

President's LETTER

Autumn 2017

Greetings,

As the end of summer nears, I'm sure you've seen the construction activity in and around the parks. After the delays in selling the bonds authorized during last year's referendum were resolved, we wasted no time in beginning the improvements that you had requested.

May saw the groundbreaking at Springfield Park, bringing almost \$3,000,000.00 in improvements to the ball fields, wetlands and walking paths. In June, it was with great pride that we cut the ribbon opening the all-new Circle Park play area. One of our oldest parks has been brought up to 21st century, state-of-the-art standards.

Soon, the Johnston Recreation Center will begin its renovation. Our youngest guests will enjoy a whole new experience in our new preschool accommodations. The classrooms will be moved upstairs where the administrative offices are now housed. The dark, gloomy days of Fall and Winter will be brightened by an abundance of windows and glass walls letting in natural light. The area will also have secure entrances to protect our most valuable commodities.

At the other end of the spectrum, active adults will find their own space to relax, play games, read or just commune. During this rebuilding phase, the entire building will be shut down. Some of the offices will be re-located to the Museum building and others will be located in the Chamber of Commerce building, also located in OldTown.

Daily programming will also be moved off-site to a number of locations. Check bloomingdaleparks.org to be certain you are heading to the right place. We ask for your patience during this period as we promise to get things back to a new normal as quickly as possible. Once re-opened, the JRC will feature all new program areas, meeting rooms and a brand new welcoming area immediately inside the front doors. Front desk personnel will be able to view and immediately greet all who enter.

Once again, I urge you to monitor our progress on social media. Updates will be regularly posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The Board of Commissioners, Executive Director and entire staff of the BPD can't wait to welcome you back to our "new" old home.



Buzz Puccio

Sincerely yours,

Sebastian "Buzz" Puccio
President
Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Johnston Recreation Center. The public is invited to attend. Schedules, minutes and agendas are available online at www.bloomingdaleparks.org.

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Referendum 2016 Update

The Bloomingdale Park District is actively planning the capital projects identified by the community as needing repair and/or improvement based upon the successful referendum in November 2016.

The projects and associated work schedules are as follows:

- Springfield Park

- o Improving the Springfield Park ballfields to help prevent widespread flooding of fields and nearby paths has begun. Approximately 34 trees that were in the way of the improvements have been removed from the site. The proposed landscape plan includes 19 new trees, 29 new shrubs and 1,000+ new perennials, ornamentals and groundcovers. The projected completion date is Spring 2018.

- o Restoring the shorelines of the Springfield Park wetlands to address non-native, invasive species and improve stormwater management has begun with a targeted completion date of Fall 2018.

- Renovating the Johnston Recreation Center to include committed space for active older adult programming, improved early childhood/preschool space, and enhanced security throughout to begin March 2018 with a targeted completion date of Fall/Winter 2018.

- Updating and/or improving some recreation features at The Oasis Water Park and creation of more deck shade and deck space to begin Fall of 2018 with a targeted completion date of Summer 2019.



As responsible stewards of your tax dollars, we look forward to the completion of these projects so that ball games can be played with minimal interruption, invasive species can be removed from the wetlands, The Oasis Water Park will receive upgrades on outdated equipment, and children and adults alike who attend classes at the recreation center can have adequate space for their education and enjoyment.

Please be aware that while we will attempt to keep disruptions to a minimum, there may be times your favorite class or activity may be temporarily moved to an alternate location. Additionally, delays because of weather and/or other unforeseen circumstances could cause disruptions to the projected timelines.

We appreciate your patience and we urge all residents to visit our website and regularly follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to stay up-to-date on our progress. Again, we are grateful for your continued support.



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