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ABOUT GEPD

Established in 1919, the park district serves 36,000 residents in Glen Ellyn, unincorporated Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Carol Stream, Lombard and Glendale Heights. The Park District owns 29 parks and facilities, maintains 275 acres, leases 47 acres and has more than 1,700 program offerings annually in the areas of cultural, athletic and general interest for all ages, from infants through senior citizens.

The park district is a separate and distinct agency from the Village of Glen Ellyn, county or other political entity.

Did You Know?

Since 2005, the Glen Ellyn Park District is one of only two park districts in Illinois to earn a AA bond rating from Standard & Poor's.

Leisure Time

Glen Ellyn Park District: *where everyone has a ball!* March 2009

Park District earns financial reporting award

The Glen Ellyn Park District has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008.

The award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), is for the park district's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

According to the GFOA, the park district's report "has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR."

"It's an honor to be recognized," Commissioner Jeff Jourdan said. "I believe this award reinforces the park district's commitment to transparency in government and making information available to our residents."

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals. The association operates offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Register at MSRC and SARC kiosks

The next time you're in either Main Street or Spring Avenue Recreation Centers waiting for your child to finish dance class or Preschool or any number of the hundreds of programs the park district offers each season, take a moment to check out the new registration kiosks.

With one in each building, you can visit the park district's general Website, as well as bring up the registration Website where you can browse program offerings, create an online profile and register.

"This is a nice service for people who are a little shy of the online registration process," Commissioner Keith Schoen said. "If you're not Internet savvy, all you have to do is ask the staff to help you."

Back to nature

The upcoming brochure will feature a Nature Programs section.

"We've offered nature-oriented programs in the past. They proved popular so we decided to increase their number and group them together to make them easier to find," Commissioner Bill Taylor said. "We have some really great offerings. I enjoyed Restoration Work Days last year and hope to see more people participate in 2009."

Name the E-Newsletter & win \$100 gift certificate

Are you handy with a handle? Enter the **Name the E-Newsletter** contest for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate good toward any park district program!

The E-Newsletter will provide residents with information such as capital project updates, facilities, programs and include resident profiles and expert advice from program instructors.

Send your submissions to support@gepark.org. Be sure to include your first and last names, phone number and address. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, March 31. The winner will be announced in the April issue.

Meanwhile, take a moment to read the park district's inaugural newsletter. Although the first issue is on paper, it will go electronic next month.

"The newsletter will ultimately be 'green,' we thought it necessary to send out the first issue on paper," Commissioner Sandy Minogue explained. "This way, every resident receives a copy and can opt in to receive future issues."

Register to receive the E-Newsletter at gepark.org. The newsletter will also be posted on the park district's Website.



Park district preschoolers will celebrate Arbor Day at Spring Avenue Recreation Center on April 24.

Environmental committee plans underway

The Glen Ellyn Park District will be a lot greener in 2009, thanks to the efforts of the park district's Environmental Committee.

"The committee is to be commended for its efforts," Commissioner Ron Aubrey said. "They have developed a list of goals that are not only environmentally friendly, but will save the park district money, as well."

The list includes: the purchase and use of environmentally safe and sensitive products; wise use and protection of air, water, soil and wildlife; wise use of energy resources; reduction and handling of waste; open space planning and preservation; and environmental education and interpretation.

The group's mission is to protect and enhance the flora and fauna of our community through responsible planning, programming, and allocation of all resources to motivate the public through the district's example.

Please watch for updates on these goals in future newsletters and on the park district's Website.

GEPD earns risk management award

The Illinois Park District Risk Management Agency has once again awarded GEPD its highest accreditation level: Excellent-Level A rating.

"Every four years, staff goes through a six-month accreditation process in which safety policies and procedures are reviewed and staff is observed to determine whether facilities such as playgrounds and the pool meet stringent safety standards," Commissioner Ed Hess explained.

PDRMA is a self-governed member-owned risk management agency of more than 150 public entities.

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Bill Dallman
Commissioner

Get healthy, stay healthy: options make fitness accessible, affordable

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"There are obvious choices for adults such as the SARC Fitness Center and fitness classes," Commissioner Bill Dallman said. "When you look at the value you get for the price, you realize the park district is the way to go."

Dallman cites other fitness options such as platform tennis during the cold weather and tennis when

it's warm.

Additional warm weather opportunities include Tuesday Evening Cross Country Races during June and July, Over 30 Baseball, Adult Men's Softball, swimming and GEPD Trail Trekkers Fit Club.

Year 'round, there are choices such as indoor ice skating, fencing and Adult Dance. Why not brush up on your moves before hitting the dance floor in public? You can choose from Social

Dance, Latin Dance and Belly Dance!

Still looking for something else? How about 46 & Over Basketball or Men's Basketball League?

If you still don't see something that suits you, why not suggest something?

"We're always open to suggestions," Dallman said. "If there's enough interest and we can find an instructor, we're happy to offer something new."



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