

Maryknoll Park Successful Grand Opening



It was a sunny, glorious day as we celebrated the grand opening of our new outdoor amenities at Maryknoll Park. Staff estimates that over 3,000 people were on hand for an afternoon of family fun. Our most popular new amenity is the outdoor Splash Pad. This new water play area boast

12 pieces of water spray equipment including a water tower, power launch pod, water tunnel, spray cannons and a huge railroad car. Children, especially toddlers, really love the interactive play pieces and are fascinated with the water.

Another popular amenity for parents is the large picnic shelter attached to the two new playgrounds. This large shelter accommodates picnics and birthday parties. It also contains a concession stand and bathrooms.

The two new playgrounds are getting a lot of play this summer. The Adventure Playground is a very unique style of play for kids of all ages. The upper level play area features a tree house to climb, baby swings and interactive swings for the kids. The sand play area contains a Mermaid Fountain and waterfall for hours of sand and water play. The lower area is extremely popular with the older kids who love the 75 foot zip line cable ride and the spinning net rider piece. There are also large net features and climbing boulders to enjoy.



Families also enjoyed the new horseshoe and bocce ball courts. As part of our grand opening, the Park District partnered with the Glen Ellyn Kiwanis Club to provide activities to promote safety in our lives. Proceeds from the event went toward the Safety Village Project which is part of the overall design of Maryknoll Park. We are greatly appreciative of their support of this project.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you to those who attended our grand opening and to all our residents who have come to enjoy and discover this beautiful park.

Capital Projects Update

It has been a very busy spring and summer for the Park District. The Main Street Recreation Center is currently being renovated and is scheduled for opening Labor Day Weekend. A majority of the improvements will be structural, such as a new roof and HVAC system, however new renovations to our bathrooms including ADA accessibility, our multi-purpose rooms and gymnasium will be part of the improvement project at Main Street.

The Ackerman Park Sports Complex is in the design stage and is scheduled for ground breaking in early November, 2007.

We have been busy acquiring some property in town. We purchased three properties on the east side of the 900 block of Lenox Avenue totaling three acres. The property is adjacent to Ackerman Park. Our long range plans include expanding the open space at Ackerman Park with the acquisition of this property.

The Park District is finalizing an intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Glen Ellyn to build two soccer fields directly west of the Riford Road entrance at Ackerman Park. It is our hope that these fields will be ready for play by spring of 2008.

The Park District is preparing for fall construction on Phase I of the Village Green project. Phase I includes the development of three additional baseball fields with one being lighted, a basketball court, two tennis courts and a walking path that will connect to the nature area north of the property. A uniquely themed playground with a 30 ft. tall rocket ship, climbing apparatus and swing area will also be constructed. Additionally, an open air shelter and multi-purpose building for concessions, bathrooms and storage is included in Phase I. The Park District hopes to complete this project by next summer.

Platform Tennis



We have an exciting new season of Platform Tennis planned to start this fall. The Park District challenges you to take up this great outdoor cool weather sport. Our courts are located at Maryknoll Park. The game is played on an elevated aluminum deck surrounded by a 12' high

superstructure with fencing that allows play off the walls, as in racquetball and squash. The court's base allows for a heating system beneath that melts ice off the deck surface. The courts are also lighted for evening play before 11:00 pm.

Look for more information about our leagues, demonstrations, clinics and lessons on pages 34-35. This exciting sport is sure to hook you with it's fast action and fun social environment.