Your Chance TO PLAY

Welcome to the Downers Grove Park District Playbook.

This handy guide will help you get the most out of all the places to go, things to do and chances to play within your park district!

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Stay Connected

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Our monthly emails will keep you connected with the latest park district special events, festivals and happenings, as well as current special offers and coupons.

Have a Question?

WE HAVE AN ANSWER!

Call us at 630.960.7500 or use the Contact Us form at dgparks.org/contact-us

Play Book ICON KEY

Free WIFI
Program Registration Available
Rentals Available
Emergency Warming Shelter
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Your Chance to Play

RECREATION CENTER

4500 Belmont Rd. • 630.960.7250 • 4500fitness.org

About the Rec Center
Downers Grove Recreation Center is home to the 4500 Fitness Center, three group exercise studios, a three-lane indoor walking track that overlooks the gym and a gymnasium that can be converted into three full-size basketball courts, six full-size volleyball courts, 9 pickleball courts or 16 badminton courts.

The building is also home to the South East Association of Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR), which provides recreation opportunities to individuals with special needs who live in 11 Park Districts, including Downers Grove.

Amenities

- Free WIFI
- Program Registration Available
- Rentals Available
- Emergency Warming Shelter

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*Hours are subject to change.*

4500 Fitness memberships include access to the fitness center, walking track, open gym and locker rooms. Fitness classes are also available.

▶ For memberships go to page 7
The Recreation Center’s 19,800 square-foot gymnasium and the 2,070-square-foot multipurpose room are available to rent.

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The suspended indoor track allows you to walk or run regardless of the weather. The three-lane track (9 laps = mile) overlooks the main gymnasium and offers views of the Downers Grove Golf Club.

**Track Reminders:**
- Track users must check in at the registration desk.
- Children under the age of 7 are not allowed on the track.
- Ages 7 to 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Children 13 and older can participate without a parent/guardian.
- Cleats, spikes, strollers, rollerblades and skateboards are prohibited.
- Walkers and wheelchairs are allowed.
- Outside lane is used for passing; please do not block this lane.
- Residents who are not fitness members will be required to purchase a $5 track card that will be valid for one year from date of purchase. Track membership cards are available for purchase online.
- Non-residents who are not fitness members will be required to purchase a $75 track card that will be valid one year from date of purchase.

Drop in for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and badminton. No reservations are necessary or accepted for open gym programs. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details go to page 8

View schedule at DGPARKS.ORG
40+ Cardio Machines
Workout with a range of cardio equipment including treadmills, elipticals, rowing machines and steppers, many with their own personal TVs.

3-lane Indoor Track
Membership includes use of the three-lane indoor track (9 laps to a mile) to keep you running and walking year-round no matter the weather.

Unlimited Open Gym
Play basketball, pickleball or volleyball during our regular adult open gym sessions in our gymnasium - all included with membership.

Free Weights
4500 Fitness features a large selectorized weight machine and free weight area with Olympic weights.

Steam Rooms
Membership also includes access to our steam rooms (located in each locker room).

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Exclusive Member Events
Get invites to member-only events and Member Appreciation Days.

Reduced Rates on Personal Training
Fitness Members get discounts on personal training from our team of fitness professionals.

Reduced Rates on Premier & Group Fitness Classes
Sign up for our premier fitness classes, including TRX suspension training and weight training for women, both held in a dedicated group fitness room at reduced member rates.

Equipment Orientation
A 30-minute introduction to cardiovascular equipment and some selectorized resistance machines. Our nationally certified personal training staff will instruct you on proper form, technique and starting positions. Once you fill out an orientation request form at the front desk, a personal training staff member will contact you to schedule your appointment. Personal training is recommended for program design.
Membership Rates
4500 Fitness offers flexible membership options including memberships for individuals, households, seniors, students, active military personnel and businesses. For more information, visit 4500fitness.org.

Add-on Group Exercise Classes
Add group exercise classes to your fitness routine! Classes offered include body pump, cycle, yoga, Zumba, pilates, boot camp, step and tone and more! Choose to add on one, five, ten or unlimited visits. All participants must be 15 years of age and older, unless the child successfully completed Teen Fitness University. Group exercise weekly classes can be purchased at the Recreation Center registration desk. The class schedule is available at 4500fitness.org.

Teen Fitness University
Teens can become a 4500 Fitness Member before age 15 by completing Teen Fitness University, a personalized training program requiring three one-hour sessions. For more information, visit 4500fitness.org or contact us at 630.960.2340. Parent must attend the first session. Download forms at dgparks.org. Teens that successfully complete TFU can purchase a fitness membership with no enrollment fee if they do so within 30 days of completing the program.

Guest Passes
Give 4500 Fitness a try with a guest pass. Passes include the Fitness Center, walking/running track and open gyms. Valid on purchase date only. Purchase an annual membership (paid in full) before your guest pass expires and we’ll deduct the cost of your guest pass (only one pass can be used).

Enrollment Fees
Enrollment fees are for new members or for memberships inactive more than 60 days. Fees are non-refundable. Enrollment fees must be paid in full at the time of sign up. Visit 4500fitness.org for more details.

Installments
Pay for your membership with convenient monthly payments. The first month payment will be prorated from the date of sign up to the date of the first monthly billing and will be due at the time of purchase. Payments are processed on the 15th of each month using a credit or debit card. Automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account is not accepted. Memberships will remain active until a 30-day written notice of cancellation has been received.

Pay In Full
Members can get one month free when they pay in full for their annual membership. Pay for 11 months and get the 12th month free!

Personal Training
Get real results with a fitness plan custom designed for your goals with a Nationally Certified Personal Trainer. Choose to purchase 1, 5 or 10 one-hour sessions. For information or to make an appointment with a personal trainer, call 630.960.2340. Download forms online at 4500fitness.org.

Premier Fitness Classes
4500 Fitness premier classes include TRX, Weight Training for Women and many more. Premier classes are registration based and open to everyone. 4500 Fitness members receive a discount.

Silver Sneakers
4500 Fitness is a proud partner with Tivity SilverSneakers Fitness Program. With SilverSneakers, you can get fit when, where and how you want. The program, for older adults, is available through many healthcare plans. To check if you are eligible, visit silversneakers.com.

Renew Active
In partnership between 4500 Fitness and Healthy Contributions, Renew Active is a fitness membership benefit for those who qualify through United Healthcare, or AARP-branded Medicare plans. Renew Active allows a fitness membership at no cost to the member. To see if you qualify, please contact your insurance provider.

Home Front Health
Home Front Health is a program organized by SEASPAR. The program includes an annual membership to 4500 Fitness, social events and personal training sessions with Certified Inclusive Fitness Trainers, all free of charge to qualifying veterans (Downers Grove veterans with a disability rating of 10% or higher). For details call SEASPAR at 630.960.7600.
Drop In FOR OPEN GYM

No reservations are necessary or accepted for open gym programs.
Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open Gym Fees

• Participants who do not hold an active 4500 Fitness Membership are required to purchase a 5-, 10- or 20-Visit Pass to gain entry to open gyms. The most convenient way to purchase your visit pass is through your online account on our website. You can also renew and check your remaining visits through your on-line account.

• ALL participants should check in no sooner than 5-minutes prior to the open gym time and a wristband will be given.

• Participants 18 years & under without a pre-purchased visit pass will not be allowed to purchase a visit pass or pay the daily fee in-person without the parent or legal guardian present.

Wristbands

Each participant in any open gym program is given a wristband that must be worn during the entire open gym time. Wristbands show proof of check-in and payment and help Park District staff control the number of participants in the gym. Anyone not wearing a wristband will be asked to leave the gym. Re-entry will be allowed only if spots are available and payment is made.

Basketball & Volleyball

Courts are set up for volleyball open gym for youth ages 17 and under and adults ages 18 and up. Youth and adult basketball open gym is offered multiple times each week. Days, times and number of courts are subject to change based on gym availability.

Badminton

Courts are set up for singles and doubles play on select days each week ages 14 and up. Courts are available for singles and doubles play on select days each week for those ages 14 and up. Racquets and birdies are available. Days, times and number of courts are subject to change based on gym availability.

Pickleball

Courts are set up for singles and doubles play on select days each week. Paddles and balls are available. Days, times and number of courts are subject to changes based on gym availability.

View Open Gym Schedule at: DGPARKS.ORG
Open Year Round
When the weather is good, the Belmont Golf Club and driving range will be open, whatever the season! Check the weather status or golf web page at belmontgolfclub.org throughout the year for the current opening status.

The historic Belmont Golf Club, original site of America’s first 18-hole golf course, was established in 1892 by legendary golf figure Charles Blair Macdonald. Now a 9-hole course, four sets of tees provide a challenging golf experience for average to high skill levels. The course is open to golfers 13 years and up. Younger golfers ages eight and older are welcome to play when accompanied by an adult.

Book a Tee Time
To book a tee time, visit belmontgolfclub.org or drop in to the Clubhouse. No prepayment is required, so simply pay individually at check in.

Reservations for single golfers are welcome, too. If you’d like a single tee time before noon, please call the Clubhouse and we will aim to match you up with another single golfer, pair or threesome.

Amenities
Free WiFi
Program Registration Available
Rentals Available
Emergency Warming Shelter

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Driving Range
The driving range features twenty-four permanent and turf hitting stations, a large practice putting green, sand trap and chipping area. No tokens are needed! Pay with credit or debit card at the self-service ball machine.

Driving Range Shelter
The range shelter covers 10 of the existing driving range hitting stations and features infrared heaters, lights and ceiling fans for comfortable golfing in every season.
Golf Lessons
Improve your skills with lessons from our certified golf professionals. Private, semi-private and group lessons are available. Golf balls are included with each lesson. Information on lesson fees can be found at belmontgolfclub.org.

Junior Golf Development Academy: 12 to 18 Years
Junior Golfers who are looking to put in serious work on their golf game will love this program. Golfers receive a $250 driving range pass, seven greens fee vouchers and 10 lessons from the golf professional of their choice ($55 in savings!). Junior golfers practice on the driving range at their convenience and golf lessons are scheduled.

Women’s Only Golf School
This school provides golf instruction in a group atmosphere with all women. It is a four-week school that covers a new aspect of the golf game each week. All lessons are taught in one-hour sessions and golf balls are included. Pre-registration is required.

Parent/Child Golf Lessons
Learn the great game of golf with your child! Classes accommodate all skill levels. Topics covered include grip, stance, swing, club selection, ball striking and basic etiquette and rules.

Join a League
A variety of leagues are available. For more information, call 630.963.1306 or visit the Golf Leagues and Outings section of our website at downersgrovegolfclub.org.

Clubhouse Rentals
The Dan Cermak Clubhouse at Belmont Golf Club offers a park-like setting and a scenic panorama for social gatherings, group meetings or corporate functions. The Clubhouse includes use of the main and south rooms and can accommodate up to 60 people.

Group Golf Outings
Whether you are planning a corporate or charity golf event, or perhaps are just looking for a great day out with the guys or girls, Downers Grove puts on an event your guests will not soon forget. For more information, please contact the Golf Club at 630.963.1306.

Permanent Tee Times
Your foursome can have a guaranteed tee time on Fridays or Sundays from mid-April through September. For more details, please call the Clubhouse at 630.963.1306.

Food & Beverage
Stop in after your round or bucket and enjoy the view of the course from our 4,000 sq. ft. Clubhouse. Relax and choose from our traditional sandwiches and snacks. Cool off with a variety of soft drinks, domestic and imported beer and wine. You can also enjoy the news or games on our two HD televisions.

Pro Shop
Merchandise from Srixon, Cleveland Golf, Zero Friction and a selection of men’s and women’s apparel is available for purchase in the Clubhouse Pro Shop.

Gift Cards
Belmont Golf Club offers gift cards for all activities, services and products offered at the course. Gift cards may be purchased in the Clubhouse or online at belmontgolfclub.org.

Downers Grove Golf Club was the site of the first 18-hole golf course in America. Photos and course layout maps from the past 125+ years are available to view in the Clubhouse.
About Miner Mike’s Miniature Golf Course
Enjoy mining scenes, waterfalls and landscaping at this exciting, accessible course. The 18-hole course features a water wheel and a water tower along with a mining car on a track. Logs, rocks and contours challenge players of all ages and skill levels.

Special Events, Offers & Promotions
Throughout the open season, Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf hosts special events, offers and promotions for the whole family. For details, visit minermikesminigolf.org.

School Picnics & Corporate Outings
Groups can rent the McCollum Park Pavilion for school picnics or corporate outings. Discounts may be available for miniature golf depending on the number of rounds. Please inquire when reserving.

Concession Stands
The concession area is open daily during miniature golf hours. The friendly staff is ready to serve a wide variety of items including hot pretzels, nachos, pizza, hot dogs, dessert treats and soft drinks. Miner Mike’s Concession Stands are also open at ‘The Core’ at McCollum Park.

Amenities

Free WIFI
Rentals Available
Your Chance to Learn

LINCOLN CENTER
At the Heart of Downers Grove

935 Maple Ave. • 630.963.1300 • dgparks.org

About the Lincoln Center
Once the historic Lincoln School from 1867 to 1974, the building was purchased by the Park District and renovated to what is now the Lincoln Center.

Located on the south side of Maple Avenue between Washington Street and Main Street, this six-level, multi-use building is home to the District’s Lincoln Learning Center Preschool, the School of Performing Arts and the Adult Center. The convenient downtown location makes it the perfect place for business meetings, seminars and group gatherings.

The building contains the registration office, meeting rooms, art and ceramic rooms, a small gymnasium, various classrooms, dance studios, an auditorium and kitchen facilities. Most spaces are available for rental on a seasonal basis.

Amenities

- Free WiFi
- Program Registration Available
- Rentals Available
- Emergency Warming Shelter

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Hours are subject to change.

RENTALS

This conveniently located community center offers room rentals for groups of 10 to 120 people. Perfect for business meetings, seminars or group gatherings. Amenities at this facility include an auditorium, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasium and kitchen.
2-Year-Olds  
**Must turn 2, but not yet 3 by Sept. 1**

Help your child get ready for 3-year-old preschool. Class structure is consistent with the 3- and 4/5-year-old preschool program and participants receive priority registration for 3-year-old preschool the following school year. Independence and socialization are emphasized. Children are not required to be potty trained.

- Weekly themes
- Creative expression
- Circle time
- Large and fine motor skill development

3-To 4-Year-Olds  
**Must turn 3, but not yet 4 by Sept. 1**

For the early learner, or for those continuing from the 2.5 year-old program. Helps foster socialization and independence while introducing children to the classroom setting. Children learn to follow directions, make new friends and share with others in a group through teacher-directed activities. Children must be potty trained.

- Creative arts
- Cutting and gluing
- Shape, number, letter and color recognition
- Large motor skill enhanced through gym, creative movement activities and outdoor play

4-To 5-Year-Olds  
**Must turn 4 or 5, but not yet 6 by Sept. 1**

Experienced learners prepare for kindergarten in a program designed for continued enrichment. Social skills and problem solving are enhanced through child directed play and teacher-directed group activities. Children explore the community through local field trips and community visitors. Children must be potty trained.

- Upper and lower-case letters
- Sound recognition
- Reading and writing activities
- Math concepts
- Color and shape review

**Lincoln LEARNING CENTER**

The Lincoln Learning Center provides a curriculum of developmentally appropriate experiences guided by the Illinois Early Learning Standards and designed to develop the whole child and enhance children creatively, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

1. Enroll online at dgparks.org using the class # for your desired class days and times.

2. Pay a non-refundable registration fee when enrolling online. Please use the credit or debit card you want on file for billing when paying the registration fee.

3. You’ll receive an email in August announcing who your child’s teacher will be as well as inviting parents to the Parent Orientation.

Please visit DGPARKS.ORG for more information regarding the Lincoln Learning Center Preschool program.
Welcome to our school for creativity. The Lincoln Center’s classrooms are equipped for wide range of arts programs including drawing, painting, ceramics, dancing, acting and music.

**Dance**
The Downers Grove School of Dance provides a well-rounded yet affordable dance program to the Downers Grove community. The program is designed to meet the needs of the beginner and seasoned dancer from preschoolers to adults.

The objective of the winter/spring sessions is to prepare the students for a spring recital by focusing on both technique and combinations.

**Arts and Crafts Classes**
Artists of all ages can create a distinctive masterpiece in one of our art classes. Programs include crafting with various materials, painting, drawing and sculpting with clay.

**Music**
The cultural arts program is led by music teachers with many years of experience teaching and performing. Improve your musical talent by enrolling in piano, guitar, and voice lessons at the Lincoln Center.

**Theater**
The Lincoln Center is the perfect space for practicing acting skills. A variety of classes work on aspects of dramatic and comedic performance including acting, improv, character awareness and imagination. The Lincoln Center’s auditorium features a stage for theater productions.

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**IMAGINE DANCE TEAM**

**Ages 6-12**
Excel in dance when you become a part of this dance team! The team covers technique in ballet, jazz, hip hop and tap, plus choreography. Participants must audition at the beginning of each summer or have permission from the head coach to participate. Audition information is listed in our seasonal Recreation Guide or online at dgparks.org
Groups & Clubs

Cards and Social Groups
- Bridge
- Bunco
- Canasta
- Chess
- Dominoes
- Pinochle
- Poker
- Mah Jong
- Canasta
- Duplicate Bridge
- Puzzle Time

Leisure Activities
- Theme Parties
- Bingo
- Popcorn Matinee Movies
- One-day Trips
- Lunch and Learn programs

Social Clubs
- Scarlett Bloomers of Downers Grove

Dial-A-Ride

Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb shared ride service for Downers Grove Township residents who are 65 and over. It is also a service for qualified persons with disabilities of any age. In order to ride Dial-A-Ride you must have a permanent address in Downers Grove Township. Motels, hotels, extended stays and temporary housing are not eligible for our Dial-A-Ride service.

Appointments for rides are two days in advance for personal trips and seven days in advance for medical appointments within the Township of Downers Grove area. Service is provided from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The fare is $3 for each one-way ride.

New limited service on holidays—$5 fare one way on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. In order to use the service, riders must have a valid RTA or ADA card. Questions and registration contact the Township at 630.719.6670.

For more information visit DGPARKS.ORG

Play for Life AT THE ADULT CENTER

Pursue fulfilling activities including recreation, education, health, nutrition and social service with programs designed for, but not limited to, adults 55 years and older.
The Adult Center is located on the third level of Lincoln Center.
Montrew Duhnam History Center
The Montrew Duhnam History Center hosts the museum’s camps and programs, temporary rotating exhibits and the permanent display of the 1921 fire truck. The truck is the first motorized fire truck owned by the Downers Grove Fire Department. Try on one of our firefighter outfits and take a picture with the truck!

Family History Research
The Museum’s research library is open to the public during museum hours and contains birth and death certificates, cemetery surveys, census records, telephone directories, school yearbooks and newspaper clippings.

For individuals unable to visit the Downers Grove Museum, or those in need of research assistance, please submit a research request in person to the Museum Curator or call 630.963.1309. A research fee will be assessed for research inquiries submitted to our Curator. Please allow up to two weeks for a response to a research request.

Victorian Blodgett House
Open to the public, the Victorian Blodgett house was the home of Charles Blodgett and was built in 1892. The permanent exhibits in the Victorian Blodgett House illustrate life in Downers Grove in the 1890’s. The house also contains the offices of Museum staff, archives, collection storage and a research library.

1846 Blodgett House
The 1846 Blodgett House was built by Israel and Avis Blodgett in 1846 and is one of the oldest houses in Downers Grove. The members of the Blodgett family held abolitionist beliefs, and it is believed that the Blodgett’s provided assistance to runaway slaves during the Civil War era.

Admission
Admission is free and donations are appreciated. Group and school tours are available by appointment.

Photo Archives
The Downers Grove Museum’s photographic collection is also available to view upon request.

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Your Chance to Enjoy Nature

LYMAN WOODS
William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center
901 31st St. • 630.963.9388 • lymanwoods.org

Gateway to Nature
The Interpretive Center is the starting point for your exploration of more than 135 acres of old- and second-growth oak woods, meadow and marsh. Hike more than 2.5 miles of marked trails to discover more than 400 species of plants, three kames, white-tailed deer, great horned owls, red fox, coyote, Cooper’s hawks and more. The most outstanding feature is 19 acres of virtually undisturbed oak woods existing since the Lyman family purchased the land in 1839.

Butterfly Garden
The Butterfly Garden, certified as a Conservation at Home site by The Conservation Foundation, is planted with nectar producing flowering plants that attract countless butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, moths and other beneficial insects.

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Free WIFI  Program Registration Available

William F. Sherman Interpretive Center Hours

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Outdoor Space/Trails Hours
Monday-Sunday - Dawn to dusk

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Lyman Woods Honey
Lyman Woods is home to an educational bee apiary and offers a range of beekeeping courses. Honey from the Lyman Woods apiary is harvested in late summer and is available for sale on a first-come, first-served basis (while supplies last). As well as an educational resource, honey bees are also an essential part of food production. Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of the food that sustains us.

School & Group Program Opportunities
Bring your group to Lyman Woods for an unforgettable outdoor adventure, or we will bring the adventure to you! Our educational programs have been designed for many audiences including schools, homeschoolers, Scouts and youth groups. Please visit lymanwoods.org, or call 630.963.9388 for program and registration information.

Build Your Own Adventure Pack
Check out an Adventure Pack filled with gear to help you explore Lyman Woods! Choose from identification guides, bug boxes, magnifiers and other tools and activities for your family or group to use free of charge. Check out your pack during Interpretive Center hours with a valid driver’s license.

Overnight Adventures
Whether you’re a Scout group, a youth group, a birthday party, school, camp, or just a large family, Lyman Woods is the perfect place to go camping! You can simply rent the space and bring your own food and activities, or let the staff at Lyman Woods plan a whole evening of fun for you! Choose from camping outside, or having a sleepover in the Interpretive Center! Our Overnight Adventures last from 6pm on Friday or Saturday to 8am the next morning.

Birthday Parties
Are you a real party animal? Add an exciting twist to the traditional birthday party and celebrate your birthday at Lyman Woods! Your wild party includes outdoor adventures led by a naturalist, as well as time for opening gifts and eating cake in the Interpretive Center or outdoors in the picnic area. Visit page 47 for details.

WILDLIFE WATCHING
Hundreds of species make their home in Lyman Woods, making it an ideal spot for wildlife watching. Some of the more common species you may see include red-tailed hawk, white-tailed deer, garter snake, western chorus frog, eastern chipmunk, gray squirrel, great blue heron, downy woodpecker, tree swallow, eastern bluebird, wood ducks and white-breasted nuthatch.

NATURE PLAY SCHOOL
NaturePlay School begins the week after Labor Day and runs through Memorial Day
Join our discovery-based NaturePlay School at Lyman Woods! Preschoolers will enjoy lessons in creative arts, math, science and language, while also developing their motor skills, creativity and naturalist intelligence. Outdoor lessons and exploration promote learning beyond the boundaries of classroom walls!
LYMAN WOODS
Trail Map
Preserve Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities

Paved path
0.95-mile chipped path
0.19-mile chipped path
0.57-mile chipped path
0.98-mile chipped path
Connection path

LW Interpretive Center
P Parking
i Information Kiosk
Picnic Area
Park Bench
Honey Bee Apiary
Vegetable Garden
Butterfly Garden
Campfire Circle
Interpretive Overlook

PLEASE NOTE
In accordance with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, there are no dogs (excluding service dogs), bikes, or cross-country skis allowed in Lyman Woods.
Volunteers are needed throughout the year at our Lyman Woods Interpretive Center to greet visitors, answer phones and provide program support. Other volunteer opportunities include:

**R.E.A.P. Volunteer Workdays**
R.E.A.P. (Restore, Educate and Preserve) is a volunteer group dedicated to restoring and protecting the Downers Grove Park District’s natural areas. Land management workdays are held on selected Saturdays from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Volunteers must register at least one week in advance of the scheduled workday. Volunteer workdays can be arranged for organized groups upon request.

**Hiking Patrol**
Love to hike? Want to spend more time outdoors? Hiking Patrol volunteers help maintain our beautiful natural areas by hiking the trails at Lyman Woods and the Belmont Prairie. Volunteers inspect trails, report trail conditions and answer frequently asked questions from fellow hikers.

**Green Thumbs Needed!**
Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to learn more about native plants and gardening? We need a volunteer crew to help maintain the native plant demonstration garden, the children’s vegetable garden and the butterfly garden at Lyman Woods. Volunteers must be available to volunteer on a regular basis and love getting their hands dirty!

**General Workdays**
Interested in volunteering with our hiking patrol program or at volunteer workdays? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 630.963.9388 for more information.

**Summer Camp Volunteers**
Looking for volunteer experience? Want to spend your summer outside? Lyman Woods Summer Camp Assistants help the camp counselor and campers with games, crafts, hikes and outdoor activities. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, available to work at least one full week of camp, and willing to attend an orientation and training. Call 630.963.9388 for more information.

Improve cooperation, develop better communication skills and practice problem solving and conflict resolution skills during 2-hour, half-day or full-day teambuilding workshops. Participants will leave with a sense of teamwork, accomplishment and an understanding of how to transfer newfound or fine-tuned skills back to their work, school or personal lives. Teambuilding workshops are available all year and are conducted outdoors, rain or shine.

**Cooperative Games**
Participants work together to solve fun physical and mental challenges over two or three hours.

**Wilderness Skills**
This three-hour workshop begins with fun lessons to learn a new wilderness skills. Groups then put their knowledge and teamwork to the test with wilderness skills challenges.

**Combination Workshop**
Can’t decide? Try both. This six-hour workshop includes cooperative games in the morning and wilderness skills in the afternoon.

**Wild Adventure**
This six-hour workshop begins with wilderness skills lessons to prepare the group to navigate a wilderness skills adventure course. After completing the course participants put their teamwork to the test in a final group challenge.

To provide the best experience for all participants, group sizes are limited to 15 or fewer depending on the option selected. For more information on team building opportunities at Lyman Woods, please contact the Interpretive Center at 630.963.9388.
Walking TRAILS & PATHS

BELMONT PRAIRIE
0.32-mile
mowed path

DOERHOEFER PARK
0.39-mile
asphalt path

EBERSOLD PARK
0.75-mile
paved path

HOOPERS HOLLOW
0.36-mile
paved path

LYMAN WOODS
2.5-mile

MCCOLLUM PARK
1.2-mile
paved path

PATRIOTS PARK
0.45-mile
paved path

RECREATION CENTER
0.55-mile
paved path

BELMONT PRAIRIE
0.7-mile
mowed path

WHITLOCK PARK
0.62-mile
paved path
About
The Downers Grove Park District manages 24 playgrounds, all of which include ADA-compliant play equipment for children ages 2 to 12.

Fourteen playgrounds also have separate tot play areas specifically designed for ages 2 to 5. Your family is never far from a neighborhood playground, and here are a few more playgrounds worth traveling to.

Parks Hotline
630.929.3136
Call our 24-hour answering service to report broken equipment or request maintenance.

PLAYGROUNDS TO EXPLORE

PATRIOTS PARK
501 55th St.
Patriots Park playground has a fun nautical theme, a tortoise, and a fun, colorful, rubber play surface.

O’BRIEN PARK
6909 S. Dunham Rd.
Renovated in 2018, the playground features two play areas as well as an Omni® Spinner, track ride, multiple slides and swings.

RANDALL PARK
749 Randall St.
The playground at Randall Park is shaded by large trees and features play areas for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12, two tot bucket swings and two open seat belt swings.

MCCOLLUM PARK
6801 S. Main St.
The District’s largest playground - right next to Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf features a large climbing structure and a play area for tots.

WASHINGTON PARK
835 Prairie Ave.
Close to downtown Downers Grove, Washington Park includes two play areas, one for ages 2 to 5 and one for ages 5 to 12.

EBERSOLD PARK
59th & Main St.
Ebersold Park playground includes a play structure for kids 2 to 5, a play structure for kids 5 to 12, swings and a wheelchair ramp.

Hours
Monday-Sunday Dawn-Dusk

Explore our interactive map for details on all of the parks and amenities within the District at, dgparks.org/interactive-map
The Park District manages over 600 acres on 48 sites across Downers Grove. The Downers Grove Park District offers outdoor biking, walking and running opportunities including mowed trails and paved walking paths at 9 locations.

**PATRIOTS PARK & BARTH POND**

501 55th St., Downers Grove, IL

**About the Park**
Barth Pond, in Patriots Park, is the largest body of water within the Park District and is a popular place for fishing, boating and scenic walks around the lake. Patriots Park is also home to the District’s fun, nautical-theme playground with areas for children ages 2 to 5 and for ages 5 to 12.

**Boating & Fishing**
Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized watercraft are allowed on Barth Pond. Please follow all posted boating rules. Try your luck with fishing at Barth Pond. All fishing must comply with IDNR rules and anglers ages 16 and up must hold a fishing license. Catch and release is encouraged.

**Annual Fishing Derby**
The annual Fishing Derby has been held at Barth Pond for many years. Each August, hundreds of people compete to catch the shortest and the longest fish, and the chance to win cash prizes.

**Thank You for Not Feeding the Waterfowl**
While we encourage you to enjoy our park wildlife, we also ask that you let them find their own food sources. Because food supplied by people is easy for birds to obtain, ducks and geese lose their natural migratory instincts. This eventually leads to overpopulation and makes these creatures more susceptible to disease and predators.
Belmont Prairie is a remnant prairie supporting more than 300 species of plant and animal wildlife. It is an excellent example of one of the few remaining natural prairie habitats that is maintained by the Downers Grove Park District. The efforts of the District have been recognized by the prairie’s official designation by the State as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

Please note: In accordance with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, there are no dogs, bikes or cross-country skis allowed in Belmont Prairie. Thank you for your cooperation.
DOERHOEFER PARK
4101 Venard Rd. • Downers Grove, IL

Park Hours
Dawn to dusk except evenings when permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring. The park closes immediately after the lights are turned off until dawn the following day. No person shall remain in the park after closing unless a permit is granted in advance. Security lighting is not considered operational, artificial lighting.

History
Since the 1960s, Doerhoefer Park has served the Downers Grove Park District as one of its flagship facilities for outdoor field sports. The District’s Board of Park Commissioners dedicated the park in 1971 during the Park District’s 25th anniversary celebration, and named the park for Edward J. Doerhoefer, a former Park Commissioner and Board President. In 2018, Doerhoefer Park received all new artificial turf featuring “CoolPlay” technology, which reduces field temperatures by up to 30 degrees.

Ball Fields and Turf Field
Groups with a permit have priority use at all times. Groups of 15 or more wanting to use the synthetic turf field are required to obtain permit. Pets are not allowed on the synthetic turf field. Specific rules for use are posted at the fields.

Tennis/Pickleball
Four tennis courts and two pickleball courts are now available for use at Doerhoefer Park. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis and no reservations are needed. The courts feature energy-efficient lighting, operated by a push button on light poles. A warning light will flash before lights switch off.

Parking Information
Parking is available in the east lot at 41st Street and Saratoga Avenue, the north lot at Venard Road and Drove Avenue, angled parking spaces along the east side of Venard Road, and the south parking lot accessible from Venard Road. The 57-car south lot features permeable pavers, which allow storm water to pass through the surface and into the ground below the parking lot. It also features a drop-off plaza and pathway, linking it to the ball field core area and synthetic turf field. Parking is not permitted on Saratoga Avenue.
Doerhoefer Park offers visitors a variety of active recreation opportunities. The park features ADA accessible playgrounds for tots and children ages 5 to 12, as well as seating areas, concession services and a .39-mile loop walking path.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk except evenings when a permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring. The park closes immediately after lights are turned off until dawn the following day. No person shall remain in the park system unless a permit is granted in advance.

**Amenities**

- 0.39-mile loop
- Concrete/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Playground
- Lighted Basketball Court
- 4 Lighted Tennis Courts
- 2 Lighted Pickleball Courts
- 3 Lighted Ball Fields
- Batting Cage
- Synthetic Turf Field: Football, Soccer, Lacrosse
**Park Hours**
Dawn to dusk except evenings when permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring. The park closes immediately after the lights are turned off until dawn the following day. No person shall remain in the park after closing unless a permit is granted in advance. Security lighting is not considered operational, artificial lighting.

**History**
The McCollum Park property was purchased by the Park District in 1972 and named in honor of Ted McCollum a few years later. Mr. McCollum was a former Commissioner and volunteer fireman, and helped the Park District obtain the four parcels of land that became this park. It quickly became one of the most heavily used parks in the District, and was renovated in 2011. The 50-acre McCollum Park has served as the Park District’s flagship outdoor athletic facility and largest recreational park for over 30 years.

**The Core Concessions**
Snacks and drinks are available for sale at the concessions stand during sports games.

**Outdoor Gym**
McCollum Park is home to an outdoor fitness area, intended for use by adults and children over 15 years of age, when accompanied by an adult.

**Field & Court Rentals**
Rent ball fields or soccer fields at McCollum Park.
**McCollum Park**

Walking Path

**Amenities**

- 1.2-mile asphalt loop
- Sidewalk
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Concessions
- 3 BBQ Grills
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Outdoor Gym
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 3 Sand Volleyball Courts
- Bags Courts
- 6 Horseshoe Courts
- 3 Pickleball Courts
- 10 Tennis Courts
- Soccer Fields
- 4 Lighted Ball Fields
- Batting Cage

[Map of McCollum Park with amenities marked]
The Downers Grove Park District has begun a major park improvement project to update and expand recreation amenities at McCollum Park. Located at 6801 S. Main St. in Downers Grove, McCollum Park currently features ball fields, soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, a playground, a walking path and Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf. Anticipated to be completed by the summer of 2023, the upcoming improvements will include infrastructure renovations and the development of new, much-desired recreation opportunities for visitors of all ages.
**What’s to Come:**

**A NEW SPRAYGROUND**
- Three splash areas for tots, families and teens as well as seating and shade
- New showers within existing restrooms

**RENOVATED TENNIS/ PICKLEBALL COURTS**
- New energy efficient LED lighting
- 8 dedicated pickleball courts
- 6 tennis courts (Flexible for additional 16 temporary pickleball courts)

**RENOVATED PLAZA AREA**
- Picnic tables and benches

**PERIMETER PATHWAY**
- Resurfacing and widening to 8 feet

**Concept Plan**
EBERSOLD PARK

59th Street & Main Street • Downers Grove

The land that is now Ebersold Park was once owned by Marguerite and Fred Ebersold, who would allow local children to use it as a sled hill during the winter months. Once acquired by the District, the park was named in honor of the Ebersolds.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities

- 0.75-mile paved loop
- Additional asphalt path

- Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Portable Restrooms
- Playground
- Soccer/Lacrosse Field
- Bridge
Hoopers Hollow is a large, rustic neighborhood park. It rises steeply from south to north with a creek running in the southern section of the park. A wooden bridge over the creek provides pedestrian access to the northern half of the park, where a .36-mile asphalt pathway winds its way to the north, connecting to Cornell Avenue at the north end of the park before circling back south and connecting to a Village sidewalk within the Chicago Avenue right-of-way. The playground was renovated in 2019 with all new play equipment and new mulch surfacing.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities**

- 0.36-mile asphalt loop
- Additional Walkway/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Playground
- Drinking Fountain
PATRIOTS PARK
501 55th St. • Downers Grove

Patriots Park is a large community park featuring a 5.8-acre pond. Constructed in 1978, Barth Pond was a joint venture with the Village of Downers Grove. The playground includes separate ADA play areas for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12.

Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized watercraft are allowed on Barth Pond through the canoe launch located on the northwest side of the pond. Please follow all posted boating rules.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities
- 0.45-mile asphalt loop
- Additional Path/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Portable Restrooms
- Playground
- Canoe Launch
- Picnic Pavilion
- Pedestrian Bridge
The Recreation Center, a 69,000 sq. ft. facility was opened in 2003. The facility offers the community a 5,200 sq. ft. full service Fitness Center and three group exercise studios. A 19,800 sq. ft. gymnasium can be converted into three full-size basketball courts, six full-size volleyball courts or 16 badminton courts. A three-lane indoor track overlooks the gym. An outdoor walking path provides a 0.55-mile loop.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities

- 0.55-mile asphalt path
- Additional Path/Sidewalk
- Parking
WALNUT PARK
4721 Walnut Avenue • Downers Grove

In 2008, with assistance from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program, the Park District purchased two parcels totaling 4.8 acres along Walnut Avenue, just north of the protected Belmont Prairie Buffer. In 2015, the Park District purchased an additional 14.8 acres immediately north of the original site.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

**Amenities**
- 0.7-mile mowed path
- 0.3-mile limestone path
- Parking
- Soccer Field
- Picnic Pavilion
- Drinking Fountain
WHITLOCK PARK
4000 Fairview Ave. • Downers Grove

This 22-acre neighborhood park contains ball fields, batting cages, a multi-purpose playing field, playground, picnic shelter, restroom facilities, winter ice skating and a 0.62-mile paved loop trail to accommodate jogging and walking.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities
- Parking
- Permanent Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Picnic Pavilion
- Playground
- Ball Field
- Soccer Field
The Park District manages 48 sites on more than 600 acres.
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**FACILITIES**

1. Administrative Office (2455 Warrenville Rd.)
2. Belmont Golf Club (2420 Haddow Ave.)
3. Downers Grove Park District Museum at Wandschneider Park (831 Maple Ave.)
4. Downers Grove Park District Recreation Center (4500 Belmont Rd.)
5. Lincoln Community Center, Constitution Park (955 Maple Ave.)
6. William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center at Lyman Woods (901 31st Street)

**PARK SITES**

7. Belmont & Curtiss
8. Belmont Prairie (Cross & Haddow)
10. Blackburn & 68th
11. Blodgett & Elmwood
12. Burlington & Walnut
13. Walter B. Carroll (59th West of Middaugh)
14. Concord Square (Springside & Concord)
15. Doerhoefer Park (4101 Varnard)
16. Downer Burial Place (4520 Linscott Ave.)
17. Dunham Place (71st & Dexter)
18. Ebersold Park (59th & Main)
19. Fichl Park (1036 Grove)
20. Frankowiak Park (59th & Middaugh to Brookbank)
21. Gilbert Park (3500 Gilbert)
22. Highland & 39th
23. Hoopers Hollow (Chicago & Cornell)
24. Hummer Park (4833 Fairview)
25. Lee & Grant Park (4413 Lee)
26. Loy Park (Warren & Pershing)
27. Mar-Duke Farm (6761 Saratoga)
28. Memorial Park (1500 Maple)
29. McCollum Park (6801 S. Main)
30. NICOR (Easement)
31. Ned Bell Park (1216 63rd St)
32. Northside Park (Venard & Saratoga)
33. O’Brien Park (6909 S. Dunham)
34. Patriots Park-Barth Pond (501 55th St)
35. Prince Pond (4901 Linscott Ave.)
36. Randall Park (749 Randall St)
37. Ruth K. Powers Park (6500 Springside Ave)
38. 2nd & Cumnor
39. 62nd & Brookbank
40. 62nd & Carpenter
41. Spring Park (65th & Lyman)
42. Sterling & Davis
43. Sterling North Park (1923 Curtiss St)
44. Stonewall & Concord
45. Wallingford Park (41st & Earlston)
46. Walnut Park (4721 Walnut)
47. Washington Park (835 Prairie)
48. Whitlock Park (40th & Fairview)

Additional ice skating locations may change year-to-year, visit dgyparks.org for more information.
Ice Skating

Weather Permitting
Look for the green flags for safe ice skating conditions! The Downers Grove Park District maintains unsupervised ice skating at Prince Pond. Hours are 8:30 am to 10:00 pm daily from approximately mid-December through February. Additional ice skating locations may change year-to-year, visit dgparks.org for more information.

It takes several days of sub-zero temperatures for sufficient ice to form.

Ice maintenance will occur after staff has completed snow plowing duties for the day.

Ice Skating Conditions
Please locate the flag pole at each location for current skating conditions before stepping on the ice. Staff monitors thickness and requires 6 inches of ice to open for skating.

Green flags: Indicates ice rink conditions are safe at cleared spots only.

Red flags: Indicate dangerous skating conditions; rink is closed.

Ice, sled hill and snowshoeing conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status where you can also enroll in email and text alerts with Rainout Line. If you witness an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Sled Hills
Sledging is available at Gilbert Park, O’Brien Park, Concord Park and Ebersold Park from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm daily.

Sled at your own risk! The Downers Grove Park District reminds people that they are responsible for safety while sledding on Downers Grove Park District grounds. Parents are encouraged to make sure supervision is provided before letting children play on the hills. Sled hill conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status. Please check to make sure the hills are safe for sledding.

Cross Country Skiing
Unsupervised cross country skiing is welcomed and allowed at Belmont Golf Club with no charge to the participant. There must be at least 4 inches of snow on the ground and skiing must take place during daylight hours.

Snowshoe Rentals
Shoeshoes for adults and children are available to rent at the William F. Sherman Interpretive Center at Lyman Woods when there is enough snow.

Geocaching
Lyman Woods has several geocaches on site. GPS units are available for rental at the Interpretive Center during regular open hours.

Fishing
Fishing is allowed at Barth Pond and Prince Pond. For more information, see page 24.

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Green flags: Indicates ice rink conditions are safe at cleared spots only.

Red flags: Indicate dangerous skating conditions; rink is closed.

Ice, sled hill and snowshoeing conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status where you can also enroll in email and text alerts with Rainout Line. If you witness an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Sled Hills
Sledging is available at Gilbert Park, O’Brien Park, Concord Park and Ebersold Park from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm daily.

Sled at your own risk! The Downers Grove Park District reminds people that they are responsible for safety while sledding on Downers Grove Park District grounds. Parents are encouraged to make sure supervision is provided before letting children play on the hills. Sled hill conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status. Please check to make sure the hills are safe for sledding.

Cross Country Skiing
Unsupervised cross country skiing is welcomed and allowed at Belmont Golf Club with no charge to the participant. There must be at least 4 inches of snow on the ground and skiing must take place during daylight hours.

Snowshoe Rentals
Shoeshoes for adults and children are available to rent at the William F. Sherman Interpretive Center at Lyman Woods when there is enough snow.

Geocaching
Lyman Woods has several geocaches on site. GPS units are available for rental at the Interpretive Center during regular open hours.

Fishing
Fishing is allowed at Barth Pond and Prince Pond. For more information, see page 24.

Annual Fishing Derby
The annual family fishing derby has been held at Barth Pond for many years. Each August, hundreds of people compete to catch the shortest and the longest fish, and the chance to win cash prizes if they catch a tagged fish.
**Horseshoe Club**
The Downers Grove Park District Horseshoe Club meets at McCollum Park on Monday and Thursday evenings from the beginning of May through the end of August. Call 630.202.3341 for information.

**Pickleball/Tennis**
Two outdoor pickleball courts are available for use at Doerhoefer Park at 4101 Vernard Road. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis and no reservations are needed. The courts also feature energy-efficient lighting, operated by a manual controls on light poles. A warning light will flash before lights switch off. Tennis courts are available at Doerhoefer Park, McCollum Park and Randall Park.

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**DISC GOLF AT O’BRIEN PARK**

6909 S. Dunham, Downers Grove, IL

O’Brien Park features a 9-hole, par 30 disc golf course, with cement tee pads. Great for beginners. The course begins with fun uphill and downhill shots on holes one and two, followed by a series of six shorter holes. The course ends with a long 300’ stretch on hole 9.
PARKS & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Parks Division manages nearly 600 acres of open space in Downers Grove, as well as maintaining dozens of athletic fields, playgrounds, historic properties and thousands of trees on Park District property. The Parks Division includes a dedicated Forester, Landscape Architect and Horticulturist. The work of the Parks Division helps increase home values, reduce the damage done from flooding and invasive species and contributes to Downers Grove winning accolades such as the best city in Illinois to raise children.

Safety and Park Etiquette for Pets and People

- Dogs must be leashed at all times. Leashes must be no more than six feet in length.
- The person in control of the animal is responsible for cleaning up pet waste. Violation of these ordinances is subject to a fine.
- Dogs are not permitted on athletic fields, playground areas, jogging paths or at Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie.
- Please bring a water dish as pets are not allowed to drink from fountains.

Coyote Awareness

The coyote is a common resident of the Chicago suburbs. While it is not surprising to find coyotes in preserves and natural areas, sightings in parks, neighborhoods and even urban areas have become more common. Coyotes are fearful of humans and will typically avoid humans, but there are some steps you can take to minimize interactions:

- Do not leave food or garbage outside. Coyotes may be drawn to the small animals who will feed on garbage.
- Supervise small pets and children when they are outdoors.
- If a coyote approaches you, do not run. Instead, throw objects, shout and make loud noises to scare the coyote away.
- If you regularly see coyotes while walking your dog, consider carrying a stick or pepper spray.

Invasive Species Management

Invasive non-native plant species are controlled through several measures including hand-pulling, cutting, mowing, prescribed burning and selective herbiciding. Herbaceous weeds like garlic mustard are hand-pulled and removed from natural areas, while invasive brush, like honeysuckle and buckthorn, are cut and spot-treated with herbicide. Each fall, volunteers collect, clean and sort native plant seed, which is then sown in restoration areas recently cleared of invasive and non-native plants.

Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau is a community service designed to provide residents with information about the diverse and exciting leisure opportunities available through the Park District. Members of the Board of Park Commissioners and staff are on call to speak to groups such as homeowner associations, PTAs, service clubs, churches and businesses. If you are interested in scheduling a free presentation or would like more information, call 630.960.7500.

Vandalism Tipster Award Program

PREVENT SENSELESS DAMAGE — In an effort to reduce and eliminate senseless damage caused by vandalism, Downers Grove Park District encourages you to report any information you have about individuals causing damage to District property.

REWARD — If the information you provide leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or conspirator, you may be eligible for a reward of $5,000 for vandalism in excess of $2,500.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION — All communications between the Vandalism Tipster and Downers Grove Park District are strictly confidential. Call 630.960.7500.

Parks Hotline

630.929.3136

Call our 24-hour answering service to report broken equipment or request maintenance.
The ThorGuard Lightning Prediction System is installed in five zones, at 19 sites throughout the park district. Each zone has a base unit with sensors that set off warning sirens at the base unit and satellite stations in surrounding parks. The lightning prediction sensor at each of the five zones operates independently of the other. Therefore, it is possible that conditions and alert signals can vary from one end of the community to the other (zone to zone). The Doerhoefer Park zone includes Whitlock Park. The Lincoln Center zone includes Constitution, Ebersold, Gilbert, Hummer, Memorial, Patriots, Randall and Washington Parks. The McCollum zone includes Concord Square, Mar-Duke Farm, O’Brien, Powers and Ned Bell Parks. The Golf Course zone includes Walnut Park. Lyman Woods and Fishel Park operate their own zones.

The system will be activated March through November from 8:30 am to dusk (no later than) 8:45 pm; except at Memorial, Doerhoefer and McCollum Parks where the system will remain active until approximately 11 pm in conjunction with lighted activities and athletic fields.

When the system predicts lightning in the area, an 8-second warning horn will sound and a warning strobe-light will activate at the base and each satellite park in the zone. Anyone who hears the horn or sees the strobe-light should seek shelter immediately. All activities at the park should stop. The strobe light will continue to flash until the all clear signal is received.

After the danger is reduced; an all-clear signal of two 3-second horn blasts will sound and the strobe light will turn off.

WHAT IS RAINOUT LINE:
This is the District’s notification system for users to learn the status of our programming and facilities.

Areas included:
- Ballfields, diamonds, outdoor leagues
- Golf Club and driving range
- Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf
- Group exercise classes
- Sledding hills and ice skating

HOW TO USE RAINOUT LINE:
- Go to rainoutline.com
- Under Search for a Status enter Downers Grove Park District
- Click Search
- Click on Downers Grove Park District

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS:
On the left side of the page click Email & Text Alerts
Navigate the tabs across the top of the page
Download the FREE Mobile App

Sign up for Email Alerts
1. Enter an email address
2. Select a time frame from the drop down box for receiving alerts
3. Check the field, diamond or leagues to receive alerts from (or check all extensions)
4. Click submit

Sign up for Text Alerts
1. Enter a cell phone number
2. Select a time frame from the drop down box for receiving alerts
3. Check the field, diamond or leagues to receive alerts from (or check all extensions)
4. Check the box next to I agree to the terms above
5. Click Submit
Hummer Park was once known as "Fairview Avenue Picnic Grove." It was named for the Park Board’s first president and administrator, Otto H. Hummer.

**Group Size:** 1-100

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**GILBERT PARK**

1500 Gilbert, Downers Grove, IL

Gilbert Park features a lighted baseball field with stadium-style spectator seating areas. The park features a play area for ages 2 to 12, a full-size basketball court, restroom building and a beautiful park shelter with limestone columns. Gilbert Park is also the gateway to Maple Grove Forest Preserve.

**Group Size:** 1-75

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**HUMMER PARK**

4822 Fairview, Downers Grove, IL

Hummer Park was once known as "Fairview Avenue Picnic Grove." It was named for the Park Board’s first president and administrator, Otto H. Hummer.

**Group Size:** 1-100

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Rent a Park Pavilion

Host your next company picnic, birthday party, graduation party or celebration in one of our parks. Pavilion rentals are generally available from May 1 to October 15 (weather permitting) and require three days advance notice. Full payment required upon reservation.

To make your reservation, call 630.960.7500.

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To make your reservation, call 630.960.7500.

Forms Available Online at [DG Parks](http://DG Parks.org)
MCCLLUM PARK

6801 S. Main, Downers Grove, IL

McCollum Park’s Picnic Pavilion is the largest in the district and can accommodate groups of up to 200. For more information about McCollum Park, see page 28.

Group Size: 1-200

PATRIOTS PARK

501 55th St., Downers Grove, IL

There are two parking lots associated with the park, one to the east of the pond and the other to the west, with a total parking capacity of approximately 80 spaces. The western parking lot primarily serves a playground with separate age 2 to 5 and age 5 to 12 play areas. The eastern parking lot serves a passive area that contains a picnic shelter and tables.

Group Size: 1-75

WHITLOCK PARK

40th & Fairview, Downers Grove, IL

The park contains two ball fields, a batting cage, a multi-purpose playing field and approximately 0.8 miles of gravel pathways to accommodate jogging and walking. The parking lot is capable of accommodating approximately 90 cars.

Group Size: 1-45
SPORTS FIELDS & COURTS

Currently not renting for 2022

Downers Grove Park District has more than 50 athletic fields and sports courts available for rent. Fields are available for rent for football, soccer, lacrosse and softball/baseball, as well as basketball courts and horseshoe courts. Organized leagues and groups are required to obtain a permit for use of District fields. Reservations are accepted starting in April each year. To reserve a field, complete the field permit application and submit it to the Recreation Center at 4500 Belmont Road. Reservations are subject to field and weather conditions. Additional fees apply for lights, field lining and field preparation.

Fields Available MID-APRIL TO END OF OCTOBER

GARDEN PLOTS

Mar-Duke Farm, 6761 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL

The Mar-Duke Farm community garden plots are available to rent starting in March each year. Plots are 20’ x 30.’ Six elevated plots, 4’ x 11’ are available on a first-come, first-served basis to persons with disabilities and gardeners who cannot work at ground level. Existing Mar-Duke gardeners are able to renew their plots in January each year. Available plots for new gardeners open for registration in March. See a map of available garden plots and register at the Lincoln Center.

Garden Plots Available MAY 15 TO OCTOBER
Have A PARTY

Create an unforgettable birthday party with the Downers Grove Park District’s Birthday Party Service. Just invite the guests and leave the planning and mess up to us. All parties are filled with a variety of activities.

‘Choose Your Theme’ Birthday Parties
Create an unforgettable birthday party! ‘Choose Your Theme’ parties are filled with a variety of themed games and activities and include decorations, cupcakes, drinks and party leaders. Registration is required at least four weeks in advance. Party planning begins upon full payment. Parties are held at the Lincoln Center unless otherwise noted.

**Location:** Lincoln Center

**Ages:** 3 to 10

**Party Availability:** Year-round


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Nature Birthday Parties
Are you a real party animal? Add an exciting twist to the traditional birthday party and celebrate your birthday at Lyman Woods! Your wild party includes outdoor adventures led by a naturalist, as well as time for opening gifts and eating cake in the Interpretive Center or outdoors in the picnic area. Birthday party programs feature unique outdoor adventures, age-appropriate games and activities, and a fun guided hike.

Extend your party with a 30-minute campfire program, complete with s’mores. Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

**Location:** Lyman Woods

**Ages:** 3 and up

**Party Availability:** Year-round

Downers Grove Park District offers hundreds of sports, hobbies, skills, nature, history and fitness programs every season. Programs for each season are published in three seasonal program guides each year, which are available to view online and are also delivered to homes in Downers Grove.

**RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT?**
Residents of the Downers Grove Park District (anyone who pays taxes to the District) receive discounted registration fees and can register for programs earlier than non-residents.

**HOW TO REGISTER**
Create your household account anytime to be able to browse seasonal programs and events and register for programs with our online registration system at dgparks.org.

**Create an Online Account**
If you’ve never registered for Park District programs, create an account to register for programs online at dgparks.org. Click the ‘Register Online’ button to get started! If you frequently register for Park District programs, you most likely have an account waiting for you! Call our registration staff at 630.960.7500 to verify an existing account.

**Drop-Off Form**
Register for programs and events in person at any of our facilities. Simply bring a completed registration form with your payment (cash, check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, AmEx or Discover). For information safety, credit card numbers should never be disclosed on forms. Checks or money orders may be made payable to Downers Grove Park District. There is a $25 fee for returned checks.

**Fax or Scan**
You may fax completed forms to Lincoln Center at 630.963.5884 or Recreation Center at 630.960.7251. You may also scan completed forms directly to our registration staff at regi_staff@dgparks.org. For information safety, credit card numbers should never be disclosed on forms. Registration staff will contact you for payment. Enrollment in programs will not take place until payment is received. Faxed or scanned forms will not have priority over online or in-person registration.
Go To SUMMER CAMP

Downers Grove Park District offers a range of safe, fun, affordable day camp options. Details of summer camp programs are published every year in our combined Summer Camp Guide, delivered to homes in late February.

Adventure Camp
For kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade
Adventure Camp is a traditional day camp experience. Camp activities include group games, sports, skits, songs, stories, crafts and team building activities as well as regular trips to local swimming pools and field trips to destinations such as Brookfield Zoo, Medieval Times and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Early Childhood Camps
Young campers have a blast making new friends while enjoying stimulating activities in a supportive atmosphere. Through a blend of indoor/outdoor activities, these experiences provide opportunities for kids to explore their world through a variety of active/passive games, crafts, songs and structured free play. Early Childhood Camps include Exploration Station, Pee Wee Camp and Safety Town.

Teen Trekkers
Our camp for grades entering 6-8 gives campers an action-packed week with their friends to destinations around Chicago. Favorite past trips include: Six Flags Great America, Navy Pier, Rock Climbing, a variety of water parks, laser tag and more!

Special Interest Camps
Unique specialty camps let kids delve into interests such as science, robotics, coding, cooking and more.

Sports Camps
A wide range of sports camps for all age groups include soccer, lacrosse, basketball, softball and baseball. Golf camps held at Belmont Golf Club are also offered.

Nature Camps
Lyman Woods offers a range of nature themed summer camps for all ages. Nature camps are offered by age group and include themes such as Bug Safari, Animal Olympics, Tribes & Traditions, I Spy Nature and more!

Museum Camps
Downers Grove Museum offers history-related, week-long summer camps with topics as varied as Young Explorers, Incredible Inventions, Time Traveler, History Mysteries, Messy and Exploding Art and more.

Performing Arts and Dance Camps
Summer performing arts camps give campers the chance to develop stage presence through singing, acting and dancing.
Attend a **FREE SPECIAL EVENT**

**Arbor Day**
The Downers Grove Park District celebrates Arbor Day every April. Each year a tree planting demonstration from the Park District’s forester is held for local school children.

*Various Parks*

**Country in the Park**
As part of the annual Founders Day event and sponsored by The Grove Foundation, view demonstrations on blacksmithing, butter making and heirloom gardening and meet farm animals. Celebrate the pioneer past and rural heritage of Downers Grove.

*Downers Grove Museum Campus*

**Summer Concert Series**
Our free outdoor concerts are held on Tuesday evenings from May through August at Veterans Memorial Pavilion in Fishel Park. Food, beer and wine are available for purchase.

*Fishel Park*

**Party in the Park**
Join Park District staff as we celebrate an afternoon in the park! Enjoy light snacks, beverages, games, crafts and more!

*Various Park Locations*
Check the seasonal guide or the online events calendar for full details of annual and upcoming special events. Events may change throughout the year.
Youth and adult athletic leagues and programs are offered year round for players of all skill levels. Indoor leagues include basketball, volleyball and flag football. Outdoor leagues including sand volleyball, lacrosse, softball, baseball and soccer. Youth baseball, softball, football and soccer leagues are held in partnership with our youth sports affiliate groups.

**Youth Leagues**

**NFL Flag Football**
Held in the summer and the fall, this no tackle league is officially sanctioned by the NFL. Players receive a uniform (Jersey and Flag Belt).

**Soccer**
Soccer leagues are offered in the spring and summer. An eight week season is played with practice during the week and games on the weekend.

**Basketball**
Basketball leagues are offered in the summer, fall and winter. An eight-week season is played with practices during the week and games are played on the weekend.

**Imagine Dance Team**
Imagine Dance Team is an invitation only competitive dance team for ages 6 to 12. Members learn technique and choreography with an emphasis in ballet, jazz, modern and lyrical. Dance classes are held at the Lincoln Center.

**League Information**

**Volunteer Coaches**
Coaches are needed to introduce the fundamentals through weekly practices and an eight-week season. Emphasis is placed on techniques, knowledge of rules, team strategy and participation.

**Rosters**
New teams are created every season. Returning players are not guaranteed the same team from season to season. The following criteria is used to determine teams: 1. School attended, 2. Grade, 3. Balance of gender, 4. Roster size and 5. Mutual carpool request.

In general, our goal is to keep players from the same school on the same team. Should enrollment numbers and roster maximums not accommodate this practice, schools may be split or combined to form a team. Team maximums are based on enrollment numbers at the time of the registration deadline.

As many of our sports programs are held outdoors, they will be effected by the weather. To get field condition updates before you play, visit the weather status page on dgparks.org/weather-status or sign up for text or email alerts. See page 43 for details.
YOUTH SPORTS AFFILIATES

The Park District works with several affiliate organizations to offer baseball, softball, football and soccer within Downers Grove.

Downers Grove Youth Baseball (DGYB)
Traditional recreational-focused baseball. All players ages six to 16. Spring-summer and fall leagues. Babe Ruth league play ages 13 to 16. Chicago White Sox sponsored uniforms. Pre-season indoor camp offering. Visit www.dgyb.org for registration and information. Email questions to info@dgyb.org.

D.O.L.L.S. - Downers Own Little Lassies Softball
The D.O.L.L.S. fast-pitch softball program provides teams for girls from kindergarten to 18 years of age, with levels of play ranging from recreational to highly competitive. Visit dgdollas.com for information.

Panther Junior Football and Cheer Association
The Panther Jr. Football and Cheer Association is a program committed to teaching quality football and cheer for the youth of Downers Grove and neighboring communities. It is open to ages six through 14 (but not yet entering high school) in September. Call 630.375.7730 for information.

Downers Grove Roadrunners Soccer Club
Downers Grove Roadrunners Soccer Club is a travel soccer club that competes against other Chicago area competitive teams. Roadrunners has programs for boys and girls ages four to 18 and has a staff of professional, licensed coaches who follow training outlined by the US Soccer Federation’s National Curriculum. Visit roadrunnerssoccer.org or call 630.619.5133.

ADULT SPORT LEAGUES

Adult athletic leagues and programs are offered year round for players of all skill levels. Indoor leagues include basketball, volleyball and dodgeball, located at the Recreation Center. Outdoor leagues are held at McCollum Park and Doerhoefer Park. All leagues offer regular season play followed by a playoff for qualifying teams. Register as a team to participate in a league. If you don’t have a full team sign up for our Free Agent List at teamsideline.com/dgparks. There is no guarantee you will be placed on a team but we use this list to either form teams or provide the list when a captain is looking for players.

Adult Sports Leagues:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Softball
- Kickball
- Soccer
- Volleyball

To qualify as a Resident Team for any adult league 60% of your team members must pay taxes to the Park District or be employed full-time in Downers Grove.

Full payment is due at time of registration.

Registration will not be accepted without a preliminary roster. Roster forms are available at dgparks.org, at the Lincoln Center and the Recreation Center.

Individuals wishing to be placed on a team can sign up for our Free Agent List at teamsideline.com/dgparks. Click on “Free Agent Signup Form” at the top of the page. There is no guarantee you will be placed on a team but we use this list to either form teams or provide the Free Agent list to captains when looking for players.
WORK AT THE PARK DISTRICT

We seek out team members who are friendly, have a desire to learn and grow, have a positive attitude, a strong work ethic and an ability to work effectively with all people.

FULL- AND PART-TIME JOBS

Open positions in our recreation, administration and parks divisions are posted on our recruitment site at dgparks.org.

SEASONAL JOBS

We’re hiring! Check out our open positions by going to dgparks.org.

We offer a variety of positions and try to work with your schedule. We may be hiring for positions including:

- Athletic Attendant
- Birthday Party Host
- Camp Counselor
- Concessions Cashier
- Golf Grounds Maintenance
- Golf Pro Shop Attendant
- Preschool Lead & Preschool Aide
- Program Instructors
- Parks Maintenance
- Special Events Squad
- Gymnastics Instructor

INTERNSHIPS

Internships in the Recreation Department are usually available once a year to students from an accredited university pursuing a degree in Recreation Management or similar field. The internships focus on roles such as facility management, office operations, fitness management, museum operations, athletics and program development.

VOLUNTEER AT THE PARK DISTRICT

Join our active group of Park District volunteers and be part of a team that can make a difference! Volunteers are needed to help with everything from coaching to invasive plant management. Everyone from teens to seniors can get involved. You’ll have fun, make new friends, learn new skills and enrich the lives of your neighbors in the community. Current volunteer opportunities and waiver forms are listed at dgparks.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Volunteers are always welcome at our annual special events.

LYMAN WOODS

Volunteers are needed throughout the year at our Lyman Woods Interpretive Center to greet visitors, answer phones and provide program support.

R.E.A.P.

R.E.A.P. (Restore, Educate, and Preserve) is a volunteer group dedicated to restoring your natural areas to their native state and maintaining their integrity for future generations. Land management activities include collecting and sowing native seed, restoring trails with wood chips, removing invasive brush and monitoring water quality and plant and animal species.

MUSEUM DOCENTS

Docents lead group tours through the Museum. Flexible hours and training are provided. A willingness to help keep history alive is the only requirement.
DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

Tree & Park Bench Memorials
Dedicate an existing park bench, donate a new one or plant a tree with a donor recognition plaque to remember loved ones, to recognize special people, to celebrate a marriage, birth of a child, special anniversary or simply because you love trees.

Tree sponsors can select the type of tree to be planted from a variety of tree species suitable for planting by the Park District, depending on the season. The Park District will work with tree sponsors to choose the parks and specific planting sites for the trees. For more information, visit dg-parks.org.

Shade Trees
Commonly taller than 50 feet at maturity, these trees cast cool shade, provide wildlife habitats and contribute an array of fall color to our autumn season. Examples include: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Northern Catalpa, Kentucky Coffee Tree and American Basswood. Spring planting only: Red Oak, Bur Oak and Swamp White Oak.

Ornamental Trees
Intermediate in size, most ornamentals reach a height of 15 to 30 feet. They contribute interest to the landscape through flower, fruit, fall color and form. Examples include: Serviceberry, Blue Beech, Crabapple and Hophornbeam. Spring planting only: Black Alder, River Birch and Red Bud.

Conifers
These cone-bearing trees often grow to heights greater than 50 feet and have needles, some on their twigs singularly or in groups. Most are evergreen, but some drop their needles in the fall. All evergreens transplant best in spring. Examples include: Ponderosa Pine, Eastern White Pine, Bald Cypress (Deciduous), Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Green Spruce and Douglas Fir.

The Grove Foundation
The Grove Foundation for Recreation is a not-for-profit organization registered with the State of Illinois. The foundation has been supporting the Downers Grove community since 1991 by providing financial support for educational, recreational and social programs.

Help create a stronger and more viable community to live, work and play. Your donations help support programs, special events, beautification of parks and facilities and enhanced services to the community. As a government agency, Downers Grove Park District relies both on taxpayer dollars and program fees; however, in order to increase our ability to provide high-quality services and facilities without increasing fees or raising taxes, we rely on the generosity of friends like you. Please make a donation today to help continue the programs that impact you, your family and your community for many generations to come.

To make a donation, visit thegrovefoundation.org.

Memorials
Make a contribution in memory of a loved one. Your memorial gift will go a long way in supporting the work of the Grove Foundation and the Park District. The Foundation will work with you to carry out your wishes. For more information, please contact us: info@thegrovefoundation.org.

Tax Deductible Contributions
All donations are tax deductible under the full extent of state and federal laws. Please refer to IRS publication 526 for specific information. Need a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization EIN for tax records? No problem. The Grove Foundation for Recreation is our non-profit partner that will accept your donation on our behalf and restrict the funds for use in Park District initiatives.
Recreation GUIDELINES

Code of Conduct
To ensure an enjoyable and safe program for all participants, the Park District has developed the following behavior code.

Participants must:
• Show respect to all participants and staff
• Refrain from using foul language
• Refrain from causing bodily harm
• Show respect to equipment, supplies and facilities
• Additional rules are developed for specific programs as deemed necessary by the staff

Discipline
The Park District applies a caring, positive approach to discipline. Rules are reviewed with participants and staff is willing to work with parents to develop behavior modification programs as necessary. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior creates an unsafe environment.

For Your Safety
In the event of a serious accident or illness, it is the Park District’s policy to contact the fire department for emergency first aid and transportation to the hospital. Preschool-age children enrolled in Park District programs are not released from a class to anyone other than a parent or guardian unless advance written notification is given to the instructor.

Insurance
The Park District carries no medical insurance and assumes no liability for personal injuries or loss of personal property while attending Park District activities. A participant’s policy must cover any medical cost incurred.

Photography
Photos and video footage are periodically taken of people participating in Downers Grove Park District programs, events and activities, attending a class or event, or using District facilities or property. Please be aware that by registering for a program or class, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using District facilities or property, you authorize the District to use these photos and video footage for promotional purposes in District publications, advertising, marketing materials, brochures, event flyers, social media (including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter and other social media sites operated by the District) and the District’s website without additional prior notice or permission and without any compensation to you. All photos and videos are property of the District.

Board of Park COMMISSIONERS

Since the Park District was established, it has been fortunate to enlist the dedication and expertise of numerous volunteers. At the center of this volunteer effort are the Park Commissioners. Residents of the Park District elect a non-partisan, five-member Board of Park Commissioners to govern the District. The Park Board determines the priorities and defines policies for financing, governance, operation and administration of the Park District. Board members are elected to serve unsalaried, overlapping four-year terms.

Visit us at dgparks.org to:
• Email a board member directly
• View the calendar of events
• Podcasts & webcasts, budgets, FOIA and rep

Our Mission
Enriching our community through natural area preservation and exceptional recreation, parks, and facilities that inspire memorable experiences.

Our Vision
To be the community resource encouraging PLAY for L.I.F.E.
L- Leadership. I- Imagination. F- Fulfillment. E- Enjoyment

Our Values

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
In an effort to provide recreation, health and wellness opportunities to all residents, including those who are experiencing financial hardships, the Downers Grove Park District has established a Financial Assistance Program. Participants must reside within the boundaries of the Downers Grove Park District to be eligible. Please note that the financial aid program does not apply to contractual programs, trips, golf or adult athletic leagues. For more information, please visit dgparks.org.

RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
Residents unable to participate due to financial reasons may qualify for a partial waiver of program fees. For more information, call 630.960.7500.
What is SEASPAR?
SEASPAR is recognized as a special recreation association by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and is an extension of the services of its member entities. It is governed by a Board of Directors which represents each of these eleven member entities. SEASPAR’s goal is to provide a wide variety of programs and services for individuals with all types of disabilities and of all ages. For more information, visit seaspar.org or call 630.960.7600.

Americans with Disabilities Act
The Downers Grove Park District is committed to accessibility for individuals with disabilities and strives to provide equal, integrated participation in all programs, activities and services. The Park District’s policy is to reasonably accommodate all qualified program applicants in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We welcome the questions, comments and concerns of interested community members regarding park district ADA compliance. To arrange for auxiliary aids or accommodations enabling individuals with disabilities to participate in Park District public meetings, or to request publications in a special format (such as CD or large print), contact the Park District by calling 630.960.7500.

Inclusive Recreation Programs
In a continuing effort to meet the needs of residents with special needs, SEASPAR and Downers Grove Park District provide inclusive recreation services. This means that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in programs offered by the Park District. This inclusive recreation environment provides residents with disabilities greater choices for their leisure and allows all residents to learn about one another as they participate together. Let the Park District and SEASPAR know of your special needs and interests so we can be prepared to provide you with appropriate services.

ADA Transition Plan
The Downers Grove Park District has completed an ADA Transition Plan to serve as a roadmap in improving accessibility to parks and facilities throughout the District. Currently the District manages 24 playgrounds featuring ADA-compliant equipment for children ages 5 to 12.
GREEN INITIATIVES

Prescribed Grazing
A team of natural lawnmowers, goats from Vegetation Solutions, travel to the Park District whenever there is a need to remove invasive plant species without the need for chemicals. The goats have previously helped clear invasive species at the Belmont Prairie Buffer and at Patriots Park. The goats are protected by an electrified fence when they are working.

Prescribed Burns
Prescribed burning is a land management tool that maintains the health of prairies and oak woods. Non-native and invasive plants are typically killed by fire, while the desirable native species of plants survive. Native plants, adapted to regular burning, not only survive periodic fires but benefit from them. In addition to controlling non-native and invasive plants, controlled burning reduces dead vegetation build-up, recycles nutrients back to the soil, and promotes the regeneration and germination of native plants and seeds.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program
The Downers Grove Park District hosts two drop-off sites for residents who would like to recycle their Christmas trees between December and January each year. Trees are turned into wood chips, which will be used as mulch within parks and landscaping projects. Locations are:

- Whitlock Park, located at 40th Street and Fairview Avenue, in the parking lot off of Fairview.
- McCollum Park, located at 6801 S. Main Street, in the north parking lot off of 67th Street.

Driving Range Shelter Solar Panels
20 solar panels on the roof of the heated driving range shelter have been installed to generate energy that will offset the cost of the shelter’s LED lights and infrared heaters. The solar panels do not power the lights and heaters directly, but rather they add energy back to the electrical grid, which results in credits that are applied to our electrical usage.
Sponsorship & Advertising

OPPORTUNITIES

Connect With THE COMMUNITY

The Downers Grove Park District is proud to offer community events and recreation programs that promote fun, healthy and active lifestyles to participants of all ages. Our partnerships help to generate more visibility for your brand and provide opportunities to connect with targeted audiences in the community through pre-event promotions and onsite engagement.

ANNUAL PARTICIPATION

- 25,000+ Event Attendees
- 56,500+ Program Participants
- 40,000+ Rounds of Golf
- 150,000+ Fitness Center Visitors

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

- 10,000+ Facebook Followers
- 1,600+ Twitter Fans
- 500,000+ Website Visitors
- 31,000+ Email Subscribers

SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Summer Concert Series
- Golf Tournaments
- Party in the Park
- Dog Daze

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

In addition to event partnerships, the Downers Grove Park District also offers advertising opportunities for local businesses to engage with the community.

- Reach over 7,200 sports-focused visitors at outdoor athletic fields
- Connect with 40,000 golfers at the Belmont Grove Golf Club
- Gain exposure to 150,000+ visitors and families at the Recreation Center
- Advertise to 23,300 households through the seasonal Recreation Guide
YOUR HEALTHY CONNECTION

- 40+ Cardio Machines & Free Weights
- Updated Locker Rooms
- 3-lane Indoor Track
- Free Weights
- Steam Rooms
- Exclusive Member Events
- Reduced Rates on Personal Training, Premier & Group Fitness Classes
- Equipment Orientations

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