



# Fall – Winter 2015 Newsletter

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello to all! I hope that summer was filled with good times and leaves us all with lasting memories as we prepare for the end of the year and that inevitable shift towards the colder weather that will be upon us again in the coming weeks. Remember that just because it will get colder and the snow will begin to fall, there is no reason to not continue to enjoy the outdoors. The parks will take on a new sense of beauty as the leaves change color and fall. Winter brings with it the opportunity for epic snowball fights and fort building that suits our open fields perfectly. Happy holiday season to all, I hope you enjoy it!

T.J. Whitcomb – Director of Parks & Recreation

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*Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Memorial Park Office on 143<sup>rd</sup> & Campbell.*

## Administrative Staff

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## Instructors Wanted!

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Contact the Posen Park District about teaching a class. We are always looking for instructors!

## Rent A Pavilion!

Our park pavilions are available for rental from mid-April through October. The fee is \$150.00 (\$100.00 for Posen residents). Alcohol and jump inflatables are not allowed under any circumstances. All parties must end by dusk. Payment must be made in cash at the time of booking.

## 2015 House Decorating Contests!

With the 2015 holiday season fast approaching, the Posen Park District will be holding TWO house decorating contests this year for our residents to show their holiday spirit! Every house is automatically eligible to win each contest. There is no sign up. You only have to decorate your residence prior to judging week in order to be considered. Six prizes will be awarded in each contest (One winner from each quadrant of town and two wild card winners). Prizes and yard signs reflecting your winning status will be delivered prior to the holiday, and we ask that a form be signed giving us permission to post a picture of your winning decorations on our website. Contest judging and prize awarding dates are indicated below.

### Halloween Decorating Contest

**Judging: October 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**Delivery to Winners: October 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

### Holiday House Decorating Contest

**Judging: December 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**Delivery to Winners: December 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*Residents will not be contacted or disturbed in any way during the judging process and need not be present.**

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## A Living Memorial in the Park

Recently we were contacted by a resident wanting to plant a tree in memory of their deceased loved one. While we had never done anything like this before, we worked with the resident to grant this request. Because this had a positive impact on both the community and the beautification of the parks, we will be putting a Memorial Tree Program in place for Posen residents beginning in the spring of 2016. If your loved one enjoyed nature, this may just be the perfect way to celebrate their life by placing a living memorial in their community that will live on for decades. If you are interested in our upcoming Memorial Tree Program, please call our office to discuss the matter and be placed on a contact list for when the program details are finalized and published.



## Please Help Keep Your Parks Clean & Vandalism Free

We need your help in the never ending process of keeping our parks clean and in good working order. Please follow a few simple rules of thumb when enjoying the parks.

1. Clean up after yourself. Please deposit any trash that you create in one of the many garbage cans we have placed in the parks.
2. Do not damage the equipment or landscaping. Writing on equipment or benches, pulling flowers from planters, moving bricks, or pulling tree branches and leaves causes unnecessary and costly damage and detracts from the parks as a whole.
3. Report any damage you find by calling our office at (708) 371-1484, and if you see an incident in progress, please call the police department so that the vandals may be stopped and apprehended. Together we can keep the parks safe and clean!