

Scholarship / Financial Assistance Program

“Thank you so much for your financial assistance this summer. My son’s experience in the Gator swim program changed his life. Without your help, we could never have joined the program or the pool.” This is just one of many comments from letters the Park District receives every year because of the scholarship / financial assistance program. This program touches the lives of over 100 children and their families in our community. As members of the Glen Ellyn Park District Board, we are grateful to all the people who contribute so generously to this program. We receive hundreds of dollars from people who send us an extra \$10 or more when they register their children for our programs. We received over \$12,000 this year from the Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation who raise money every summer at the Putts for Kids event. We feel privileged to assist the people of our District who need our help to make their families experience an improved quality of life through recreation. Thank you for your continued support.

Commemorative Tree and Bench Program

Another successful program offered by the Park District is our Commemorative Tree and Bench program. Each year, over 20 families utilize this program to remember a loved



one or a special occasion. Through the purchase of a tree or park bench, you are able to establish a memorial and beautify our parks at the same time. The 6’ bench is made of recycled plastic and comes with a custom bronze plaque. A large selection of trees are offered to you as well as an optional custom plaque. The trees are planted and nurtured by the Park District. The District also offers families the opportunity to provide a bronze cast statue approved by the Board and installed at one of our parks. The cast statue shown on this page sits at the entrance of the Spring Avenue Recreation Center. Contact our offices if you are interested in any of these commemorative programs.

Capital Projects Referendum

The Park District will be back again this November to ask



the voters to approve a referendum to issue bonds in the amount of \$11.9 million. Because the park district’s current referendum debt will be paid off in 2007, a new bond issue will enable us to implement some capital projects at no additional cost to taxpayers. Our focus this time is centered around three themes: Preserving the Past, Acquiring Open Space and Building the Future.

Main Street Recreation Center is part of Glen Ellyn history. Its architectural style and detail contribute to the character of our community. In order to preserve this history, the park district will renovate the building including a new roof, windows, bathrooms, electrical and plumbing upgrades, HVAC, tile, carpeting and painting. The existing exterior of the building will be preserved.

In keeping with our Mission Statement, the park district is committed to acquiring open space when available. Through the foresight of Park Board members over the last 85 years, many of the most treasured open space and parks in our community have been purchased for recreational use including: Lake Ellyn Park in 1920, Ackerman Park in 1966, Churchill Park in 1972 and most recently Maryknoll Park. Funds generated from an approved referendum will enable the park district to purchase additional land that is within the park district.

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Anyone who has ever played indoor sports in this community can attest to the lack of “accessible” gym space in the community. The park district provides 2,000 program offerings each year bringing in over 30,000 people of all ages through our recreation center doors. With funds from an approved referendum, the park district plans to build an indoor multi-purpose facility at Ackerman Park. This facility would include three full-size basketball courts, a three-lane walking track, locker rooms, small meeting area and a multi-purpose area for a variety of different sports.

The total referendum request is for \$11.9 million. If approved, the park district’s referendum debt remains at its current level for approximately 11 years. There will be no additional cost to taxpayers for the proposed improvements because our existing debt will be paid off in 2007 – this new debt will simply replace the retiring debt.

The Park District Board of Commissioners take great pride in providing a top quality park district to our community. We have some of the finest facilities in the area. It is our hope that you allow us to continue our mission to enhance the quality of life into the future. Please take time to vote this November.