

## Park District Awarded \$400,000 Grant

We are very happy to announce the recent awarding of a \$400,000 matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD). The grant is for the third phase of the Maryknoll Park Development Project.

The Maryknoll Park Phase III project will continue the development of a family recreation themed park unique to the area. The project will consist of several areas of recreation. First, we will create the "Family Fun Area" consisting of a splash pad, picnic shelter with washrooms and storage, and an accessible "Adventure Playground" highlighted by climbing nets and rock formations, an 80 foot long cable ride, and a sand/water play area. A small grassy play field will be provided for Frisbee tossing, picnic volleyball, and other pickup games. Two Bocce Ball Courts will be located nearby. A trail will lead through the play area and towards renovated overlooks, a brick masonry bridge, and small ponds that were part of the original property. This trail will also run past the future prairie-savannah, and a new wetland area under renovation. A small interpretive station with informational signage about the natural features and significant history of the site will be located here as well.

On the west side of the main parking area, our Phase III plans will begin the development of the family active recreation area. A double platform tennis court with lighting and heat, and 2 Horseshoe courts will be constructed. Phase III design and construction will be completed over the next two years.

The Board and staff are very excited to continue on our quest to make Maryknoll Park a true family recreation destination in the community. Many thanks to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for their continued support of our Park District.



## New Sand Playground at Sunset Pool

It's going to be a very fun summer for our pool patrons who utilize the sand play area. The Park District installed a



new elevated pirate ship playground piece for youngsters in the sand play area. A large canopy will also be installed over a portion of the playground piece to add some shade to this very busy area. Stand alone spring animal pieces were also added for more play. New, fresh sand will be brought in prior to the start of the season for a clean, safer environment for the toddlers.

## New "Free" Block Party Wagon

Looking for a fun addition to your next block party? In cooperation with the Village of Glen Ellyn, the Park District is offering free use of the new Party Patrol wagon this summer. The wagon will contain everything you will need at your block party including: chairs, tables, large outdoor grill and a bean bag toss game. The Park District will drop off the wagon on Friday afternoon and pick it up on Monday. For information and reservations, please call the Glen Ellyn Park District at 858-2462, ext. 27 and ask for Jeannie. Renovations will be taken after May 1st



*A Message from the President*

## Don't forget to Vote!

Just a friendly reminder to vote on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 General Primary Election. The Park District question on the ballot will ask voters to approve a referendum to issue bonds in the amount of \$12,500,000.00 to fund land acquisition and maintain/improve facilities



**WITH NO INCREASE IN TAXES.** The Park District is not seeking to raise your tax rate, but only to maintain the current tax rate

This is not a new or additional tax, but the same amount residents are currently paying. Successful passage of the referendum will not increase property taxes. Improvements to facilities will last for decades and acquisition of land forever.