

Referendum 2016 Update



Rendering of exterior of building. Rendering is not final.

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

Updates on the projects are as follows:

Johnston Recreation Center

Renovating the Johnston Recreation Center to include committed space for active older adult programming, improved early childhood/preschool space, and enhanced security throughout began May 2018 with a targeted completion date of Summer 2019.

The official grand opening is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 13. See page 6 for more information.

- The major enhancements to the building include:
 - o Secure preschool wing on upper level
 - o Programing space for seniors/active adults
 - o Improved registration/front desk access
 - o Interactive play addition for preschool, rental use and birthday parties
 - o Fitness room and fitness equipment
 - o Multi-purpose/arts and crafts/kindergarten room(s)
 - o Infrastructure improvements including plumbing, mechanical, electrical (with added efficiencies) and fire sprinkler system
 - o Updated teaching/concessions kitchen
 - o Improved, modernized finishes
 - o Additional natural light and skylights
 - o Exterior façade improvements



Rendering of front desk area. Rendering is not final.

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**All New Adventure
Island Sprayground!**



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The Oasis Water Park

Updating and/or improving some recreation features at The Oasis Water Park and creation of more deck shade and deck space began Fall of 2018 and will be finished prior to the opening of the 2019 season. See next page for information on the Grand Opening.

The updates/improvements to The Oasis included:

- Renovated play structure in Otter Island (now known as Adventure Island)
 - o New slide with run out
 - o New play structure roof
 - o New pools and falls
 - o New watergun
 - o New pipe falls
 - o New spinning tray
 - o Incorporation of theme elements
- Interior fence rope and netting replacement
- New soft play animals play features
- New and/or additional cantilever shade structures
- New and/or additional seating area shade structures
- New bike rack
- Aquatic-themed concrete stamps at bathhouse entry
- New public benches and picnic tables

Springfield Park Ballfield Complex

The fields were re-engineered to help prevent widespread flooding of fields and nearby paths in addition to the installation of new batting cages, fencing and backstops, concrete walkways, shaded dugouts with windscreens, updated lighting, entrance gate and new basketball court and standards.

The project was completed and celebrated May 6, 2018 with a ribbon-cutting held on Bloomingdale Baseball & Softball Association's Opening Day.

Springfield Park Wetlands

Restoring the shorelines of the wetlands to address non-native, invasive species and improve stormwater management continues to progress according to plan.

- The project includes the chemical and mechanical removal of invasive, non-native species such as cat tails, Phragmites, etc., followed by the establishment of native wetlands and upland species.
- These processes will be repeated for two to three years until the wetlands are properly restored and the ongoing stewardship begins.

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 receives 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.