



2014 Newsletter – Issue #2

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring to all of you! As we put the snow behind us, I ask you to take note of the contents of this newsletter. As previewed in our last issue, we are offering several classes. We are pursuing a renovation at our Memorial Park Office that will allow us to host programs there next year, so we will be renting space in the Village's community center in order to begin programs THIS year. In addition, you can expect to see an average of one community event a month scheduled from April through October. Much of what we are offering will be free of charge, but pay attention to the registration deadlines as we require a minimum number of participants to run many programs. I hope you take advantage of and enjoy our parks and programs this year!

T.J. Whitcomb

Director of Parks & Recreation

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Register By Deadlines!

Call or stop by our office to register for programs. **All programs have registration deadlines and will be cancelled if they do not have the minimum number of participants registered.**

Nothing kills a program faster than people who wait, so register today. Participants must have a Master Registration Form, completed and signed by the adult or parent prior to the first session of their first class

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 rentals. The fee to rent a pavilion is \$150.00 (\$100.00 for Posen residents). Alcohol and jump inflatables are not allowed. Payment must be made in cash at the time of reservation.

Egg Hunt

The annual Egg Hunt is a village favorite for children. Participants are divided by age into different areas of the park. When the signal is given, hundreds of children will dash into the fields of Memorial Park all at once to collect as many eggs as they can. There will be over 5,000 candy filled plastic eggs laid out in the fields. Be sure to keep an eye out for the special golden eggs. These eggs do not contain candy and must be turned in for a special prize. **Please arrive early as the event will start promptly on time.** Be sure to bring your camera as the Easter Bunny may make an appearance and be available for photos with the children.

Location: Posen Memorial Park 143rd & Campbell
Date/Time: Saturday April 19th, 9:30am
Age(s): 12 years and younger (**Must be walking on their own, carry their own bags to retrieve eggs! NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE FIELDS!**)
Fee: FREE AS ALWAYS!

Memorial Day Picnic

We welcome you to attend our annual Memorial Day Picnic at Memorial Park. Join us for a couple hours on this National holiday to celebrate our freedom with a free lunch and community get together. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, bottled water, and juice will be provided until the event is over or until we run out of food, whichever comes first! Please also bring any old American flags that are faded, tattered, or soiled so that they may be properly and honorably retired in a flag retirement ceremony. As we have a playground and plenty of open space, this is certainly an event for the entire family that will conclude in plenty of time for you to enjoy any other plans you have made to celebrate this holiday.

Location: Posen Memorial Park 143rd & Campbell
Date/Time: Monday May 26th, 11:00am – 1:00pm
Age(s): Open to all! Please bring a friend!
Fee: FREE AS ALWAYS!

Clean Out Your Clutter Community Resale

Clean out your house and garage of your old household items at our annual resale event. Concessions will also be available for purchase at our concession stand. Registration is open to all. Site access for vehicles will begin at 8:30am and all vehicles must be offsite by 9:45am. Vehicles will be allowed in for loading after 1:00pm and all participants must be offsite by 2:00pm. Participants may not sell any prepared food items, weapons, or drug and alcohol paraphernalia. Please call us with questions.

Register and pay in full at our office! No onsite registration!

Location: Posen Memorial Park 143rd & Campbell
Date/Time: Saturday June 14th, 10:00am – 1:00pm (Rain date is June 28th)
Age(s): Must be at least 18 with a Photo ID to reserve a space.
Fee: \$10.00 per space (12 foot by 12 foot) **NO TABLES PROVIDED!**
Min/Max: 7 spaces rented/NO MAXIMUM! **Register by June 12th**
Event will be cancelled if minimum participant registration is not met.

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Jump Rope Aerobics

This class offers an intense cardio workout session combined with the classic fun of jump rope! Get a great work out in a fun group environment at no charge! That's right, besides being a great workout; this class is also being run FOR FREE! Just drop in, but make sure to fill out a registration form with the instructor!

Instructor: Elena & Grace Serna
Location: Posen School (Winter)
Memorial Park
Date/Time: Mon. & Wed.
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Age: Able to jump rope!
Fee: FREE CLASS!

Breaking the Code (Bullying)

This is a prevention simulation dealing with the existence and harmfulness of a bullying social structure. It incorporates social issues such as shunning, intimidation, gossiping, lies, discrimination, threats, abuse, and making fun of others. It provides a visual understanding of how a social hierarchy of bullying permits a climate of inequality to continue.

Instructor: Marilu Andon (U of I Ext.)
Location: Posen Community Center
Day/Time: Mondays May 5 - Jun 30
No classes May 26 and June 2!
6:00 - 6:45pm
Age: 8 – 14 years
Fee: FREE CLASS!
Min/Max: 5/15 **Register by May 1.**

Going Solo

Going Solo is designed for teaching the concepts and practices of entrepreneurship and business ownership to teens. A computer market simulation game and hands-on activities are included addressing problem solving, communications, using technology, working in teams, and making connections.

Instructor: Marilu Andon (U of I Ext.)
Location: Posen Community Center
Day/Time: Mondays May 5 – May 19
7:00 - 7:45pm
Age: 14 – 18 years
Fee: FREE CLASS!
Min/Max: 5/15 **Register by May 1.**

Welcome to the Real World

This life simulation gives participants an opportunity to explore careers, make choices adults face daily, and evaluate their choices. Participants will explore and select careers, and receive a salary, from which they will deduct taxes, spend on necessities and luxuries, and learn check writing, account balancing, budgeting and developing a spending plan.

Instructor: Marilu Andon (U of I Ext.)
Location: Posen Community Center
Day/Time: Monday Jun 9
7:00 - 7:45pm
Age: 14 – 18 years
Fee: FREE CLASS!
Min/Max: 5/15 **Register by June 5.**

Junk Drawer Robotics

The goal of 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics is to make science, engineering and technology meaningful in the lives of young people. These activities encourage youth to use the process and approach of science, the planning and design of engineering and the application of technology. Youth will build robots from everyday items without using computers.

Instructor: Marilu Andon (U of I Ext.)
Location: Posen Community Center
Day/Time: Mondays Jun 16 - Jun 30
7:00 - 7:45pm
Age: 9 – 18 years
Fee: FREE CLASS!
Min/Max: 5/15 **Register by June 12.**

Magic Class (Co-Op)

Children will have a great time as they learn fascinating tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. While the tricks may appear difficult, you'll discover that they are easy to learn and perform. All materials are provided, and you will receive your very own magic kit to take home. **Call the Blue Island Park District at (708) 385-3304 to register.**

Instructor: Gary Kantor
Location: Blue Island Park District
12804 S. Highland Ave.
Day/Time: Tue Jun 3 6:00 – 6:55pm
Age: 5-12 years
Fee: \$20 for Posen residents
Min/Max: 7/35

Now Hiring!

We are currently hiring Maintenance Workers for seasonal work. The job posting is available on our website under the employment tab. Please read the full posting and download and read the job description completely before applying. Applications, the job posting, and the job description are also available at our office. Copy the link below into your browser to be taken directly to our employment page.

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