



# Pathways

## ECO-FRIENDLY SEALCOAT TO REPLACE TRADITIONAL SEALCOAT AT SEVERAL WPD PARKS

This summer, the Castaldo Park parking lot and path, the Sunnydale Park parking lot, and the Windy Point Park path will be resealed utilizing a soybean-based sealcoat system. This eco-friendly product is bio-based and contains no petroleum, making it a uniquely sustainable alternative designed specifically to maintain and preserve asphalt pavements. Additionally, the product is cost effective, reduces moisture penetration, and it is carbon negative.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND OPERATIONS RECEIVES CERTIFIED PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONAL STATUS

John Karesh, Superintendent of Parks and Operations, recently completed and passed the National Recreation Professional Association's (NRPA) Certified Park & Recreation Professional (CPRP) examination. NRPA's CPRP certification is one of the most sought-after certifications in the park and recreation profession. The examination is a comprehensive assessment of one's core knowledge covering General Administration/Management (Budget/Finance, Staff Development/Supervision, Policy Formulation/Interpretation, Public Relations/Customer Service/Marketing), Programming (Assessment, Planning, Implementation, Evaluation), and Operations (Resource Planning/Development/Management, Maintenance Management, Facility Operations).

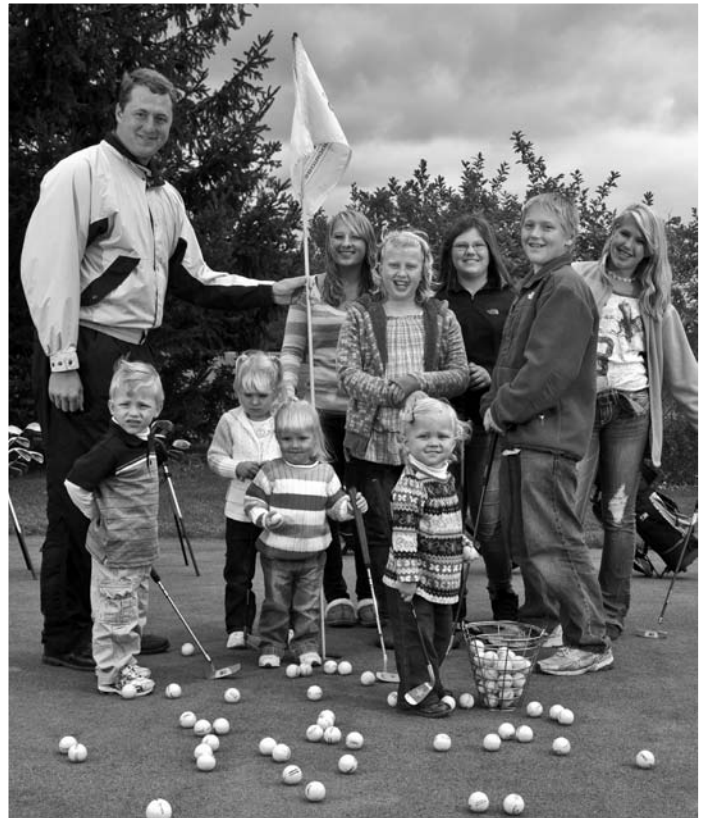


Achieving CPRP certification provides park and recreation staff with recognition for their accomplishments, proof in their ability to meet or exceed national standards and a new level of commitment to the parks and recreation field. John joins five other WPD staff members as Certified Park & Recreation Professionals...Mike Adams, Vanessa Madden, Dan Peboontom, Julie Rhodes and Don Ritter.

## BRING YOUR KIDS TO VILLAGE GREENS TO LEARN THE GAME OF GOLF FOR FREE

Last year, Village Greens Golf Course introduced over 1,000 kids to the game of golf for free as part of the First 1,000 Swings Program. This year, we want to introduce 1,000 more kids to the game of golf...for free. We'll provide the clubs...special clubs, made just for kids, which they can borrow when they visit the golf course.

We'll provide the range balls - one bucket for an introduction, and three more free if they show an interest in the game. Then, we'll teach parents how to teach their kids their first golf lesson. But first, we need you to bring them to Village Greens of Woodridge. Your own kids, your kid's friends, nieces, nephews, grandkids, neighbor kids, the little league team, the Girl Scout troop...bring them all. We want to reach 1,000 kids and introduce them to the game we both love so much. Trust us; it will be a moment both you and the kid(s) you bring will remember forever. To learn more, visit [www.villagegreensgolf.com](http://www.villagegreensgolf.com) or call (630) 985-3610.



## JENNY KNITTER, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, BECOMES REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

It took over 200 hours of review preparation, peer review sessions, and sheer determination for Woodridge Park District's Jenny Knitter to pass all five sections of the LARE (Landscape Architect Registration Examination) in December 2010.

The LARE exam is a 17-hour test including multiple choice and graphic design problems that test applicants in five areas:

- Project and construction administration
- Inventory, analysis, and program development
- Site design
- Design and construction documentation
- Grading, drainage, and stormwater management

"Being a Registered Landscape Architect was a personal career goal, but more importantly it is a testament to my drive to do my best for the residents of the Woodridge Park District," commented Jenny.

Jenny will celebrate her seventh anniversary with the Woodridge Park District this year. She received her B.A. in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois and was most recently named Village of Woodridge Outstanding Employee of the Year in 2008.

"We are proud to have on staff someone as dedicated to her field as Jenny Knitter. She takes her job seriously and is committed to ensuring the health and safety of the Woodridge Community through her playground and landscape design," stated Mike Adams, Executive Director for the Woodridge Park District.



## ORCHARD HILL PARK ATHLETIC LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

As part of some spring improvements, final touches for the new irrigation and drainage system will be completed with the installation of a new pumping station and irrigation computer control system. Full in-ground irrigation and drainage systems were installed at the three baseball/softball fields and quick coupler irrigation was installed at the four soccer fields.

In time for the fall sports season, new athletic field lighting will be installed at the three baseball/softball fields and two southeast soccer fields at Orchard Hill Park.

## WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR ITS FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was recently presented to Woodridge Park District by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.



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