



Bensenville
Park District



Access Bensenville



Newsletter for a Community in Motion

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BvilleParks.org
1000 W. Wood St.,
Bensenville, IL 60106

Winter Program Highlights

Register today at the Deer Grove Leisure Center

SWEETHEART BALL

February 12 | 6-9 PM | White Pines Golf Club

WINTER TRACK HUNT

February 19 | 1:30-2:15 PM | Fischer Farm

CLOVER HUNT

March 12 | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | Fischer Farm

E-RECYCLING & DOCUMENT SHRED

March 19 | 8:30-11 AM | Water Park Parking Lot

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Community Resources

Bensenville Park District:

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Fenton Community High School 100:

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Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA):

Nedsra.org
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For more resources, please visit bvilleparks.org/about-us/ada-inclusion





Welcome to the Bensenville Park District's first Access Bensenville community newsletter!

The purpose of the newsletter is to inform all of our residents about the important and relevant topics, issues, and concerns regarding the unique needs of our unique community of diverse abilities.

One way we connect and build lasting relationships with our families is to provide access and awareness of community resources that will help them find the services they need. The newsletter will highlight Bensenville Park District and community agency capital projects, programs and events relating to our diversely-abled population. We'll keep you informed of safety policies and procedures that are relevant to our families, especially as they relate to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Our goal as a district is to incorporate the entire family into everything we do and provide safe, inclusive recreational experiences at all of our parks, playgrounds, facilities, programs and special events.

We want to get to know our residents, so we encourage feedback and direct communication to ADA Coordinator Phyllis Schmidt. Feel free to reach out to offer any suggestions that may assist us in improving the park district.

-Joseph C. Vallez, Executive Director



A Playground for All

Breiter-Palm Park Renovations Focused on Inclusiveness, Sensory Stimulation

The Breiter-Palm Park renovation is nearing completion with a projected opening in spring 2022. The resulting ADA-accessible playground will serve as a gathering place for children of all abilities to enjoy.

The new playground will be a destination location accessible to all families. Its pour-in-place rubber surface is ADA compliant, making it possible for anyone in a wheelchair or mobility device to access playground amenities.

Playgrounds such as the one being installed at Breiter-Palm are essential to providing the opportunity for children to play and practice key developmental skills. In addition to the playground structure itself, the new park will have abundant play components that promote sensory, motor, cognitive, and social-emotional skills, as well as strength. The following equipment, made by Landscape Structures, is being installed: a Rhapsody™ Kettle Drum, Rhapsody™ Vito Metallophone, Rhapsody™ Cascata Bells, a Bobble Rider, Sway Fun Glider, We-Saw, WhirlyQ™ Spinner, and Cozy Dome™ DB.

For information about this project, visit Bvilleparks.org. Learn about the benefits of multisensory play at bit.ly/3daWLBu.



"Putting People First" is more than just our slogan; it is our approach to everything we do!

Established in 1976, Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) improves the quality of life for thousands of children and adults with disabilities each year, by providing them with a variety of recreation and social programs. NEDSRA's impact goes beyond the thousands of people with disabilities we serve. We are a network of communities, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and supporters who have discovered the positive impact they can make in the world around them. NEDSRA programs are offered in partnership with eight park districts, including Bensenville, and three village recreation departments.

New To NEDSRA?

We offer a comprehensive intake process, dedicating time you learn more about you, or your family member with a disability, prior to joining NEDSRA programs. The information shared during the intake process allows NEDSRA staff to recommend appropriate programs and to plan for the needs of the individual. You can expect:

- An in-person intake meeting with NEDSRA staff
- Detailed information regarding program structure
- A chance to ask questions and share concerns
- Explanation of the registration process

Looking for more information? Visit nedsra.org or contact Superintendent Jerry Barton, CTRS, 630-620-4500, ext. 4040, jbarton@nedsra.org.

Inclusion May Be The Answer

NEDSRA and the Bensenville Park District work cooperatively to accommodate the needs of community members enrolled in Park District programs. If you, or a family member, need support please let us know. Inclusion support is provided to enhance an individual's experience and success within a program, and is provided at no cost.

Looking for more information? Contact Colleen Cline, Recreation and Inclusion Coordinator, 630-620-4500, ext. 4038, ccline@nedsra.org.

