

**Village of Libertyville**  
Board of Trustees  
Joint Meeting of the  
**Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**  
118 W. Cook Avenue  
**February 7, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2012 Meeting
2. Sports Organization Presentations
3. Use of Village Property: Dog Days of Summer 2012 Continued
4. Use of Village Property: Animal Education & Rescue Vigil
5. Use of Village Property: Goose is Loose
6. Butler Lake Field Improvements
7. Athletic Republic Lease Agreement
8. Hidden Talent MMA Rental
9. Libertyville Golf Course-Course Trends Website
10. Other Updates/Follow-up
  - A) Lease/Rental Interest in the Miniature Golf Course Update
  - B) Libertyville Golf Course Update and Followup of January Meeting
  - C) Bull Creek Beaver Dams Update
  - D) Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Events Schedule
  - E) Marketing and Publicity
  - F) EAB Grant Update
  - G) Winchester Road Widening/Butler Lake Parking (Verbal Report)
  - H) Other
11. Adjournment

*Any individual who would like to attend this meeting but because of a disability needs some accommodation to participate should contact the ADA Coordinator at 118 West Cook Ave, Libertyville.*

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE**  
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 by Chairman Drew Cullum. Those in attendance included Chairman Drew Cullum, Trustee Todd Gaines and Trustee Rich Moras. Recreation and Sports Complex staff in attendance included Director Connie Kowal, Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow, Recreation Supervisor Gina Brown and Secretary Julie Fanning. Also in attendance included Mayor Terry Weppler and Village Administrator Kevin Bowens.

**1) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee**

Chairman Drew Cullum moved to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2011 meeting, seconded by Trustee Rich Moras. Motion approved.

**2) Use of Village Property: Dog Days of Summer 2012**

The Dog Days of Summer discussion was rescheduled for the February 7, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**3) Miniature Golf Course Lease Proposal Update**

Mr. Ryan Tracy presented a potential lease opportunity for the Village regarding the re-opening of the Miniature Golf Course at the Libertyville Sports Complex. He has requested the lease to begin as soon as possible for an opening in the spring of 2012. Mr. Tracy presented two potential lease options for the Village to consider. Staff will continue to work with Mr. Tracy regarding the possible lease opportunity.

**4) Libertyville Golf Course 2011 Review**

Director Kowal presented his review for the 2011 season of the Libertyville Golf Course. New for the 2011 season was "Appointment Golf", where Director Kowal posted signage to call his phone number for walkups in the fall months. This saved on additional staffing at the Golf Course. Staff created a database of customer contacts to assess the attendance and future promotion of the facility. Landscape Maintenance maintained the of the Libertyville Golf Course for the 2011 season. While there was a learning curve for the Village staff and Landscape Concepts, the overall operation ran efficiently. Improvements for the 2012 season include the promotion of additional leagues to fill the space on the weekday tee time slots, a continuation of the small concession area and the development of the additional special events and possible sponsorships for the Libertyville Golf Course.

**5) Swimming Pool Plan-Policies for 2012**

Superintendent Jim Barlow discussed the Village compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Superintendent Barlow has worked with an Engineer regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act regulations and has submitted the necessary paperwork to the State of Illinois. The Americans with Disabilities Act that requires two entrances be available at Adler Pool and one entrance at Riverside pool for the disabled. Staff is currently in the budget process to potentially work with an Engineer to review the Americans with Disabilities pool compliance.

**Other**

- A) Bull Creek Beaver Dams:** Staff is reviewing the option for the control of the expanding beaver population in Bull Creek. The beavers are continuing to build the dams that block water flow to the surrounding water tributaries.
- B) ComEd Tree Request:** The request was approved for ComEd to remove the trees and vegetation under the power lines from the Crawford Warming House to 931 Lake Street.
- C) SRACLC Update:** The Village of Lincolnshire will continue to be a member agency of SRACLC.
- D) Athletic Republic Lease:** Director Kowal is in the process of reviewing the lease terms with Athletic Republic.
- E) Hidden Talent MMA Rental:** The event is scheduled for the spring/summer, contract terms are being reviewed.
- F) Libertyville Recreation and Events and Publicity:** The department continues to market events and programs.

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Drew Cullum, seconded by Trustee Gaines. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,



Julie F. Fanning, Secretary  
Recreation and Sports Complex Department

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE**  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

**Minutes**

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission met at 6:14 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Village Hall. Those in attendance included Commission members Chair Lisa Matthews, John Fischl, Bruce Semersky, and Donna Thomey. Absent from the meeting included Bob Smith. Recreation and Sports Complex staff in attendance included Director Connie Kowal, Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow and Secretary Julie Fanning.

**1) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Commission Member John Fischl moved to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting, seconded by Donna Thomey.

**2) Programming and Upcoming Events**

Director Kowal noted that the Libertyville Sports Complex Events Center has confirmed the Mundelein High Schools 2012 Graduation. In years past, the graduation was held at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Additionally, the Libertyville Sports hosts various soccer tournaments, senior expos and wedding receptions. Director Kowal noted that the facility continues to cross promote the various areas within the Libertyville Sports Complex.

**3) What if/Other**

Director Kowal explained that Libertyville Sports Complex does have office space available for a possible lease. Additionally, Director Kowal is developing relationships with high profile sports teams such as the Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Cubs and the Northwestern Wildcats to gain additional exposure of the Libertyville Sports Complex Events Center.

Suggestions for upcoming events included the possibility of a Bridal Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie F. Fanning, Secretary  
Recreation and Sports Complex Department  
Village of Libertyville

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Sports Organizations Presentations

Representatives from the Libertyville Little League (President Bill Bennett), Libertyville Youth Baseball (President Phil Kym), Libertyville Girls Softball Association (President Jay Mervis), Libertyville Boys Club Football (John Teichman) and Greater Libertyville Soccer Association (Michael Zovistoski) will be reporting on their 2011 season and the upcoming 2012 season. Some organizations will be presenting fees for the non-residents that participated in their program.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Use of Village Property: Dog Days of Summer 2012 Continued

Bill Kaiser will be present to follow-up of the Dog Days of Summer 2012 event. At the December meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, it was requested to contact St. Joseph School regarding the potential use of Sunrise Rotary Park for the Dog Days of Summer event.

Attached is a revised request for the Dog Days of Summer Event.

Kevin Bowens,  
Village Administrator, Village of Libertyville

February 1, 2012

This letter is an addendum to the November 21, 2011 request.

We respectfully request the use of the following walkways & sidewalks Sat & Sun, July 7 & 8th:  
545 walkway for 545 Restaurant to set-up tables (passage will be clear for walk through traffic)  
Cook Street sidewalk in front Picnic Basket for tables (passage will be clear for walk through traffic)  
Liberty Walk for a possible merchant event (passage will be clear for walk through traffic)

We request the use of Cook Park Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm-10pm.  
Mickey Finns will be a Merchant sponsor and provide a band (possibly the Usual's).

The Cook Park stage will be already set-up with a tent a sound system that will be left from "Lunch in the Park" earlier that day. The opening ceremonies for Dog Days will be over at approximately 7pm at which time most the crowd passes through Cook Park. Our goal would be to have Cook Park act as a "Hub" for the "First Friday" event scheduled by MainStreet. The music would low key, as we are just trying to create a pleasant atmosphere to encourage people to stay and shop during First Friday, not a rock concert.

If successful foot traffic should remain moderate in Cook Park as most people should be visiting the various MainStreet Merchants. I thought of Church Street as an alternate, however the street will not be closed during the day and cars will still be parked, and the set-up would be a major undertaking.

I do feel we will have an orderly crowd that will not cause any damage, however if any damage occurs to any Libertyville property during Dog Days, I will be full responsible for any repairs. And as with Rotary Park if there is inclement weather and the possibility of mud those events will be canceled.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

William Kaiser  
Pampered Pup'z

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Use of Village Property: Animal Education & Rescue Vigil

Attached is a request from the Executive Director Sandy Kamen Wisniewski of the Animal Education and Rescue (AEAR). AEAR is requesting the use of Cook Park on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 5:30-8:30pm (setup starting 4:00pm) to conduct a Candlelight Memorial Vigil in honor of the Prevention of Animal Cruelty month. A similar event was held in Cook Park two years ago. AEAR has requested the following for the event.

- 1) Tie orange ribbons to the Cook Park Trees from Saturday, April 14 through Monday, April 30.
- 2) Resurrect two tents the day of the event, to be removed at the conclusion of the event.
- 3) Use of the electricity and sound systems in Cook Park.

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Committee make a recommendation to the Village Board to approve the use of Cook Park on Saturday, April 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the Animal Education and Rescue Candlelight Vigil.



P.O. Box 7343 Libertyville, IL. 60048 phone:847-816-0831 fax: 847-816-4746  
Web site: [animaleducationandrescue.org](http://animaleducationandrescue.org)

January 30, 2012

Dear Village of Libertyville,  
Animal Education and Rescue is requesting the use of Cook Park on Saturday April 14, 2012 from 5:30-8:30pm (setup starting 4:00pm) to conduct a Candlelight Memorial Vigil in honor of Prevention of Animal Cruelty month.

It will be primarily the same event as we did in Cook Park two years ago. We would have tents up to display our Animal Abuse and Neglect information and have a memorial service.

We would need to use the electricity in the park as well as the sound system. We are also requesting the ability to put orange ribbons around all the trees in the park until the end of the month at which time we would collect and clean them up. Orange is the color that symbolizes Prevention of Animal Cruelty month.

Thank you for your time and we appreciate your consideration.

Sandy Kamen Wisniewski  
AEAR Executive Director

## Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Use of Village Property: Goose is Loose

Attached is a request from Mr. Bob Zamor, Chairman of the Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club requesting the use of Cook Park and the closure of Church Street (from Milwaukee Avenue to Brainard) for the annual Goose is Loose Festival on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Sunrise Rotary Club is also requesting the following items below.

- 1) Close a portion of Church Street on Friday, July 27 and Sunday, July 29 for setup and takedown of the event. Most of the takedown will take place on Saturday, July 28 at the conclusion of the event with the exception of the tent removal on Sunday, July 29.
- 2) Approval of a Village Liquor License for the event.
- 3) The Parks Division to provide snow fencing for the event.
- 4) The Public Works Department to provide barricades for the event.
- 5) The Police Departments approval for barricade setup and safe street closure.
- 6) The Fire Department to provide a fire hose, nozzle and hydrant wrench to fill the tent anchor barrels and to wash down the food and beverage areas after the event.

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Committee make a recommendation to the Village Board to approve the use of Cook Park and the closure of Church Street from Milwaukee Avenue to Brainard on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with a partial closure of Church Street on Friday, July 27 and Sunday, July 29 for setup and takedown of the event.

**Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club**  
*"Service Above Self"*

February 1, 2012

Kevin J. Bowens  
Village Administrator  
Village of Libertyville  
118 W. Cook Street  
Libertyville, IL 60048

RE: 2012 Libertyville Sunrise Rotary "Goose Is Loose" Fundraising Event

Dear Kevin,

As Chairman of the Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Fundraising Committee, I am requesting the use of Village property for our fundraising event this summer.

As you may recall, the "Goose is Loose" fundraiser was moved to downtown Libertyville last year and was a resounding success. Attendance significantly improved over our previous venue, club proceeds for charitable giving increased, and we believe that a good time was had by all. We are coming to the Village to seek permission to repeat this fundraiser in July 2012.

Our request follows the parameters established last year:

- 1.) With your approval, we would like to schedule the event for Saturday, July 28, 2012
- 2.) We would like to hold the event on Church Street from Milwaukee Avenue westward, up to, and including the alley abutting St. Lawrence Church. As an addition to last year's event we would like to discuss with you the cordoning off of a small portion of Cook Park along the sidewalk adjoining Church Street.
- 3.) We would need to close this portion of Church Street from Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (for set-up) through Sunday morning. We would also need Public Works to drop off barricades to affect this closure, while Rotarians would be responsible for their set-up and take down in accordance with Village requirements.
- 4.) The bulk of the set-up will occur on Saturday, and we will have personnel available at the Village's convenience for any inspections that you require.
- 5.) The event will begin around 5:00 pm and end around 10:30 pm and will consist of a street dance format with live music, food, beer and soft drinks, and our Goose Drop Raffle.

6.) Access to the event will be controlled and limited to ticketed guests only, although tickets will be available at the event.

7.) The event will be broken down on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of the tent, which will be removed early Sunday morning.

The Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club will act as the coordinator for all functions associated with this event, and we will be responsible for:

1.) The tent, tables, chairs, garbage cans and dumpsters, electric power (via generator), food & drink vendors, and overall control of the event.

2.) Providing a certificate of insurance showing the Village, and others as required, as additional insured.

3.) Applying for a Village liquor license for this event.

4.) Notifying all of the nearby neighbors, especially the Episcopal Church, local merchants and professional offices.

5.) Advising the Village of all upcoming event planning meetings and opening these meetings to any and all community members.

6.) Attending any meetings required by the Village Board and/or Committees, the Village Administration and Departments, and to comply with all local permits and requirements.

We would ask for assistance from the Village Departments of Parks, Police, Fire, and, Public Works for the following:

1.) We request that the Parks Department provide snow fencing deemed necessary to delineate the borders of the event.

2.) We request that the Police Department approve the barricade set up for safe & effective street closure. Also we request a police presence and patrol during the event.

3.) We request that the Public Works Department provide the barricades necessary for street closure, coordinate the set up of the snow fencing, provide street cleaning services before and after the event.

4.) We request that the Fire Department provide a fire hose, nozzle and hydrant wrench to be used to fill tent anchor barrels and to wash down the food and beverage areas after the event.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to discuss this event with you at the upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. We are most appreciative of the past considerations afforded to us by the Village, and we are confident that with your continued support, the members of the Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club will be able to further serve the nearly two dozen local charities that we support.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

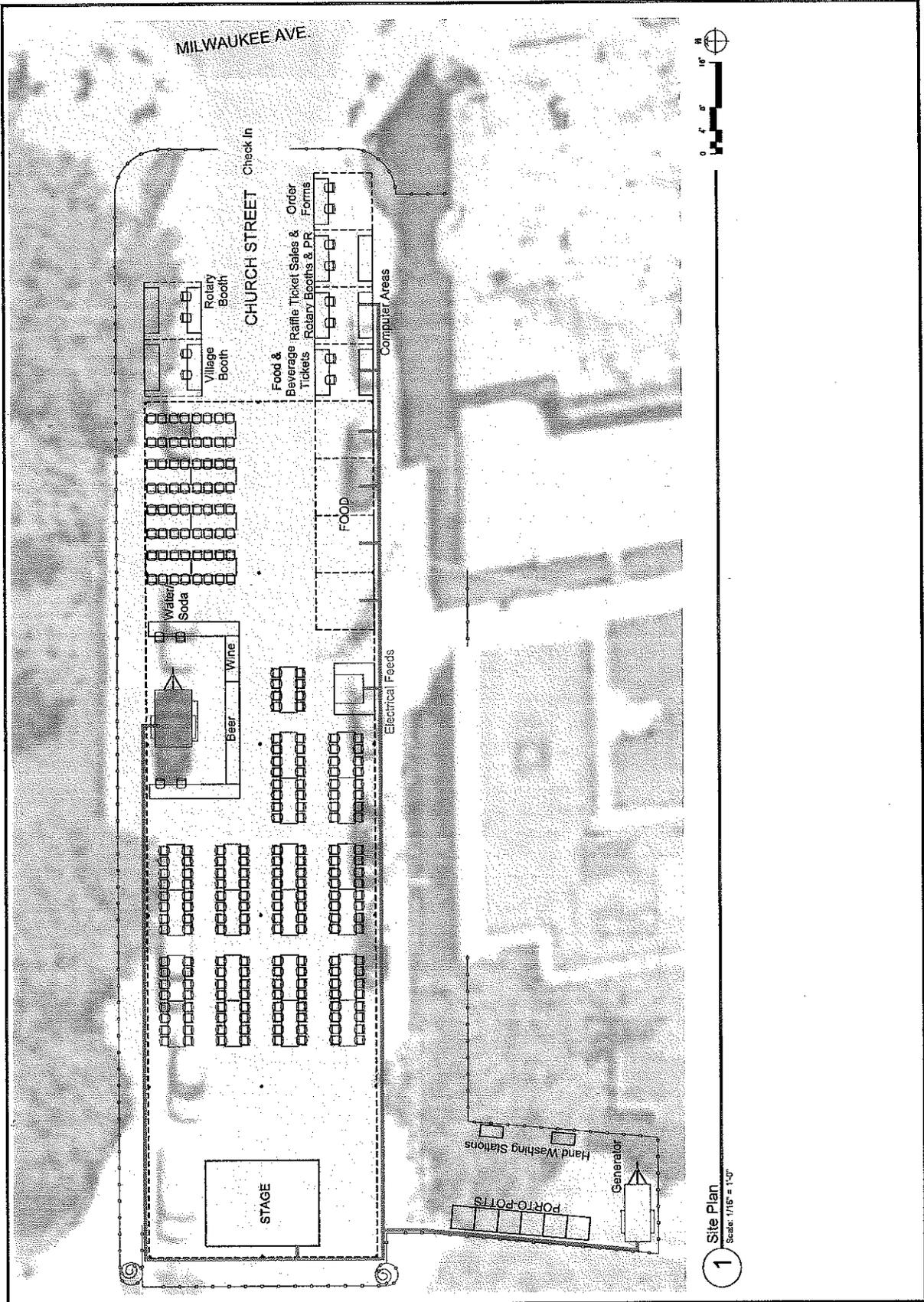
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Zamor', written in a cursive style.

Bob Zamor  
Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club  
847-894-7576 (cell)  
847-367-0511 (home)  
Email: [bzamor@aol.com](mailto:bzamor@aol.com)

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Libertyville Sunrise Rotary  
 Club  
 Annual Goose Dropping  
 Event  
 Church Street, Libertyville



**1** Site Plan  
 Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0"

## Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Butler Lake Field Improvements

Libertyville Little League President Bill Bennett has submitted a request for the Butler Lake AAA Field. Mr. Bennett will be present to discuss his request. Below are the following issues with the current field.

- 1) The backstop is too close to home plate and foul territory around the infield is too close which affects safety, play, and fan viewing.
- 2) The location of the surrounding fields, coupled with the at-grade fenced-in team bench area, make fan viewing less than desirable.
- 3) The base path and pitching mound dimensions limit the level of play.
- 4) There is no announcing system.

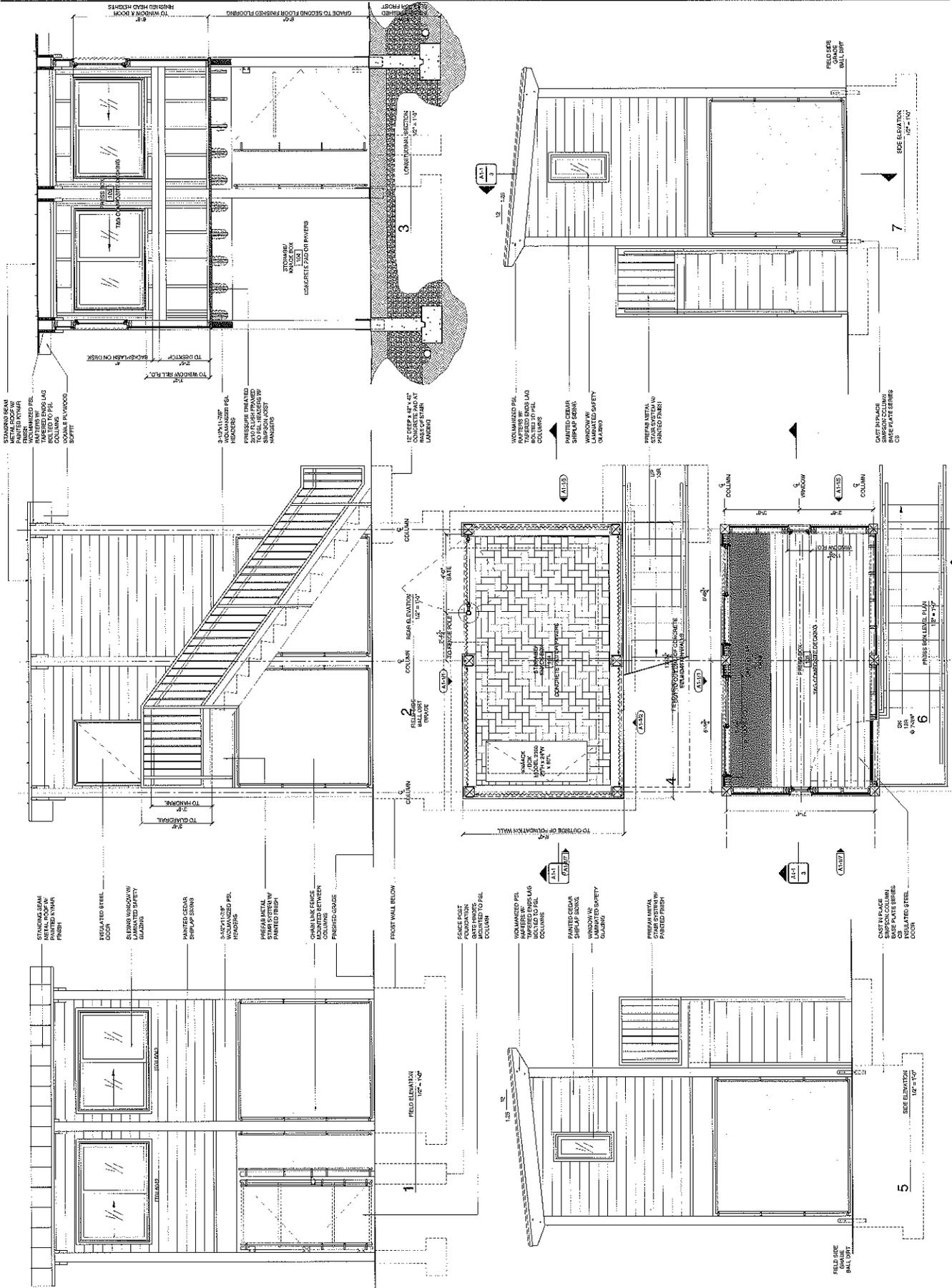
The Libertyville Little League Board has authorized Mr. Bennett to develop plans for addressing these items, and attached are the results of some discussions, planning sessions, etc. amongst the facilities directorship, architect, and a few key Board members in the construction industry.

The Libertyville Little League Board has allocated funds to complete these improvements from their operating budget facilities fees, cash reserves, and possible leverage of debt.

The attached shows a revised backstop location, partially below-grade "Dugouts", revisions to the fan seating area, revisions to the base path dimensions, and addition of an elevated scoring booth for the location of the scoreboard controller and new sound system with storage for field maintenance items below.







STAINLESS STEEL METAL JOIST ANCHORS  
 VOLCANIZED PIR PAINTED KYNAR  
 TRAP DOOR LAG TAPERED BRASS LAG  
 COLLARS  
 DOUBLE PLYWOOD SHEATH

3" X 1/2" ZIP VOLCANIZED PIR  
 HEADERS  
 PRESSURE TREATED TO P.S. HEADERS W/ UNLIMITED SAFETY GLASSING

12" DEEP 4" X 4" CONCRETE TIE-IN SYSTEM AT BASE OF STAINLESS STEEL LANDING

VOLCANIZED PIR PAINTED KYNAR LAG BOLTED TO PIR COLLARS  
 PAINTED CEDAR SHEATHING UNLIMITED SAFETY GLASSING

PREFAB METAL SIMON COLUMN PAINTED FINISH

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CONCRETE JOIST METAL JOIST ANCHORS  
 PAINTED KYNAR PAINT

INSULATED STEEL DOOR  
 BRASS HINGERS UNLIMITED SAFETY GLASSING

PAINTED CEDAR DISPLAY SIGN  
 VOLCANIZED PIR HEADERS

PREFAB METAL STEEL SYSTEM W/ UNLIMITED SAFETY GLASSING  
 FINISH BRASS MOUNTED BETWEEN COLUMNS  
 PRESSURE TREATED

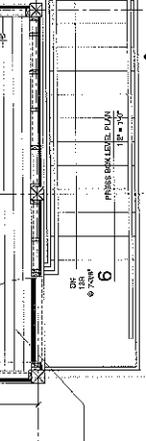
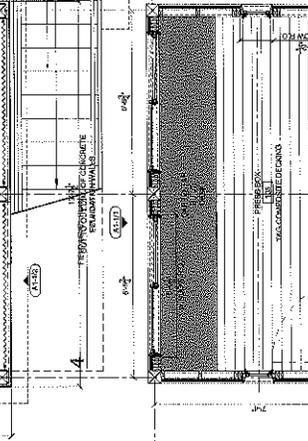
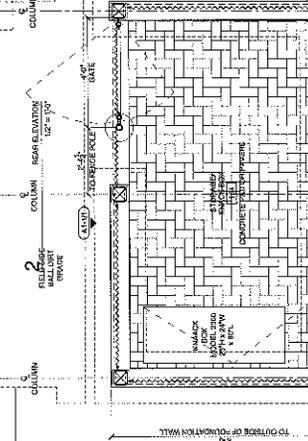
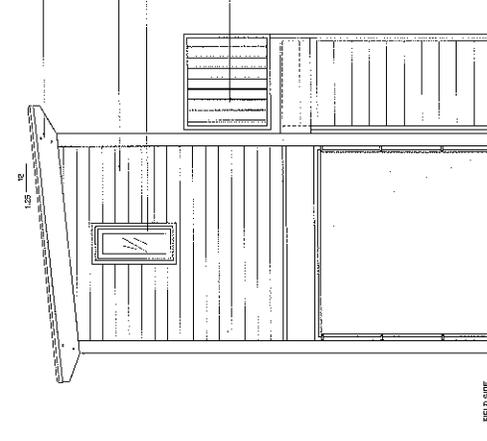
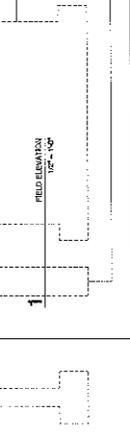
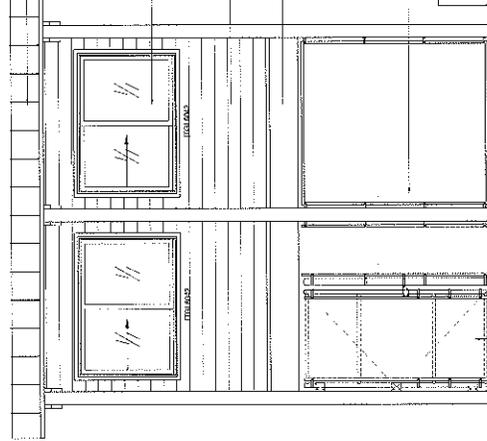
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## Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Athletic Republic Lease Agreement

Attached is the Lease Agreement for Athletic Republic for Years 4 and 5 of the five year lease term attached. Mr. Palmen has requested amended terms for Years 4 and 5 of his five year lease. Staff met with Mr. Palmen on January 27 the review his request. Below are the amended lease terms for Years 4 and 5 of his five year lease.

- 1) Amend the last two (2) years of the lease payments (Years 4 and 5) of the existing lease.
- 2) Specifically, a 1% increase in Year 4 (from current Year 3 negotiated lease payments) and a 1% increase in Year 5 from the negotiated Year 4 lease payment (see below).
- 3) Tenant waives his six (6) month termination notice.

**From point 2 above**

	<u>Original Lease</u>	<u>Renegotiated Lease</u>	<u>Village (+/-)</u>	<u>Athletic Republic (+/-)</u>
<b>Yr 3</b>	\$46,896	\$35,172 (\$2,931/mo)	-\$11,724	+\$11,724
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<b>Yr 5</b>	\$73,275	\$35,878 (\$2,990/mo) 1% increase is \$30/mo And \$355/year	-\$37,397	+\$37,397
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>-\$72,942</b>	<b>+\$72,942</b>

Staff is recommending that the Parks and Recreation Committee make a recommendation to the Village Board approving Years 4 and 5 of Athletic Republic five year lease.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Palmen, Athletic Republic  
 FROM: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex  
 DATE: February 1, 2012  
 RE: Athletic Republic Amended Lease Terms for Years 4 and 5

Thank you for your continued lease at the Libertyville Sports Complex. Per our meeting on January 27, I have summarized the amended lease terms that we agreed to for Years 4 and 5 of your current five (5) year lease.

- 1) Amend the last two (2) years of the lease payments (Years 4 and 5) of the existing lease.
- 2) Specifically, a 1% increase in Year 4 (from current Year 3 negotiated lease payments) and a 1% increase in Year 5 from the negotiated Year 4 lease payment (see below).
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Please sign if this is your understanding.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Jon Palmen, Athletic Republic Owner) have agreed to the amended terms for Years 4 and 5 of my five year lease. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Conrad "Connie" Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex) have agreed to the amended terms for Years 4 and 5 of the five year lease with the Tenant. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When signed, this Amended Lease term for Years 4 and 5 will be reviewed at the February 7 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Once approved at the Committee level, the amended terms will be submitted in an Agenda Supplement, with a contractual document, signed by the tenant, for



the review and approval from the Village Board at their February 14 or February 28 meeting, allowing the new lease terms to be in effect for the Year 4, March 1, 2012 start date.

Note: If needed the Tenant will be notified if Village Board members wish to review tenant financials when considering the reduced lease payments.

**Parks & Recreation Department**

625 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, Illinois 60048 (847) 918-7275 (847) 362-0815 fax  
[www.libertyville.com](http://www.libertyville.com)

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Hidden Talent MMA Rental

An initial agreement was sent to Darrell Romanos to secure Saturday, July 7, 2012 for an MMA Event promoted by Hidden Talent MMA. The original date of June 16, 2012 was changed due to other large community events that night. Staff has met with the Police and Fire Department to review event logistics and to review costs associated with the event.

Terms for the first event is a \$3,000 rental fee plus reimbursement for the cost for the Police and Fire staff. The Village will receive the monies generated from the food and beverage sales. Staff is seeking vendors to provide beverage sales for the event.

Staff is recommending that the Parks and Recreation Committee make a recommendation to the Village Board to approve the Saturday, July 7, 2012 MMA event.

## Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Libertyville Golf Course-Course Trends Website

To add some marketing to the efforts of the Libertyville Golf Course, discussions have taken place the past several months with a website marketing company, Course Trends, which specializes in golf course marketing and website development.

This service would be at no cost to the Village, but instead, allowing Course Trends to sell on-line a limited number of our tee-times through their listing of various tee-times that they have from other courses as well. Course Trends would develop a website specific to our Libertyville Golf Course, similar to their other clients which include Lake Bluff Golf Course, Village Green & Heather Ridge (2 of the 11 Golf Visions managed properties) among others.

Discussions also involved Village Assistant Administrator Kelly Amidei, to understand the function of Course Trends and coordinate their function to the current and improved Village website. In simple terms, a link would be added and this link would enable our visitors passage to "our" Libertyville Golf Course web pages.

Course Trends would work directly with me as to content and changeable information to keep our Golf Course information current. This will be an added marketing tool in our overall marketing efforts at the Libertyville Golf Course for 2012. No cost, manageable efforts in overall time management. And make our Golf Course have some modern marketing like other golf courses.

Services provided include database gathering, customer and golfer friendly communication of information, specials, special events, etc., and the ABC's in golf course promotion.

This business relationship would be for the 2012 golf season only. Status of our golf course, success of the Course Trends, etc. would be factored in for any future endeavors.

# The #1 Provider of Online Golf Marketing Solutions

**CourseTrends**  
 9111 Jollyville Rd., Ste.108 – Austin, TX 78759  
 Phone 512.236.0060 – Fax 512.236.0602

WEBSITE	EXPRESS	CORE	ULTIMATE
DESIGN: professional design tailored to your course.	✓	✓	✓
MANAGEMENT: hosting, monitoring, securing and maintaining all hardware and software.	✓	✓	✓
EDITING: easily edit the content on your website without any technical skills.	✓	✓	✓
INTEGRATION: integrate your website with most POS systems and social networking sites including Facebook and Twitter.	✓	✓	✓
SALES LEAD GENERATION: proven approaches to generating sales leads using your website including auto-responders.	✓	✓	✓
DATA COLLECTION: multiple data collection methods to capture and profile your customers.	✓	✓	✓
ECLUBS: special web access for your loyal customers to access online specials & promotions.	✓	✓	✓
CUSTOM SURVEYS: create unlimited custom surveys.		✓	✓
REDESIGN: website redesign every 24 months.		✓	✓
SEARCH: we handle the complex task of search engine optimization to make sure your website shows up at the top of Google, Yahoo and other search engines.		✓	✓
MEMBERS ONLY MODULE: secure area of website for special communication with members.		✓	✓
<b>EMAIL MARKETING</b>			
DESIGN: Design professional emails that get results using our template library or by creating your own design.	✓	✓	✓
DELIVER: Schedule and send unlimited email blasts with confidence that your customers will receive your email.	✓	✓	✓
DATA INTEGRITY: Keep your data clean by automatically removing duplicate contacts and identifying inaccurate email addresses through bounce management.	✓	✓	✓
SEGMENTATION: Segment the golfers in your database using unlimited data segmentation & list building	✓	✓	✓
<b>MARKETING LIBRARY</b>			
52-WEEK INTEGRATED MARKETING PLAN: a turnkey marketing plan that delivers special promotions and communications each week. Turn it on and let it go.	✓	✓	✓
EMAIL TEMPLATES: create your own email templates or choose from 600+ email templates for every communication need - newsletters, promotions, professionally written sales letters.	✓	✓	✓
IMAGE LIBRARY: gain immediate access to hundreds of golf-related images to use on your website and in emails.	✓	✓	✓
REPORTING & ANALYSIS: generate custom reports to gain insight into your marketing programs, customer profiles and behaviors, ROI on marketing investments, etc.	✓	✓	✓
TRAINING MATERIALS: full access to our videos, articles and webinars containing best practices for golf marketing.	✓	✓	✓
CRM MODULE: log calls and capture a complete history of communication with prospects and members.	✓	✓	✓
PRE-BUILT CAMPAIGNS: 200+ ready-to-use web promotions for pro shop items, events, tournaments, membership drives, birthday clubs, certificates.	✓	✓	✓
ONLINE TRACKING: custom URLs to track print and online advertising.		✓	✓
FACILITY AIDS: facility data capture aids for drawings, raffles, guest sign-in sheets and cart fliers.		✓	✓
BILLING MODULE: present invoices and member statements online with integration to major POS vendors		✓	✓
<b>SERVICE &amp; SUPPORT</b>			
TRAINING: unlimited one-on-one training and unlimited access to CourseTrends training videos.	✓	✓	✓
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Libertyville Golf Course  
 Attn: Connie Kowal  
 870 Country Club Drive  
 Libertyville, IL 60048  
 847-362-5733  
 www.libertyville.com  
 ckowal@libertyville.com

**Services Terms:**

- \$1,500 Activation Fee (waived)
- 12 Month Contract

<b>Service Plans</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>Step 1: Service Plan</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The CourseTrends Core Golf Marketing Solution with Website	\$495
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\_\_\_ Food and Beverage

\_\_\_ Other (please provide)

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- **Title:**
  
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- **Phone #s:**
  
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### **Step 3: Provide website domain name**

Web Site Domain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [existing or new]

### **Step 4: Select your website design**

Visit <http://coursetrends.com/design>

Select Your Design: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Step 5: Mail or email the above items to**

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**Reviews** – we will ensure you're 100% pleased with your website before it's published and will conduct as many reviews with you as are necessary.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: February 2, 2012

Subject: Other Updates/Follow-up

A) Lease/Rental Interest in the Miniature Golf Course Update

We are finalizing costs as the building and its repairs. We are meeting internally to review lease term issues.

B) Libertyville Golf Course Update and Followup of January Meeting

See attached financial information.

C) Bull Creek Beaver Dams

Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow will present updated information/costs for trapping at the March meeting. There is no dam building activity at this time. (Winter) Culling beaver is illegal.

D) Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Events Schedule

Attached is the schedule of events for December and January for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department.

E) Marketing and Publicity

Attached are various articles and pictures regarding the marketing of the Recreation and Sports Complex Department.

F) EAB Update

EAB Grant has been applied for, we will find out the outcome February 24<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Barlow will present additional information at the March meeting. The EAB Grant amount is a \$10,000 maximum amount.

G) Winchester Road Widening/ Butler Lake Parking-Verbal Report

H) Other

# VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION - LIBERTYVILLE GOLF COURSE 01-07-04

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		ACTUAL	YTD								
S	701 SALARIES - ADMINISTRATION	29,067	34,169	13,302	1,608	1,339	9,550	3,069	0	0	
S	702 SALARIES - PRO SHOP	24,315	25,009	18,126	22,492	21,042	14,113	15,975	15,469	19,420	11760
S	703 SALARIES - MAINTENANCE	109,955	72,343	76,189	63,174	67,126	71,574	70,820	62,206	58,063	5380
S	704 SALARIES - GOLF SPECIAL EVENTS	0	0	0							
O	706 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	1,591	1,204	990	652	361	1,105	33	357	45	34
O	708 ELECTRICITY	3,348	3,462	2,141		104					
O	709 NORTH SHORE GAS	942	0	0	5						
O	710 TELEPHONE	3,074	2,285	2,596	2,869	2,304	2,106	2,334	1,507		
O	712 MAINTENANCE BUILDING	2,468	2,395	985	1,138	531	888	3,200	715	0	176
O	713 MAINTENANCE GROUNDS	12,990	12,847	16,263	10,816	10,820	12,245	12,509	13,152	8,213	79670
O	714 MAINTENANCE MOTOR VEHICLE FEES				300	1,535	2,600	2,600	3,825	1,450	
O	715 MAINTENANCE OTHER EQUIPMENT	14,779	22,454	8,269	4,164	3,035	8,590	5,062	4,560	4,420	53
O	720 INSURANCE	5,859	0	0							290
O	721 IMRA	10,000	7,985	9,100	11,421	13,861	13,210	15,446	17,120	17,667	18065
O	724 PUBLICITY	1,593	1,367	2,866	4,112	3,103					
O	726 TRAVEL, TRAINING, SUBSCRIPTIONS	615	1,405	1,004	810	830	430	320			
O	733 GOLF COURSE SUPPLIES	767	963	1,289	372	526	450	1,200	507	636	220
O	734 SPECIAL EVENTS	3,990	7,942	3,192	2,661	501	318	219	49		
O	735 PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE (FOR SALE)	784	1,075	202	0	95					
O	747 UNEMPLOYMENT			4,711	3,595	5,469	5,279	4,841	1,068		
O	752 UNIFORM	0	604	40	0	81	110				
C	790 CAPITAL OUTLAYS	15,900	0	6,648	4,525						
O	791 TRANSFER VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,750	5,000	
O	793 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION-IMRF		6,172	5,550	4,196	4,986	5,441	5,680	5,542	6,339	4590
O	794 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION-FICA		9,949	8,142	6,706	6,754	6,695	6,752	5,816	5,778	3440
O	799 MISCELLANEOUS	2,054	212	295	133	88	56	44	71	19	41
<b>TOTAL RIVERSIDE PARK GOLF EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$264,091</b>	<b>\$233,841</b>	<b>\$201,900</b>	<b>\$165,749</b>	<b>\$149,491</b>	<b>\$159,760</b>	<b>\$155,104</b>	<b>\$135,734</b>	<b>\$127,072</b>	<b>\$123,719</b>
SALARIES		163,337	131,521	107,617	87,274	89,507	95,237	89,864	77,675	77,483	17140
BENEFITS		5,859	16,121	13,692	10,902	11,740	12,136	12,432	12,446	12,117	8320
OPERATING		78,995	86,198	73,943	63,048	48,244	52,387	52,808	45,613	37,472	\$98,259
TRANSFER			0	0	0	0	0	0			
CAPITAL		15,900	0	6,648	4,525						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$264,091</b>	<b>\$233,841</b>	<b>\$201,900</b>	<b>\$165,749</b>	<b>\$149,491</b>	<b>\$159,760</b>	<b>\$155,104</b>	<b>\$135,734</b>	<b>\$127,072</b>	<b>\$123,719</b>
649 PRO SHOP RENTALS		6,642	6,186	3,477	3,836	3,548	5,041	2,126	1,382	1,272	1,564
650 GOLF SPECIAL EVENTS		0	0	0							
652 GREENS FEES		113,147	129,672	92,696	95,017	83,827	64,390	57,856	41,724	43,801	40,925
680 PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE		7,768	1,447	1,338	2,178	1,447	912	1,247	517	290	295
<b>TOTAL GOLF FEES</b>		<b>\$127,557</b>	<b>\$137,305</b>	<b>\$97,513</b>	<b>\$101,031</b>	<b>\$88,822</b>	<b>\$70,343</b>	<b>\$61,229</b>	<b>\$43,623</b>	<b>\$45,363</b>	<b>\$42,784</b>
over/under		(\$136,534)	(\$96,536)	(\$104,387)	(\$64,718)	(\$60,669)	(\$89,417)	(\$93,874)	(\$92,111)	(\$81,709)	(\$80,935)

## Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Department Events

### **Senior Center Events**

Feb 3 - Bingo  
Feb 8 - Library Program  
Feb 10-Bob Levi Program  
Feb 13 - Birthday Bash and Valentine's Day  
Feb 14 - Legal Advice  
Feb 21 - Mardi Gras Bingo and Lunch  
Feb 21 - Community Care Connection Mobile Unit  
Feb 21 - Foot Clinic  
Feb 29 - Marriott Theatre Trip

### **Recreation Events**

Feb 6 - information for Dance Recital distributed to all Dance families  
Feb 10 - Daddy Daughter Dance

### **Adler Lodge Rentals**

March 8 & 9 - AARP Class  
March 12 - Birthday Bash  
March 13 - Legal Advice  
March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Party

### **Libertyville Sports Complex**

Feb 3- Pack 91 scout outing  
Feb 4- Youth Basketball Tournament, Double Dribblers (k-2<sup>nd</sup>) bb games begin, Adler Family School PTO night  
Feb 5- Intelligroup – Company outing (Cricket event)  
Feb 9-GLSA Coaches clinic  
Feb 11/12-Basketball Tournament/Hoops for the game  
Feb 11- Private event – Birthday Party (13 yrs old), DJ and Courts  
Feb 12- Adult Volleyball Tournament (one court)  
Feb 15- Lake County Division of Transportation - APWA Meeting  
Feb 17- Grant Township feeder basketball games  
Feb 18- Basketball Tournament  
Mitzvah – Lake Zurich Family  
Feb 18/19- GLSA referees clinic/coaches clinic  
Feb 19- Junior Wildcats Basketball Tournament  
Feb 19- IFN – Youth group activities  
Feb 19- Kessel AAU Tryouts  
Feb 20- Day off of school activities  
Feb 25- Referees clinic - IYSA  
Feb 25 - Deerfield Cub scout pack – blue/gold annual dinner  
Feb 26 - Adult Vb Tournament 2 courts  
Feb 26 - Kessel AAU Tryouts

Chicago Cubs second baseman Darwin Barney gives fielding tips to youngsters.

# A home run

## Little leaguers get tips from major leaguers as Cubs Caravan stops in Libertyville

Libertyville Sports Complex submission

The Libertyville Sports Complex recently was a host site for the 2012 Chicago Cubs Caravan.

Cubs players and coaches used the indoor batting cages and fields to instruct young baseball players in hitting, fielding and pitching, as well as a talking baseball session with new manager Dale Sveum.

Along with Sveum, the Cubs contingent included starting second baseman Darwin Barney, starting pitcher Randy Wells, hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo, bullpen coach Lester Storde, pitchers James Russell and Jeff Beiveau and former Cubs star and current WGN Radio broadcaster Keith Moreland.

"The Libertyville Sports Complex, Chicago Cubs and the Libertyville Little League all earned 'W' flags for this special event for kids," said Conrad "Connie" Kowal, director of the sports complex.

"Little leaguers learning baseball from the big leaguers, in our batting cages and on our fields, was a great sight to see. The youngsters

from the Libertyville Little League were thrilled. Mother Nature tried to throw us a curve ball, but we knocked it out of the park as everyone had fun."

A former executive with the Cubs for 15 years, Kowal contacted the club in November to inquire about the Caravan schedule. There was a potential opening, so team executives visited the sports complex in late December and agreed the venue would work.

The village and Cubs agreed to make it more of an interactive event geared toward kids. Admissions were limited to allow for four rotating stations for hitting, fielding, pitching and talking with Sveum. Kowal contacted the Libertyville Little League, which promoted it within the organization to encourage registration for the upcoming season.

"It was really fun getting to pitch to Randy Wells of the Cubs," said Billy Bennett, a 12-year-old in the Libertyville Little League majors division. "It's cool to see Major League players in our hometown, and it gets me pumped up to play baseball."



Cubs starting pitcher Randy Wells signs an autograph.

# Ribfest in Lake Villa needs contestar

By LEE FILAS  
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Teams are being sought to join up and take part in the annual Lake Villa Township Winter Ribfest at Caboose Park. The fourth annual event, scheduled for

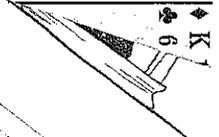
to the event is a nonperishable food item for the food pantry.

In addition to the best rib contest, people are asked to take part in the township's first rib-eating contest.

Those with a large appetite are urged to join the contest to see who can put down the most ribs in three minutes.

years of age or older to part valid ID must be brought to the site.

Only 10 contestants the rib-eating contest on a first-come, first-served basis. Contestants must be 18 years of age or older to part valid ID must be brought to the site.





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## Cubs visit kids

**Above, second baseman Darwin Barney talks to youngsters during a stop by the Chicago Cubs caravan Thursday at the Libertyville Sports Complex.**

**At right, new Cubs manager Dale Sveum signs an autograph.**



LIBERTYVILLE

# Youngsters play ball with Cubs during Caravan

BY JOHN ROSZKOWSKI  
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It's not every day kids from the Libertyville Little League get to play ball with the Chicago Cubs.

But about 70 children from the youth baseball organization got that opportunity during a visit by the Cubs Caravan to the Libertyville Sports Complex on Thursday afternoon.

Children practiced their baseball skills with the likes of Cubs second baseman Darwin Barney and pitchers Randy Wells and James Russell; received hitting instruction from Cubs hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo and Cubs legend and WGN radio broadcaster Keith Moreland; and even got some managing tips from new Cubs Manager Dale Sveum.

"This is incredibly great

stuff, little kids getting instruction from the big Leaguers," said Connie Kowal, director of recreation and the sports complex for Libertyville.

"This is awesome," said Bill Bennett, president of Libertyville Little League. "Having the kids be able to work with guys like Randy Wells and Darwin Barney. This is hopefully going to spark their interest in baseball for years to come."

Kowal — who at one time worked for the Cubs organization — contacted the Cubs back in November after learning the Cubs Caravan might be in the area in January. He said officials from the Cubs organization visited the sports complex in December and agreed to include it on the list of stops.

Kowal said the Cubs organization wanted to keep

the event relatively small so he contacted the Libertyville Little League about doing a youth baseball clinic for kids in the league. In total, about 70 kids and 30 parents attended the event.

"The Cubs say they wanted to have an intimate crowd," he said. "How often do you get a chance to be this close to a major league player and coach? It was a match made in heaven and the kids and the parents will have memories to last a lifetime."

Barney, who gave the children fielding tips, was one of the fan favorites.

"You teach the kids a little, but I think for the most part it's more of a time to hang out with the kids and have some fun," he said.

Wells said that this is the first time he's been involved in a Cubs pitching clinic for

kids outside of Wrigley Field.

"It's always good to be with the kids," said Wells, who was busy signing autographs in between pitching lessons. "They always enjoy it."

Parents and children who participated in the Cubs Caravan event seemed to have a great time.

Sheri Brne of Libertyville attended the event with her two sons, Tyler, 9, and Brett, 6. "It was great," she said. "The players were awesome, very nice to the kids."

Tyler Brne said the event was a lot of fun and he particularly liked the pitching station.

"I liked getting the autographs and it was fun with the raffles," added his brother Brett. "I also liked the pitching."

While the event was designed for children in the Little League program, it



**Caleb Thompson, 11, makes a catch from Darwin Barney, second baseman for the Cubs, at the Libertyville Sports Complex. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA**

attracted a few older fans as well.

Dorothy Potts, 87, of Libertyville attended the Cubs Caravan event with her daughter Karen Meserve, who works as fitness supervisor at the sports complex.

Potts, who has been a Cubs fan for more than 60 years, got her hat and two

baseballs autographed by Cubs players and also got an issue of the Cubs Vine Line signed by Barney.

"It was great," she said. "I got my picture taken and got some autographs from the players. It was just nice being able to speak with players and spend some time with them."



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Infielder Darwin Barney, shares his personal experience on playing in the Big Leagues. He says that the "ready" stance is like sitting in a chair.

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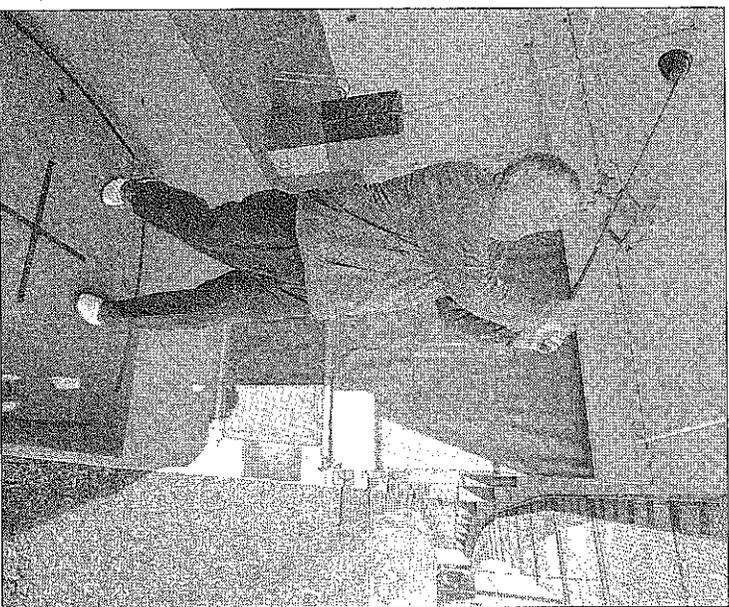
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## Fore! Intrepid reporter enjoys January golf



Golfers like Libertyville Review reporter John Roszkowski take a swing at January golf at the Libertyville Sports Complex. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

BY JOHN ROSZKOWSKI  
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Hitting golf balls in January in northern Illinois is a golfer's dream.

I got that opportunity for the first time on a sunny, spring-like day last Saturday at the Libertyville Sports Complex's driving range.

Like most golfers, I typically put my clubs away in the garage for the season in early October and don't pick them up again until mid-April (unless I can get away for a week during the winter for a vacation to visit my dad in Florida).

But after Connie Kowal, director of recreation and the sports complex in Libertyville, told me about how the driving range at the sports complex is open year-round, I thought it would be neat to see what it's like to hit golf balls in Lake County in the middle of winter.

I never imagined the day I chose to come out would

turn out to be so beautiful. Temperatures were in the mid-40s with sunny skies and little wind. Plenty of other golfers were at the range hitting balls.

"Rain or sleet, sunshine or snow, our driving range is open every day for business," said Kowal. "We're the only full-flight driving range open during the wintertime in Lake County. Last year, when we had the big blizzard (in February), we were open for business two days after the blizzard. We had 30 guys hitting balls two days after the blizzard."

One of the reasons the driving range can stay open during adverse weather is because it has 40 tee stations that are partially enclosed and heated in addition to its 35 outdoor tees. This makes hitting balls bearable for golfers during the cold winter months.

### Lots of swings

Libertyville resident and

golf enthusiast Ryan Gimmscheid came out to hit balls at the driving range on all but a few days during December. He estimates he hit between 5,000 to 6,000 balls then.

"It's great to be able to practice, especially during the offseason," he said.

The day I was out there nearly all of the heated tee stations were being used by golfers, which I'm sure had something to do with the mild weather conditions. However, many golfers enjoy coming out and hitting balls even where there's several inches of snow.

"I've been out here when there's snow on the ground," said Harry Crawford of Libertyville. "It's no problem at all. There's something about hitting golf balls when there's snow on the ground. It's therapeutic."

During my short stint hitting balls, I noticed that the covered tee stations did help protect somewhat from the elements and the heater kept

me reasonably warm. Another pretty cool feature that I haven't seen at many other driving ranges were the automated tees, where a new ball pops out of the ground after every ball you hit.

Kowal and the sports complex staff have been doing some interesting promotional activities to try to encourage more people to use the driving range in the winter. During the months of January and February, the driving range is doing a winter golf challenge on Saturday mornings, with driving, iron and short game competitions and weekly prizes for winners.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience of hitting golf balls at the sports complex and I may go back to the driving range on occasion during the winter to hone my game. Unfortunately, with more than two months of winter left, I don't think I'll be hitting the real courses around here anytime soon.

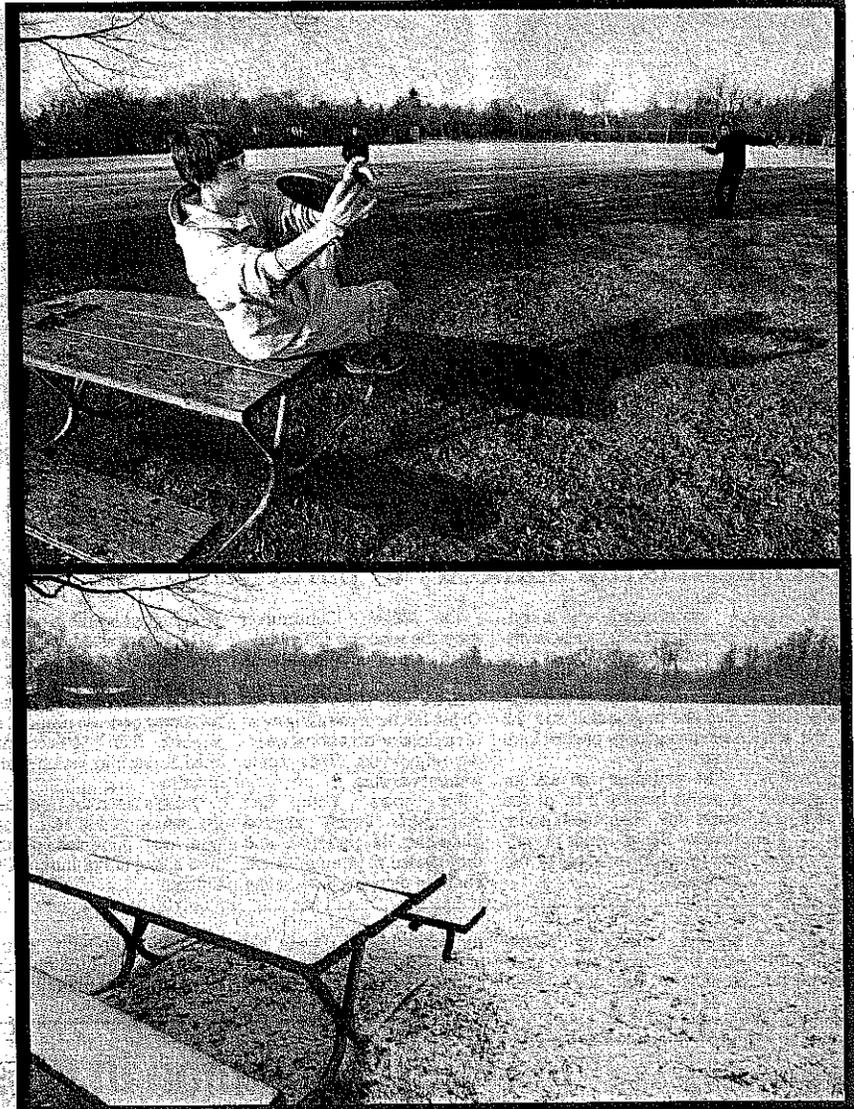
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## What a difference a day makes



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Libertyville High School student Patrick Slade, left, catches a Frisbee as he plays with Adam Cox and Donnanthony Witt at Nicholas-Dowden Park Wednesday in Libertyville when temperatures were in the mid-50s. Twenty-four hours later, the snow and freezing temperatures kept everyone at home.

# State: Many pools still need safer drains before reopening

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**  
Tribune reporter

## TRIBUNE WATCHDOG UPDATE

Sunlight still bathes the mosaic tile, terra-cotta fountain and potted palms at the Hotel InterContinental's iconic indoor pool. But no bathers ripple the water. Stuck in regulatory purgatory, the pool has been closed since October.

The junior Olympic-sized pool is one of the better-known in the city and once drew famous visitors like "Tarzan" star Johnny Weissmuller. Now, it's among nearly 300 public pools across Illinois still listed as noncompliant with federal regulations designed to reduce the risk of swimmers being sucked into drains and drowning.

Hotel officials say their pool will reopen soon. And many of the other facilities are outdoors and would be closed in winter, anyway. But with so many affected sites, expensive fixes and delays in getting state approval, some pool operators wonder if they'll be ready come spring.

"There is a tremendous amount of frustration," said Carvin DiGiovanni, spokesman for the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals. "It's a bureaucratic nightmare. People are looking for direction."

State officials answer that pool operators have only themselves to blame because the regulations took effect in 2008 and the state enforced a deadline of last Oct. 1. And they say the horrific deaths of swimmers getting sucked into pool drains, while relatively few, justify the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, named for a 7-year-old who died in such an accident.

From 1997 to 2010, federal statistics show, 97 people were trapped by pool and hot tub drains. Twelve died; others suffered serious injuries. Most were children, and many of the deaths occurred where drain covers were missing or damaged, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

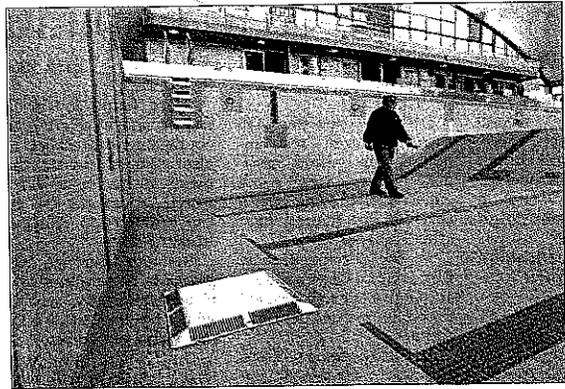
go to neighboring facilities. Several have been upgraded and await approval, spokeswoman Marielle Sainvilus said.

State Health Department spokeswoman Sabrina Miller notes the agency has 20 inspectors for 4,000 licensed pools. She agreed the new law has caused considerable delays but

noted that pool operators have had four years to comply and received multiple warnings.

"So no one should be upset with us," Miller said, "because there's been every effort made to be clear about what they needed to do by Oct. 1."

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Building engineer Gary Prullm walks through the Chicago Park District pool at Harrison Park after a new drain cover was installed, left, to meet federal safety rules. Nearly 300 public pools in Illinois are listed as noncompliant

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The law, which requires drains to be fitted with larger covers and backup systems, affects all public pools and spas, including those at apartment and condo complexes, hotels and health clubs.

Last year, the commission discovered that about 1 million newly approved drain covers did not meet the new safety tests and were recalled.

Among those that had to replace their new covers was the Northbrook Park District, though Director of Parks and Properties Ed Dalton said it was a relatively minor headache compared with the state permitting process. The district submitted its plans to the Illinois Department of Public Health in March 2010, but after some changes were required, it is still awaiting final approval.

Some of the new rules are highly technical. One requires that the distance between the drain and the top of the drainage pipes be at least 1.5 times the pipes' diameter. Dalton expects costs to reach about \$35,000 per pool. Because of differing rule interpretations, one pool has had five plan revisions.

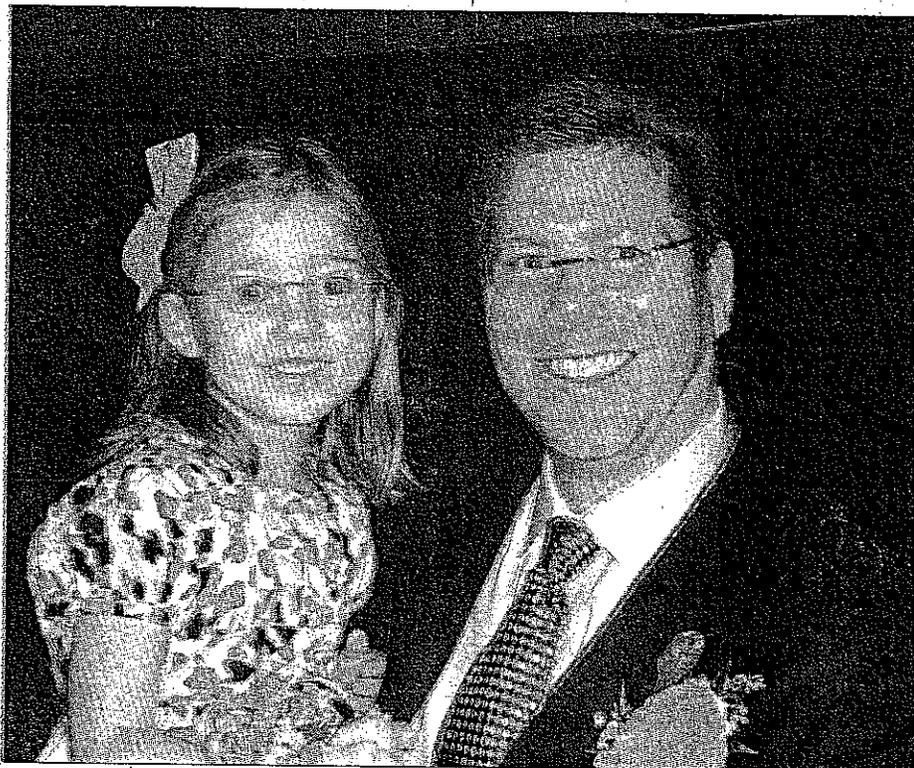
"If we would've had the permit in October, we could have gotten this work completed," Dalton said. "I don't fault the state. They're trying to get it right, we're trying to get it right."

But he fears not being ready to open in spring. State officials said permit approval typically takes two months, but if any changes are required, an application goes to the bottom of the list.

Public agencies must then seek competing bids, award a contract to do the work, then get a final inspection, which can take another two months.

After spending about \$500,000 to fix 29 pools, the Chicago Park District has 48 more that still need to be fixed, spokeswoman Jessica Maxey-Faulkner said. Officials plan to have all pools ready to open for this year's swim season.

At Chicago Public Schools, 16 pools have closed because of the regulations, forcing students to



"A Libertyville tradition" returns as the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance comes to Butterfield School Feb. 10. For information, go to [www.libertyville.com/recreation](http://www.libertyville.com/recreation) or call (847) 918-7275.

# Dads, their girls cut a rug at annual dance

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

For details, call (847) 543-2300 or visit [www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu](http://www.jlcenter.clcillinois.edu).

The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance is "a Libertyville tradition," according to Connie Kowal, director of recreation and the Sports Complex for the Village of Libertyville. This year's event is 7-9 p.m. Feb. 10 at Butterfield School, 1441 W. Lake St. "It's for dads and daughters to enjoy a wonderful night together right in that Valentine's Day window," Kowal said.

Fathers and their girls, ages 4-11, will dance to music played by a professional DJ, eat delicious desserts and have a professional photo taken of the two of them by Studio West.

The cost is \$25 per couple for Libertyville residents, \$35 for nonresidents, \$10 per additional daughter.

"Everyone has fun," Kowal said. "I remember when my daughter Lauren and I went to it way back in the late '80s. It was a special memory. This event is the kind of memory that dads and daughters will cherish forever."

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## Take a dive

You and your children will imagine that you are taking a cage dive with Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner, from *Discover the Depths*, when she presents *Sharks!*, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Vernon Area Public Library, 300 Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire. You'll also see a life-size shark made from recycled plastic.

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## Zzzzzzzzz

Children will tone down for bedtime at *Sleepytime Stories for Families*, 7-7:45 p.m. Wednesday at Aspen Drive Library, 701 Aspen Dr., Vernon Hills. Kids are invited to come in their pajamas for this session of stories, music and fun for the whole family.

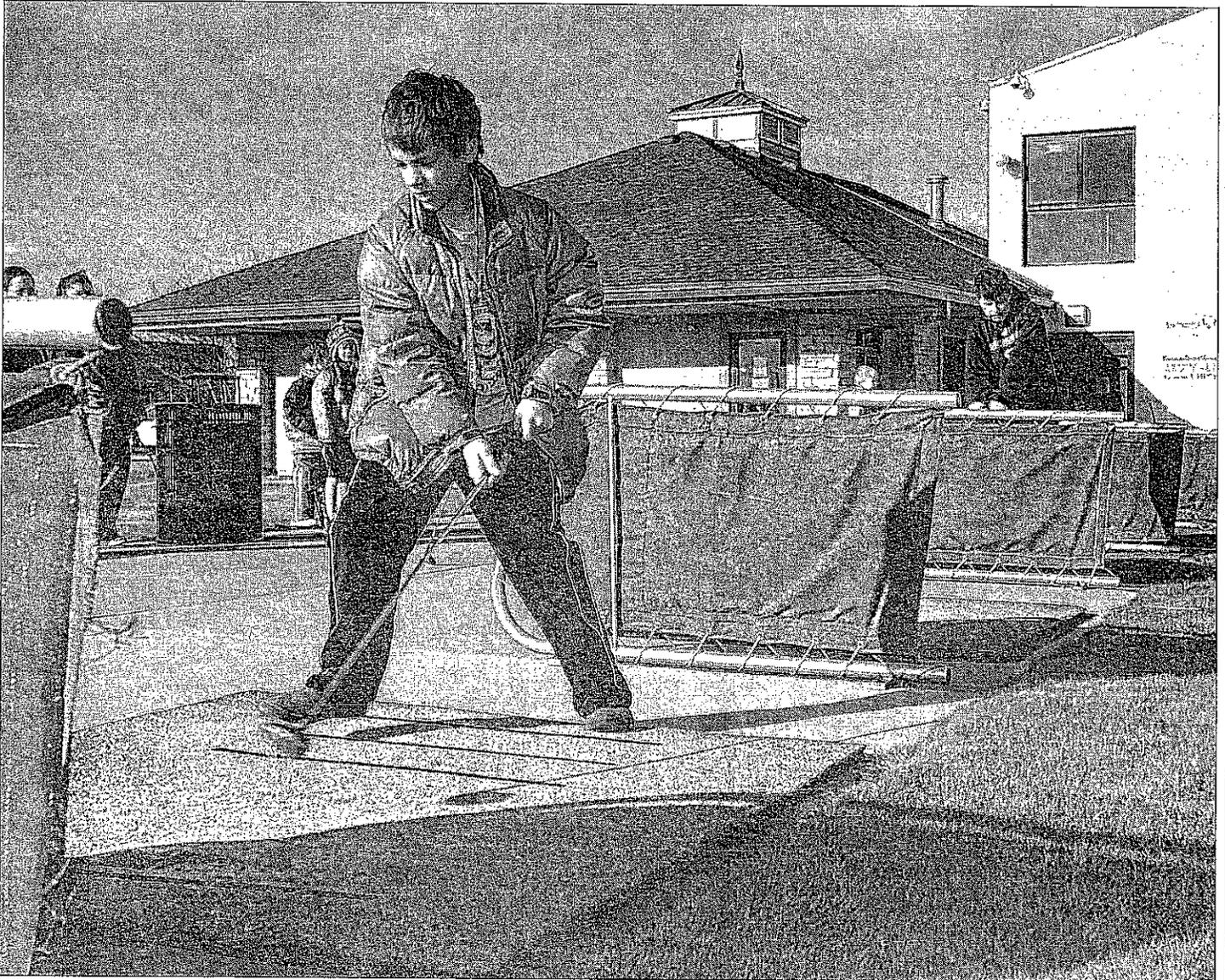
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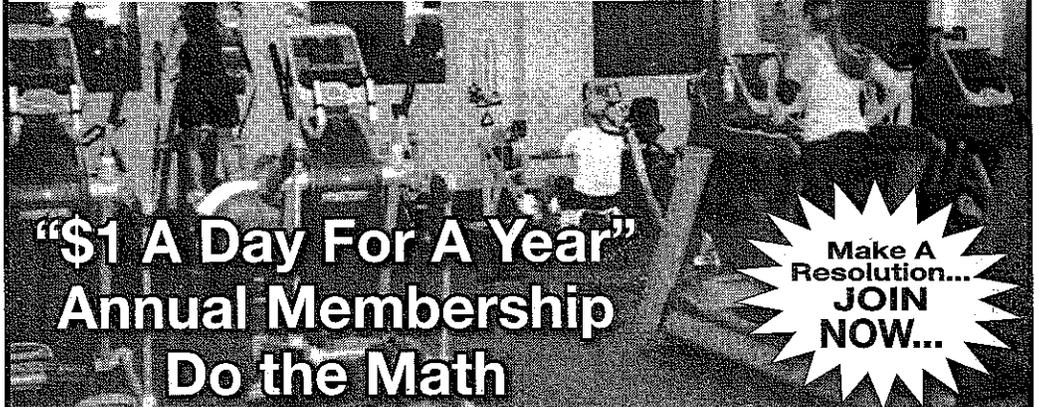


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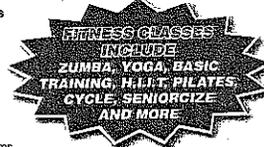
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