

LAN-OAK PARK DISTRICT

PARK NOTES

Spring 2018

In winter, we plan.

In spring, we move...

Look for some work in your parks starting this spring.

The park district is establishing a pretty busy "to do" list for this spring and summer. Several parks will receive repairs and improvements in our ongoing effort to provide our residents with parks to be proud of.

Rotary Park is scheduled for painting of the softball backstop and some new entry landscaping.

Lions Park will see the removal of the old volleyball court and repair to the softball diamond.

Erfert Park will show off a pretty new entry with spruced up landscaping.

Schultz Park will see its old volleyball court removed, its restroom building painted, repair and painting of its playground benches and backstop. Currently budget figures are being obtained for a new horseshoe area.

Lan-Oak Park will receive new benches and budget figures are being obtained for a new horseshoe area.

Winterhoff Park may boast a new Symphony Park amenity. Budget figures are being considered for adding six large, outdoor musical instruments to Winterhoff this fall.

If the numbers line up, watch for this delightful addition this fall.

Last summer, thirteen dead trees were removed from Van Laten Park. Dead tree removal will, again, be budgeted for several parks in 2018.

And that much anticipated **Dog Park in Bock Park** will begin construction with some asphalt work to provide parking.

Construction for the dog park, itself, is currently awaiting a permit review by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and will begin once that permit, as well as permits from the Village of Lansing, are received.

...And in summer, we party!!

We're taking our show on the road.

Each year the park district offers several free special events for Lansing families. Nearly all of those events are held in Lan-Oak Park.

This year we will take our events on the road and will be bringing a special event to a park near you!



Movie in the Park

is a very popular event each year for the park district. This year, instead of one movie in the park, we will offer

six different movies in six different locations.

The Lan-Oak Park District and Village of Lansing are excited to join forces this summer by holding special events in neighborhood parks throughout the community. Residents will be able to gather in their park with neighbors and friends to enjoy some fun and useful information about the services your village and park district have to offer.

Enjoy a bounce house, a video game truck, music, after-dinner snacks, a caricature artist, playing on the playground, and meeting your elected officials and community representatives. Then settle in for a movie shown on our huge, 24 ft movie in the park screen.

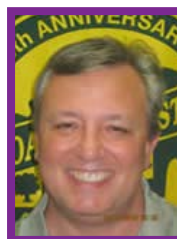
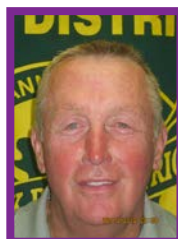
Bring your chairs or a blanket.

These Movie-in-the Park events will be held in Lions Park, Rotary Park, Schultz Park, Lan-Oak Park, Van Laten Park, and Potts Park. Watch for dates and details and plan on joining the fun!!

Serving You...

The Lan-Oak Park District Board of Commissioners

**James Long, John Kelly,
Micaela Smith, Robert Tropp, and
Patrick Gulotta**



Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter Bunny is hopping toward Lansing to hide candy for all Lansing children. Find the gold egg and win a special prize! Don't be late - the candy disappears in minutes. The Easter Bunny, himself, will join the fun and talk to children about their Easter wishes. Join us in the park for a morning of fun and don't forget to take pictures for your memory book

Ages 11 & under, please

Lan-Oak Park

180th & Arcadia, Lansing

Saturday, March 31 10:00AM (Be Prompt!)

FREE!!



Lan-Oak Park District Basketball Offerings to Expand for Girls

The park district has always enjoyed a robust participation in its 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball program and DAYONE Youth Basketball League.

Basketball is definitely a Lansing community favorite, but our league often lacks participation by girls. It's time for that to change!

In November 2017 the park district hired a new athletic coordinator that is eager to bring girls into the gym.

Celestra Warren started playing basketball at age 4. She competed nearby at Robert Frost Middle School and Thornwood High School where a coach from Joliet Junior College saw her and encouraged her to play for the school. At Joliet Junior College, Warren started racking up accolades through basketball: JJC Region IV Tournament Most Valuable Player, 2x NJCAA Division III National Player of the Week, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Honorable Mention All-American, N4C Conference Player of the Year, First-Team All-Region IV and she participated in the NJCAA All-Star Game.



WARREN DROPS 28 TO LEAD LIMESTONE PAST CONVERSE, 95-61



Warren's Double-Double Leads No. 12 Limestone to Sixth Straight Win



Check out the Celestra Warren Promo on YouTube

After two years at JJC, Warren decided to attend Limestone College...and the rest of the story made headlines in South Carolina: 2013-14 First-Team All-Conference Carolinas, Conference Carolinas Player of the Week, 2014 Conference Carolinas All-Tournament Team, 2014-15 Women's Division II Bulletin Super 16 Preseason All-American. Celestra explained how basketball has affected her life, "This may sound cliché, but basketball has played a major role in shaping the person I am today. It goes much deeper than just winning games. This sport has helped me develop and improve real world skills that apply to all aspects of life." Celestra feels that basketball has something valuable to offer the female player, "Basketball gives you a sense of confidence in yourself, confidence that can teach you to overcome adversity and obstacles." Celestra acknowledges that girls may feel intimidated on the court and looks forward to offering a basketball skills program just for teen girls - **Center Court**.

"I hope to teach the fundamental skills and give a better understanding of the game of basketball. Center Court basketball is specially designed for girls to learn the proper fundamentals and advanced training in all aspects of the game of basketball - dribbling, passing shooting, defense and conditioning. I also want to teach basketball IQ. I hope I can instill the same knowledge and mindset I was taught that made the game easier for me to Center Court participants. One of my favorite quotes from my favorite player is, "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it" - Michael Jordan."

Teen girls should watch for posters about Center Court to be displayed at local high schools and information about this amazing program will soon be posted on our website at www.lanoakparkdistrict.org. Watch our summer program brochure as Center Court expands to middle school girls, as well, this summer.

At the Ike

The Eisenhower Center is a busy place!



The park district is proud to maintain this nearly 60,000 square foot community center for the enjoyment of all Lansing residents and their friends. The Eisenhower Center is full service for all ages - from the baby room to the educational preschool to the two-court gymnasium to the fitness center - it has something for everyone.

What's Happening at the Eisenhower Center?
Let's consult the numbers!!

60

Number of 3-5 year olds learning and having a blast in our preschool program - Playskool!

90

Number of players in our DAYONE Youth Basketball League competing each week!

2131

Number of fitness members getting fit and enjoying Eisenhower Fitness Center!

155

Number of participants enrolled in fitness floor and water programs so far in 2018!

134

Number of kids enrolled in our very popular gymnastics program and performed in the Christmas program!

375

Number of players using the gym for open gym basketball from January 2 to March 1!

67

Number of kids, aged 6 to 13 years, enrolled in summer day camp in 2017. Don't miss out on your spot! Summer camp is enrolling now for summer 2018. \$25 holds your spot.

149

Number of participants enrolled in summer 2017 swim lessons. Swim classes for all ages are offered throughout the year, but summer swim classes are very popular! Watch for our summer program brochure coming in April and enroll early for swim class!

Learn about all your park district has to offer by calling 708-474-8552 or visiting our website at www.lanoakparkdistrict.org and join in the learning, fun and fitness!!



The power of play is the foundation of preschool learning in...

Playskool



Lan-Oak Park District offers this high quality, educational preschool for ages 3 to 5 years.

Dramatic Play Centers Arts & Crafts Music
Monthly Gym Day, Science Day and Movie Day
Mixed-Age Classrooms 9-Month School Year
Outdoor Play Healthy Snacks Provided
School Supplies Included Half-Day Program
Daily review of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, weather, calendar, opposites, rhyming, numbers, continents/map reading.

So much fun - so much learning!

Don't Miss Our Spring Open House April 19 6pm to 8pm



2550 178th Street, Lansing
708-474-8552 www.lanoakparkdistrict.org

Youth Scholarship Fund Helps Kids in Need



The health, social, economic and environmental benefits of recreation and parks are well documented through evidence-based research. These benefits reach all facets of life in any community, from economic development to environmental sustainability to the health and welfare of community residents of all ages.



The Lan-Oak Park District understands and acknowledges the importance of making park district programs available to all residents, and specifically children. Fifteen years ago the park district established a way for low income families to ensure that their children enjoy the benefits of recreational programs. The Lan-Oak Park District Youth Scholarship Fund allows low income, Lansing families to gain financial assistance in paying for recreational program enrollment for their child or children. Participants must live in Lansing and provide proof of residency, must be under 18 years of age, and a parent or legal guardian must fully complete a Youth Scholarship application including required additional documents. At the time of application, parents or legal guardians must indicate which program or programs their child(ren) desire. Low income (poverty) levels as established by the U.S. Census Bureau, along with other pertinent information, is consulted in determining an applicant's qualification for scholarship funds. If qualified, applicants receive a reduction in program fees.



Youth Scholarship funds are provided through the immense generosity of park district patrons. Each time someone registers for a program with the Lan-Oak Park District, that registrant is asked if they wish to voluntarily donate \$1.00 to the fund. And hundreds of patrons donate every season, every year. The Lan-Oak Park District thanks the many patrons that help in this very worthy effort to make sure that all kids enjoy fun and educational park district programs. Interested families may pick up a



Youth Scholarship Fund application at the Lan-Oak Park District Eisenhower Center 2550 178th Street in Lansing.

For information, please call 708-474-8552.



The Lan-Oak Park District and the Village of Lansing are two separate entities. The village is governed by seven elected officials and the park district is governed by five different elected officials. Your tax bill lists the park district and the village



separately and separate taxes are allocated to each. Independent park districts are created through a vote of the people in order to assure that open space, parks, and recreation remain a high priority in their community. Illinois has more independent park districts than any other state.

Corporate Sponsorship season has started!

Every spring the Lan-Oak Park District asks local businesses and community groups if they wish to financially sponsor the many free, family special events offered each year by the park district. In exchange for a financial sponsorship, businesses receive displayed acknowledgement in a prominent place within the Eisenhower Center, displayed acknowledgement at special events, and, if the financial sponsorship is of a qualified amount, the business will also enjoy advertising in our seasonal program brochure mailed directly to 11,700 Lansing homes, three times each year. Businesses interested in this sponsorship opportunity should contact Oralethea Davenport at 708-474-8552 or by email at odavenport@lanoakparkdistrict.org

Past sponsors have included Calumet City Plumbing, Copper Muggers, Beggars Pizza, Ridgeway Chevrolet, S.G.S. Inc., Thornton Township, Land O-Frost, Foot Health Institute and more. Join in the benefits of park district sponsorship today.

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