



# 2007 Summer

# Pathways

A Newsletter for Residents of the Woodridge Park District

## HOBSON POOL TO REMAIN OPEN FOR 2007 & 2008 SEASONS

Since 2002, the Woodridge Park District has analyzed, discussed, solicited resident feedback, surveyed, and debated the future use of Hobson Pool.



In November 2006, public opinion was sought in a second Hobson Pool survey (sent to every Woodridge household) to determine whether the pool should be renovated, replaced at Cypress Cove, or closed. Results of the survey, compiled by Western Illinois University, indicated that

74% of survey respondents preferred to close Hobson Pool and build a program pool at Cypress Cove versus 24% of survey respondents who preferred totally renovating Hobson Pool.

After reviewing all the information, data, survey results, and input provided by a resident advisory committee, staff, consultants, and the public – the Park Board made a final decision at the May regular board meeting to close Hobson Pool after the 2008 aquatic season and to finalize plans to build an additional program pool at Cypress Cove.

Hobson Pool built in 1964 as a subdivision pool for the Winston Hills development and purchased by the Woodridge Park District in 1970 has served the growing Woodridge community for over 40 years. However, declining attendance, annual operational losses, a leaking pool basin, imminent

costly infrastructure repairs, substantial costs to renovate the facility, and less expensive alternative options justified the decision to ultimately close the facility.

In preparation of the closing, the Park Board directed staff to finalize a public planning process to evaluate options for redevelopment of the pool site into a potential park. The planning process, expected to begin in late summer, will take several months to complete and will involve resident input. The Board anticipates consideration of a redevelopment plan in early 2008, so any approved development could begin shortly after the pool closing.

Residents from the Goodrich, Meadowview and Willow Creek school areas interested in serving on an Ad Hoc Advisory Planning Committee to assist in the planning of the Hobson site redevelopment plan can send a Letter of Interest to President Fred Hohnke, 2600 Center Drive, Woodridge, IL. The Committee will consist of 8-10 members. A Letter of Interest form can be downloaded from the District's website at [www.woodridgeparks.org](http://www.woodridgeparks.org). The mission of the advisory committee will be to evaluate the redevelopment of the Hobson site into a park and to provide the Park Board with a final recommendation.

## **NEW!** KIDZ Squad – Before & After School Program

The Woodridge Park District is very excited about our new Before/After School program, KIDZ Squad, which will begin this fall. KIDZ Squad is designed to provide a safe and structured program for children in grades K-6. Participants can take part in a variety of games, arts and crafts projects, have quiet time to do homework and enjoy active play time both indoors and out.

KIDZ Squad Before School will be held at the Community Center starting at 7:00 am. Transportation to each of the schools will be provided by school bus. KIDZ Squad After School

will be held after school until 6:00 pm at two locations: Goodrich School (for children who attend Goodrich, Willow Creek and Meadowview Schools) and Murphy School (for children attending Murphy, Edgewood and Siple Schools). Children will be transported by school bus from their school to the After School program site.

Participants may register for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week. Registration information and forms are available at the Community Center. If you have questions, please call Angie McGrath at 353-3300.



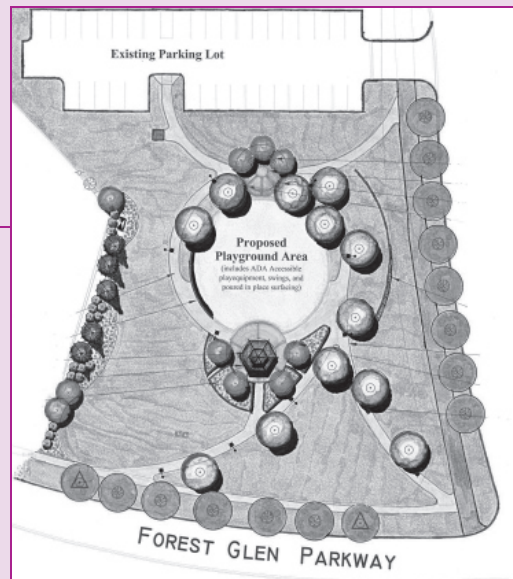
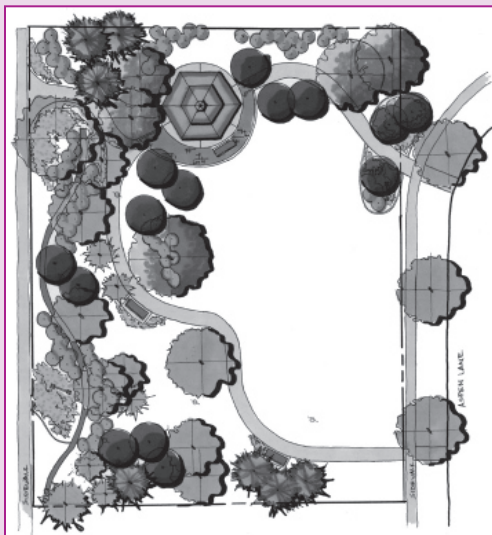


# Parks & Playgrounds News

## 75th Street Park

(75th Street and Woodridge Drive)

Conceptual plans for the park design have been completed based on prior Park Planning Committee recommendations. Park District Staff have applied for Federal Grant money that would enhance the playground design to provide accessibility for people with all levels of ability. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall.



## Internationale Estates Park

(Internationale Parkway/East of Lemont Road at Aspen Lane)

Park planning is complete for the parcel of land in the Internationale Estates Park sub-division. Staff conducted several meetings with a neighborhood park planning committee. The Committee requested the idea of this site becoming a more passive park. The park will include a walking path, park shelter with picnic tables, other designated seating areas, open space for informal play, and landscape improvements. Installation is scheduled to begin this fall.

## Castaldo Park

(3024 71st Street)

The playground installation was completed this spring. The lightposts along the paved trail are being replaced this summer. Castaldo Park is one of the premier parks in the district that is widely used for summer park rentals, Woodridge 4th of July celebration, summer camp programs, and is the site of the Indian Summer Festival.



## Summerhill Park and 63rd Street Park

(East of 53 at Parkside Drive and Sundowner) and (63rd Street and Taylor Drive)

This fall, installation will begin for new playground equipment at Summerhill Park and 63rd Street Park. Both parks are receiving new equipment as part of the Capital Replacement Program. The playgrounds will each have slides, overhead climbing features, bridges and links to multiple elevated decks, as well as many ground level features to accommodate varying ability levels. Look for more detailed information about the park plans in the Fall Pathways newsletter.

## Windy Point Park

(Egerton Drive, just west of Woodward Avenue)

The ground breaking of Phase II of Windy Point Park is underway. The parks added amenities in this phase include playground equipment—3 naturalized rock climbing features designed for grade school aged children and two spring toys and an overhead climber designed for toddlers. Also included in the playground improvements will be the full replacement of the toddler play equipment structure lost to arson this past fall. Other park improvements in this phase will include additional landscaping and indirect low-level lighting. 75% of this project is funded by a DuPage County Community Development Block Grant that the Village of Woodridge cosponsored with the Woodridge Park District. Construction is scheduled for completion this summer.

# Woodridge Park District Summer Highlights

## Egyptian Family Fun Day at Cypress Cove

**Saturday, August 4  
12-4 PM**

Valid Cypress Cove Membership Card or Daily Admission Required

## Free Movie Under the Moon

The Jubilee Site  
(Woodridge Drive & Center Drive)

**“The Wizard of Oz”  
Wednesday, August 8  
8:15 PM**

## Free Summer Concert Series Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Throughout the Summer

**June 27 • Steve Arvey & the Saxtelles**  
Lake Harriet (71st Street & Woodridge Drive)

**July 11 • The Billy Childers Band**  
Lake Harriet (71st Street & Woodridge Drive)

**July 18 • The Nevery Brothers**  
Westminster Park (Charing Cross Road & Westminster Drive)

**July 25 • The Only Sons**  
Mending Wall Park (Mending Wall Drive)

**August 1 • Downers Grove South High School  
Jazz Ensemble**  
Village Hall Towne Centre (5 Plaza Drive)

## Park Board of Commissioners

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## Family Fun in the Fall Activity Guide

Friday, August 3 – Monday, August 6 – Fall 2007 Activity Guide delivered to homes

Saturday, August 18 – Resident Lottery Deadline 11:00 AM

Door to Door Direct distributes the Woodridge Park District Guides to the doorways of residents' homes and to the leasing offices of multi-family complexes. Single-family households, who do not receive a brochure, please e-mail your address and phone number to [info@woodridgeparks.org](mailto:info@woodridgeparks.org) no later than **Wednesday, August 15** to request redelivery of the brochure to your home. Brochures are also available at the Woodridge Park District Community Center, 2600 Center Drive.



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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Woodridge Park District is to enhance the quality of life of its residents by providing superior parks, facilities, and recreational services in a fiscally responsible manner.