Still Troubled Economy?

Be on time, or better yet get there early!

### Remember, the Soars Model (These are situational

questions where your answer needs to be on point).

S situation

O opportunity

A approach

R results

S success stories

**Remember, proper planning prevents poor performance.**

### PLANNING FOR THE INTERVIEW

Assess your skills and abilities:

- What is important to me in a job?
- What are my strengths?
- What are my achievements? Accomplishments?
- How does my education and work history relate to this position?
- Do I work well in a team setting or do I prefer to work alone?
- What problem solving skills do I have? Do I perform better in a structured or unstructured environment?

Research the organization, department and/or the position.

- Review the website, if applicable. What are the goals and the values?
- Talk to others who work for the organization, or are in a similar position.

Determine whether your interests, experience, abilities and goals match the job and fit with the department.

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- Review the job posting to ensure that your education and experience meet the minimum requirements specified in the job posting.



Job Fair Sub-Committee members Patti Guinn and Trustee Keith J. Griffin.

ing past experiences and behaviors to demonstrate how you respond to a given circumstance).

- Think of a specific time when you demonstrated each skill or ability.

• Develop behavior-based questions you think might be asked during the interview.

• Practice answering behavior-based questions.

Examples of Behavior-Based Questions:

- Give me an example of a time when you handled a customer complaint. (customer service behavior)

• Please describe a situation in which you experienced a lot of pressure in meeting deadlines. How did you handle the situation? (prioritization and planning skills, time management)

• Tell us about a time when you had to communicate under difficult circumstances with a customer or a colleague. (communication skills)

Ask your own questions

Examples:

- What responsibilities would I have in this position?
- What growth opportunities are available?
- What is the orientation and training process?
- What are the goals of the work unit and/or the department?

### Answering Behavior-Based Questions Using the SHARE Model®

When answering behavior-based questions, it is important to give specific examples rather than a general answer. Use the SHARE model® to frame your responses.

**S** Describe a specific Situation.

**H** Identify Hindrances or challenges.

**A** Explain the Action that you took.

**R** Discuss the Results or outcome.

**E** Evaluate or summarize what you learned.

- Practice answering behavior-based questions before the interview.
- Take time to think of a good example rather than giving the first response that comes to mind. Short silences are expected.

### Interviewing Tips

#### PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW

- When scheduling the interview, obtain the following information:

- Review the job posting to identify specific technical skills (job-specific skills needed to do the job), and behavior-based skills, how you would respond to a given circumstance.

### PREPARING FOR QUESTIONS

#### Technical skills questions

- Think about your past coursework and/or work experiences. How do they relate to this job?
- List your work experiences and examples to support each.

#### Behavior-based skills questions (us-



- o Time, date and location of interview
- o The name(s) and title(s) of the interviewer(s)
- o Whether the interview will be a panel interview
- o Whether you are to bring examples of your work or other supporting documents
- Arrive at the interview at least 5 minutes early.
- Dress in business attire.
- Bring a copy of your resume for your own reference.

#### **During an Interview**

- Be positive.
- Provide specific examples.
- Ask for clarification if you don't understand a question.
- Refer to notes you've prepared, if necessary.
- Expect the interviewer(s) to take notes as you respond.
- Ask when you can expect to hear the decision.  
The process may take several weeks due to the large number of applications, scheduling considerations, conducting the interviews and selecting the candidate.
- Thank the interviewer(s).

#### **After an Interview**

- Send follow-up thank you note to interview team (optional).
- Remain positive and learn from the experience.

### **Is There Anything Else You Want To Say Concerning The Upcoming Friday, April, 20 Job Fair?**

#### **Quantify Your Experience**

Sometimes our responsibilities don't sound that impressive, until you start detailing how much work you've been doing. Job seekers often struggle with applying this idea to writing their resumes. Here are three Ways to Quantify Your Experience with Numbers.

#### **Show How Many**

“Ensured compliance with filing of annual forms.” — or — “Ensured compliance with the filing of 75 annual forms by 7 different company departments.”

#### **Doesn't the second example sound much more impressive?**

#### **Then Show How Much**

“Saved company money by finding ways to cut costs.” — or — “Implemented new payroll and tax accounting systems that saved firm \$1M in personnel costs over the next 10 years.”

Estimates are fine when citing these types of numbers, as long as you can justify your claim if someone asks you in an interview.

#### **Last, Show How Often**

“Answered phones at the front desk.” — or — “Managed switchboard with 10 incoming lines, effectively receiving and routing an average of 500 calls per day.”





## High Tea Celebrates History & Exposes Youth to Political Process

# COME JOIN US

The *Annual High Tea* for Village of University Park Mayor Vivian E. Covington

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

University Park Golf Club and Conference Center

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*Attire: Stylish Hats (gloves optional)*

Tickets are **\$50**.

*Advance sales only. None will be sold at the door.*

### You may purchase tickets from the following people:

Star Lawson	(708) 595-3191
Marilyn Payton	(708) 351-6674
Jewell Thompson	(708) 654-2671
Sandy Warren	(708) 534-8980

*Checks can be made payable to FOVC and cash is still KING!  
All tickets must be purchased by April 15th ~ We plan to sell 100 tickets.*

Event is a fundraiser to Enjoy & Appreciate each other as Sisters and Friends. We gather as a circle of women sharing tea and helping each other focus on the complexity and balances of our lives. We lift our cups to express gratitude for the surprising ways in which our fore sisters have empowered us, and for what we can give to the next generation of young ladies.

Funds raised from the tea will assist Mayor Covington in sending young teens to the annual Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference, in Washington, D.C., in September 2012.



### HIGH TEA HISTORY

Tea events vary from **High Teas** to **Silver Teas**. High Teas were a part of the English Royal life-style (even today) and Silver Teas received their name because one had to contribute silver coins. You didn't dare go to a tea and eat what was served unless you brought a few coins for the hostess.

All teas are an opportunity for women to get together socially. Contrary to images of prim ladies with stiff-necked devotion to proper manner and etiquette, our teas are filled with deep insight, laughter, music and many hugs.

### A TIME TO ENJOY & APPRECIATE EACH OTHER.

Come join us and learn more about this tradition. It's also an opportunity to help our future leaders learn more about the political process, network and visit our nation's capital.

While there they can also take time to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument. Who knows they may also get a chance to see the First Family, President and First Lady, Barack and Michele Obama and their two daughters.

Last year the President closed out the conference with a stirring call to action.



## TRUSTEE NEWS

# Are You in Need of a G.E.D. or Continuing Educational Services?

Trustee Elizabeth “Liz” Williams, wants to bring the Adult Education Department of Prairie State College to University Park to serve you!

Trustee Williams has been working diligently by partnering with the Village and **Prairie State College** to develop a **Community Outreach Program**. This pilot program is for those who need to pass the **General Education Development (GED)** test, or receive training from the **Adult Literacy Institute**.

Who can come to the classes? Anyone interested ages 16 to 80 and beyond. **Do I have to live in University Park?** No, these classes are open to anyone. The only requirement is your interest and determination to complete your education. The program is free to participants and of minimal cost to the Village, a true win, win for participants and the Village of University Park.

**Adult Basic Education** courses will be in the **University Park 34 Towncenter**.

How will this class help?

**If you left high school without graduating, the GED test provides a way for you to earn your diploma. Getting your GED can make a big difference in your ability to get and keep a job, or to qualify for further education.**

The bottom line is simple. If you get a good education, you'll:

- Compete for good jobs
- Make more money to support your family
- Help your children to succeed in school and beyond

For University Park residents this location will eliminate the need to travel outside the local area to acquire an education, as it is in walking distance while still being centrally located on University Parkway for visitors to easily locate.



In this newsletter **you will find a questionnaire**, we need at least **30 participants**. Please fill it out and return it to **Trustee Williams by mail, fax or email**. **Feel free to deliver it to the Village Hall**, where it will be placed in her mailbox..

It takes a village, so please encourage someone you know who may need this service. Give them the questionnaire and help them get started.

**Trustee Williams** says, “Remember, I am working for you. I would like to see everyone elevated, one person at a time.”

My Vision: “*University Park a great place to live, shop and grow.*” Liz Williams

If interested Contact:  
**Trustee Elizabeth “Liz” Williams**  
**4 Town center - University Park IL, 60484**  
**(708) 534-4237**  
**Fax (708) 534-3182**  
**LizWilliams@university-park-il.com,**



University Park Board of Trustees
in conjunction with the
Prairie State College Adult Education Department

Off-Campus GED® Preparation Classes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

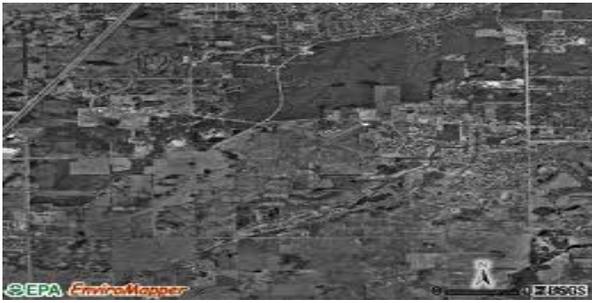
- 1. Are you interested in earning your GED certificate?
2. Did you graduate from high school? If yes, When? Where:
3. Do you have a state ID or driver's license to prove you live within the district?
4. Do you have transportation?
5. Can you attend classes at 90 Towncenter two days a week for 12 weeks?
6. Would you be interested in a morning class or evening class?
7. What days would you prefer to attend classes? Choose one option:
8. Do you have/need childcare to attend classes? Please explain

Qualifications necessary to register into the Prairie State College / University Park GED® classes:

- At least 16 years of age
• A district resident
• Not currently enrolled in high school / non-high school graduate
• Has a photo ID

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# Village of University Park Community Vehicle Program Survey

My home is located near the major intersection of: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Was public transit a reason for moving to your current residence?  Yes  No  N/A

Do you have a car available for your use during the day?

Almost always  Occasionally  Hardly ever  No car available

Do you work or go to school during the same hours every day?  Yes  No  N/A

How long is your present work or school commute trip?

Under 30 minutes  30 to 60 minutes  Over 60 minutes  N/A

Are you aware of public transportation services in the village?  Yes  No

Please indicate the likelihood of using a Village Vehicle service for your travel needs:

Very likely  Somewhat unlikely  Do not know  
 Somewhat likely  Very unlikely

How often do you use public transportation?

Daily  Monthly  Never  
 Weekly  Less than once a month

Has lack of public transportation ever prevented you from: (Check all that apply)

Getting a job  Getting to an appointment  Getting to entertainment  
 Getting to school/training  Getting home

Please list the main destinations you would use a Village Vehicle service to travel to (example: University Park Metra Station, Park Forest, Governors State University)

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Intersection of: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Intersection of: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

What reasons prevent you from using public transportation? (Check all that apply)

None - I prefer public transportation  Don't know what bus/train to take  
 Drive own car/no need  Lack of schedules/information available  
 Bus/train does not travel to where I need to go  Schedule/map is confusing  
 Boarding stop location is not near my home  Transit fare/cost  
 Takes too long to get where I need to go  Safety or security concerns  
 Transit time schedule is inconvenient  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(would not meet connections/destination on time)

I would use public transportation more often if:

- Buses/trains ran later hours in the evening
- Buses/trains ran earlier in the morning
- Routes came closer to the locations I want to reach
- Routes came closer to my house
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the days and time of day a Village Vehicle would need to operate to get you to your job or school: (Check all that apply)

The bus would need to operate on the following days:

- or
- All weekdays (Monday through Friday)
  - Monday       Thursday       Sunday
  - Tuesday       Friday
  - Wednesday       Saturday

during the following times:

- Early morning: between 5:30 am and 7:30 am
- Morning: between 7:30 am and 9:00 am
- Midday: between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm
- Evening: between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- Late evening: between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many persons in your household (including yourself) that:

Responses

	0	1	2	3	4	5
are under age 18?	<input type="radio"/>					
are between 18 to 24 years old?	<input type="radio"/>					
are between 25 to 49 years old?	<input type="radio"/>					
are between 50 to 64 years old?	<input type="radio"/>					
are 65 years old or older?	<input type="radio"/>					
have a disability?	<input type="radio"/>					
have a valid driver's license?	<input type="radio"/>					
have access to a car?	<input type="radio"/>					

Please list any additional comments or suggestions below:

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

For additional information on Pace Bus services, please go to [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com) or [www.pacerideshare.com](http://www.pacerideshare.com)



Village of University Park  
Presents

# Ladies of Soul Luncheon



Join us for lunch for your special woman in celebration of Mother's Day. Listen to the soulful sounds of Paula Williams, as she performs selections from Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Ella Fitzgerald and Tina Turner.

***Friday, May 11, 2012***  
***11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.***

*Buffet Lunch provided by:*

**PK's Christian Catering**

26 Towncenter Drive

Menu Includes Buffet Lunch, Desserts & Drink

Buffet Starts at 12:00 p.m. Entertainment at 12:45 p.m.

**\$22.00 per ticket**

Tickets are available at Village Hall

Registration/payment should be made at:

Village Hall, 698 Burnham Drive, University Park, IL

*For more information, please call: (708) 534-6456*

**RSVP Required**  
**(708) 534 - 6456**



# SUBCOMMITTEE EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>Community Sponsored Job Fair Committee</b>	<b>April 20, 2012</b>
Roosevelt Martin	Chairperson
Patti Guinn	
Trustee Keith Griffin	

<b>Community Garage Sale and Block Party Committee</b>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>
Sandra Warren	Chairperson
Trustee Milton Payton	
Patti Guinn	

<b>Pine Lake Jazz Blue Night Committee</b>	<b>July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>
Bobbi Richardson	Chairperson
Trustee Milton Payton	
Delores Buckley	
Patti Guinn	
Katherine Geoffrey	

<b>Back to School Family Festival &amp; Carnival Committee</b>	<b>August 16,17,18, and 19, 2012</b>
Robert Travis	Chairperson
Trustee Milton Payton	
Patti Guinn	
Roosevelt Martin	
Yvette Flowers	



## MEN'S 16-INCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

### Under the Lights

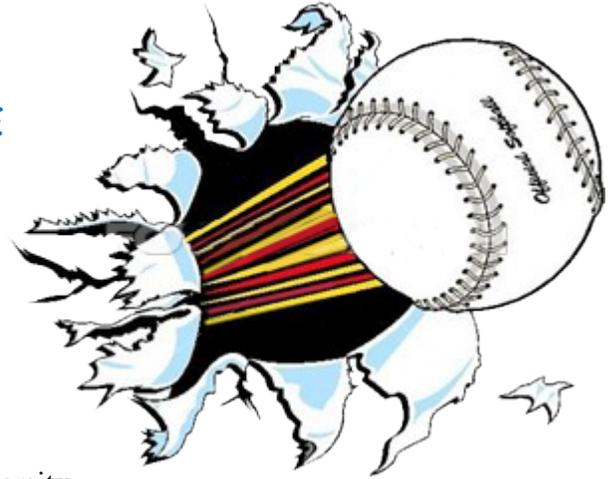
#### SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

We are looking for a "Few Good Teams". Come out with your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled day of playing 16 inch softball under the lights.

Our Park is located at 580 Farmview Road, (Riegel Farm) in University Park. We are also asking Businesses in University Park to come on out and join us!

Please join us for our meeting on **Sunday, April 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** at 580 Farmview Road, University Park, IL.

*For additional information please contact: Greg Murray- Program Supervisor for Village of University Park - Parks & Recreation (708) 534-6456.*



## SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Treat yourself to a fun shopping experience at the Aurora Outlet Mall, with over 120 outlet stores at Premium Outlets. Find impressive savings at Ann Taylor, Coach, Burberry, Hollister Co, Ralph Lauren, Timberland and more.

**Saturday, May 19, 2012**

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Depart from 580 Riegel Farm

**\$10.00 per person**  
(Seats are limited)

**Registration Deadline; May 4, 2012**



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## COME JOIN US

The *Annual High Tea*  
for Village of University Park  
Mayor Vivian E. Covington

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

University Park Golf Club  
and Conference Center

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*Attire: Stylish Hats  
(gloves optional)*

Tickets are **\$50**.

*Advance sales only.  
None will be sold at the door.*

## Village of University Park Job Fair: Connecting People With Jobs

**Friday, April 20, 2012**

90 Towncenter Drive

11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Free Admission

For directions call:  
(708) 663-9669

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