

Lan-Oak Park District

PARK NOTES

Spring 2019

***As the snow subsides and the sun emerges,
get back in your parks with spring events!***

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" Robin Williams

EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday, April 20, 2019
10:00AM**

**Don't be late – the hunt starts promptly at 10:00AM!!
Lan-Oak Park 180th & Arcadia
This event is FREE!!**

The Easter Bunny is hopping towards Lansing to hide candy for all Lansing children. Find a gold egg and win a special prize! You don't want to be late, because the candy disappears within minutes.

The hunt gathers at Lan-Oak Park. Join us in the park for a morning of fun. Age 11 & Under



GARAGE SALE



When is the best time for a garage sale? Why Spring, of course! Shoppers have been missing their "fix" all winter and are busting to get out and find bargains! Get busy. Clean out those closets, the attic and the garage - you've got inventory to sell!

Saturday, May 18, 2019

**Seller arrival and set-up 7:00-8:00am
Welcome Shoppers 8am-Noon**

**Seller Space Fee \$5.00
(10 ft. X 10 ft space)
Shoppers - FREE Admission**

Lan-Oak Park, 180th & Arcadia, Lansing

Seller pre-registration is required by May 11 708-474-8552

To promote the sale, the park district will run a newspaper ad, display banners at the sale site, distribute 3500 community flyers, and list the sale in a newsletter mailed community wide. In the case of inclement weather, the sale will move to the Eisenhower Center.

Summer Planning Has Begun

The park district starts each spring with a significant to-do list and this year will be no different. Once the weather breaks, park district patrons expect that their parks will be ready for leisure and play, their park shelters will be ready for family parties, new improvements will be enjoyed in parks in need, summer special events will be announced, and local children will be offered a wide variety of summer programs, being planned now, that will make this summer their best ever. It's a daunting task, but we're ready - this is the plan.

Since 2016, the park district has been committed to improving the existing parks in order to provide every neighborhood with a park to be proud of. This year Oakley Park and Bock Park will enjoy new playgrounds! Neighborhood children will be climbing, rocking, swinging and having a great time at their **new playgrounds** within the next few months.



While parks are always open for use, picnic season officially starts April 15 each year. What does that mean? Park shelter picnic tables will be arranged, shelters will be cleaned, portable restrooms will be delivered, indoor bathroom maintenance will begin. Each year, Lansing families LOVE having events in Lansing parks under newly renovated **park shelters**. Think about reserving a shelter in your favorite park this summer and Party in the Park! Call 708-474-8552 for information.



Each year, day camp **Camp Wewannago**, welcomes kids 6 to 13 years. Camp meets in Lan-Oak Park under the Arcadia Shelter. Two days each week, camp meets in the Eisenhower Center. Swimming in the center's indoor pool is every Thursday. Camp opens every day with fun fitness activities and offers campers both group and independent choice options. Two local walking trips and one bus field trip each session. Campers are safe and well-supervised with a counselor to camper ratio of just 8 to 1 (other camps - 20 to 1 ratio!!) \$25 holds your spot!

This spring will mark the first for the new **Paws 'n Play Dog Park** at Bock Park. Your best friend is anxious to get out in the nicer weather, run, play, and have fun with you and other community dogs. Paws 'n Play is a one acre park, fully fenced, and separated into large and small dog areas. A shade shelter, two-level water fountain, and plenty of benches for relaxing complete your visit. Paws 'n Play is located at 175th and Chicago Avenue. Dog park memberships are for one-year and can be purchased at the Lan-Oak Park District Eisenhower Center, 2550 178th Street in Lansing. The sun is coming out - come over and play!



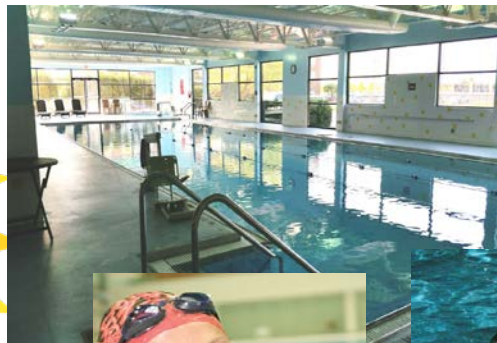
Special Events will make summer 2019 very special! Lan-Oak Park District will repeat its very popular **Movie in the Park** series. Five community parks will enjoy an evening of fun and food right in their neighborhood - bounce house, giant outdoor video games, caricature artist, DanO Dogs, snacks, and a popular movie shown on a huge outdoor screen.

The **4th of July** is a decades long community gathering for Lansing residents. Spend the afternoon with a family BBQ at home and then join us in Lan-Oak Park,

5-10pm, for an evening of food vendors, a live band, mechanical rides, a bounce house, and a spectacular fireworks display! Happy Birthday, America!!



**At the Ike
The Eisenhower Center
is a busy place
in the Spring!!**



Lan-Oak Park District Swim Lessons-A Very Popular Choice for Lansing Families

Whether you're only in, on, or around the water in the summer, you live near the beach or have a pool, you want to swim for exercise or pleasure, already know the basics or are beginning anew, the Red Cross offers swim classes for people of all ages and abilities. Designed for all levels, classes allow swimmers to develop good habits in, on, and near water, become comfortable in the water, learn and refine new strokes, and become stronger, safer swimmers. For more than 15 years, the park district has utilized the American

Red Cross Learn to Swim program to teach hundreds of Lansing residents to swim safely and competently. The Eisenhower Center indoor pool, a 25-yard, heated lap pool - is the perfect location for family members of all ages to learn this very important skill. Swim lessons are offered year-round with preschool level lessons for ages 4 & 5, youth levels for ages 6 to 17, and adult lessons for 18 & up. For information, please call 708-474-8552 or check out our program brochure at www.lanoakparkdistrict.org.

Playskool



Questions?
708-474-8552

Lan-Oak Park District is proud to offer a high quality preschool program for children 3-5 yrs old.

Play is the foundation in this remarkable program that grows each year with happy families. Make your child's school start a positive one. All necessary elements are included - colors, shapes, calendar, geography, science, alphabet, numbers, rhyming, opposites, and more. All school supplies & healthy snacks included. Share in the fun, come for a visit.

Spring Open House April 12 6:00-8:00pm



GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILD

Come and enjoy a night out with

your grandchildren for a Bingo Bonanza. This super fun evening will include a pizza dinner, kid friendly bingo games such as Shape Bingo, Number Bingo, Animal Bingo and more! Prizes will be given out to everyone who plays. Eat, laugh, compete, and yell BINGO! Age 3 & up Fee: \$28.00(R), \$33.00(NR) per couple

\$8.00 additional person Register by April 5 **Friday, April 12 5:30-7:30pm**



MOTHERS & SONS



Join us for a night full of superhero action! Enjoy superhero games, activities, food & maybe a superhero making an appearance. Join us with your best superhero...Mom! Commemorate the evening with a professional photo at the event. Ages 2 & up Fee: \$35.00(R), \$40.00(NR) per couple additional child \$8.00 Register by: May 1

Friday, May 10 6:30-9:00pm



What's New... IN THE PARKS

Fall 2018 Projects Brought New Amenities to Lan-Oak Park and Potts Park



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Old games made new again...



Two park development projects wrapped up in December and will be offering new fun for park visitors this spring. Lan-Oak Park at 180th and Oakley received a brand new, enclosed and improved area for tossing games, Horseshoes and Cornhole (also known as Bags). Horseshoes and Cornhole date back to the late 1800's and both test your skills at tossing for accuracy and points. Two people or two teams per court will enjoy the competition in this beautiful new, dedicated space also boasting a split rail fence and park benches.



Potts Park, 172nd Street & Burnham, is the home for the new community bocce courts designed of concrete and limestone. Bocce originated during the Roman Empire and eventually found its current form in Italy, where it was named boccia which means 'bowl' in the sport sense.

Bocce is played with eight large balls and one smaller target or object ball called a pallina. Points are scored by rolling your ball closest to the pallina.

Equipment for trying these game opportunities is available at the Eisenhower Center. Pick up the equipment and try something new - have fun!!

Lan-Oak Park District is an independent taxing body created in 1949 by a majority vote of the community. Today your park district maintains more than 20 parks, a community-wide bike path, a 60,000 sq. ft. community and fitness center (Eisenhower Center), dozens of park play amenities, seven park shelters for family events, a dog park, as well as offering a wide variety of recreation and fitness programs for all ages.

Browse through our current program brochure on our website at www.lanoakparkdistrict.org to learn more about your park district.

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