

GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT

Village Green Park Project Complete Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Park District will be celebrating the opening of the new playground and completion of all of the work at Village Green Park this summer. Join us on Saturday, May 2, 2009 as we cut the ribbon on the new playground and officially open the new Village Green Park, located on Lambert Road, half a mile south of Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn at 9:00 am.

Through a matching \$400,000 grant with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources the Park District is proud to show off all the new amenities and improvements to this park. One of the major improvements is the replacement of the outdated concession building with a new concession/bathroom/storage/covered picnic pavilion facility located in the center of the park and the main hub of activities. Three additional baseball fields were added with one lighted field for evening use. Also new to the park are two tennis courts, one basketball court, three additional picnic shelters and pathways leading to landscaped spectator seating. The large, newly-asphalted parking lot holds hundreds of cars for all the different activities, including sports and gardening. A uniquely-themed playground with a 30-foot rocket ship, climbing apparatus and swings makes this park a great place for families with kids of all ages.

Come on out and enjoy a great morning of fun on the new playground, watch some baseball games, and enjoy free food and give-aways. Help us celebrate the new amenities at this wonderful community park.

Ackerman Park Sports Complex Update

The steel is up and the building is moving along at a great pace. The Park District broke ground for the new multi-sport facility last fall and work continued on the building through the cold fall and winter weather. The Sports Complex will feature one large multi-purpose turf field for various sports, batting cages, three full-size basketball courts, a three-lane walking track, a workout facility and a climbing wall.

The Park District anticipates the building will be completed by the end of 2009. We are very anxious to complete this project and open it to the community. For continued updates on the project, go to the Park District Website for pictures and video of the construction phases. Our Website address is www.gepark.org.

Surrey Park Playground Completion

In the Spring of 2009, residents who live around Surrey Park will be pleased to see a new playground installed and ready for use. The playground features include a six-foot climbing pole, various slides, a tree climber, ADA-accessible decks and ramps, a curved roof shade panel, an orbyx climber, bubble climber and a play panel featuring different interactive play pieces. In addition to the main play apparatus, two spring riders designed like a lady bug and bumble bee will be available for the young kids. Swings will also be a great addition to this park. The playground will have a wood fiber safety surface underneath the play and swing equipment. An ADA-accessible path to the playground will also be installed. Come on out and enjoy one of our newest playgrounds in the Park District.

Name the Park District E-Newsletter

The Park District is looking for residents who have a knack for names to come up with an appropriate title for its new E-Newsletter. The winning submission will receive a \$100 gift certificate good toward any Park District program. Although the E-Newsletter will be similar to eblasts in that it will be distributed electronically, its content will be different. While the eblasts publish weekly, the E-Newsletter will publish monthly. Eblasts promote new programs, deadlines and registration, while the purpose of the E-Newsletter is to provide more in-depth information. The E-Newsletter will focus on Park District news, and will contain items such as updates on capital projects, feature stories about facilities such as Sunset Pool, the Splash Park and Holes & Knolls Miniature Golf Course, and news about programs such as athletics, dance and fitness. We will include profiles of Park District families and expert advice from program instructors. You can register to receive the E-Newsletter at www.gepark.org. Submit names for the Park District E-Newsletter to support@gepark.org. Be sure to include your first and last name, phone number and address. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, March 31. The winner will be announced in the April issue.



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