

Maryknoll Park Development

It's been an exciting year of continued development at Maryknoll Park. This winter we saw our first season of Platform Tennis and it was met with rave reviews. We hope you were able to enjoy some winter fun and exercise this past season.



This summer promises to be even better with the opening of our new Splash Pad, Adventure Playground, Picnic Shelter with bathrooms and Horseshoe/Bocce courts. The new water play area will boast 12 pieces of water spray equipment including a water tower, power launch pod, water tunnel, spray cannons and many more. Also included in the splash pad area is a railroad car for the kids to climb on. There will be shaded areas and benches for parents to sit and watch their kids play.

The Adventure Playground will be a very unique style of playground for kids of all ages. The upper play area is designed for family and small children with play equipment designed to fit their smaller bodies. A large sand play area with a Mermaids Fountain and waterfall will stretch your toddler's imagination. There will be a tree house to climb, swings to sit on and some fun interactive swings to try with friends. The lower area of the playground will feature a Berliner cable ride - 100 feet of zip line cable to try out with your friends. There will be spinning features that all kids love as well as climbing boulders and 18 ft net climbers for the older kids.

A large picnic shelter with bathrooms and a long walking path will connect all the features together to make a wonderful summertime destination right here in Glen Ellyn. With the 36-hole miniature golf course as our marquee feature of this park, it is sure to be your summertime family park to enjoy.

Our grand opening is scheduled in conjunction with our "Kids Day in the Park" special event on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Noon. More information about the new features, special events and Holes & Knolls can be found on the four-color center insert Page A1.

Grant Awarded for Village Green Improvements

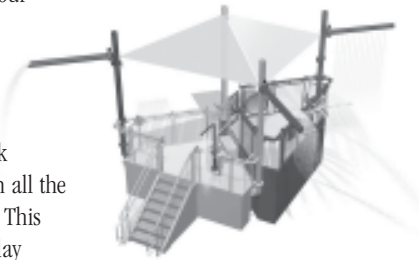
The Park District received exciting news this past winter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD). We were awarded a matching grant of \$400,000



for Village Green Park. This 30.4 acre park currently includes 5 baseball fields, one full size soccer field, a small concession stand/restroom facility and 61 garden plots. Three of the existing baseball fields are lighted for night games. Phase I development of the grant includes the addition of two new 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 designed playground with a 30 ft. rocket ship, climbing apparatus and swings area will also be constructed on the site. The old concession stand area will be replaced with a multi-purpose building for concessions, washrooms and storage use. An open air picnic shelter will be attached to the new building. The garden plots will remain in their current location. Work will begin in the spring with a two year completion timeline under the grant guidelines. The Board and staff are very excited about the changes and upgrades to the park. We hope you are able to spend some time there this summer.

Sunset Pool Improvements

Grab your swim suits and enjoy some summer fun at Sunset Pool this season. We removed the old kiddie slide and mushroom and replaced it with a new state of the art water play piece. The new piece is sure to have your toddlers giggling with delight as they climb the different levels of spray fun, slide down the tube slide and stick their hands and feet in all the different water spouts. This multi-colored water play piece features tipping troughs, arch jets, swivel blasters, arm and pipe water falls, a dump bucket and a canopy roof to block out some of the sun rays. The new water feature is sure to bring hours of fun to your family.



In addition to the new play feature, the pool was sandblasted down to its cement core and three new layers of paint were applied. A new gutter grate system was also installed in the zero depth pool. Additional deck furniture was purchased to replace some of our old pieces. We think you will love our new and improved Sunset Pool.

Don't forget to purchase your pool passes beginning April 9th through May 21st to receive your discount. Have a great and safe summer!

Thank you

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, many thanks to our community supporters who voted Yes in the fall referendum. Your yes vote will enable us to do some much needed improvements to the Main Street Recreation Center, build a new indoor sports complex at Ackerman Park and acquire additional land. We really appreciate your trust and support of these projects. The Main Street Recreation Center and Ackerman Park projects will begin this summer, so watch our web site for progress.