

# Posen Park District Newsletter



## New Director Announced

Posen Park District President Al Chmielak has announced that T.J. Whitcomb has been hired as the new Director of Parks and Recreation beginning June 1st. Mr. Whitcomb is responsible for managing daily operations of the District. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Education from Lewis University, as well as a Learning and Behavior Specialist Endorsement; He brings experience working with children in the classroom at Bremen High School District 228 and knowledge of park operations from four years of experience as a member of the Park Board. We wish Director Whitcomb well and look forward to the improvements he will work to bring to the Posen Park District.

Contact Director Whitcomb at the Memorial Park Office (708) 371-1484 or by Email at [tj@posenparkdistrict.org](mailto:tj@posenparkdistrict.org)

July/August 2013

## Upcoming Events

July 6th – Community Blood Drive  
9am – 1pm, Memorial Park

August 10th – Cleanout Sale  
9am – 1pm, Memorial Park

August 24th – Music in the Park  
3pm – 6pm, Commissioners Park

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelly Miller Circus  
2pm & 5pm, Memorial Park

## Board of Commissioners

Al Chmielak – President  
Mark Reule – Vice President  
Karen Gilbert – Treasurer  
Mark Murphy – Commissioner  
Jody Chmielak – Commissioner

## Park District Staff

T.J. Whitcomb – Director  
Brandon Ochoa – Maintenance  
Ricardo Lopez – Maintenance  
Daniel Tremore – Maintenance  
Brian Bravo – Maintenance

## Board Meetings

The Board of Commissioners meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Memorial Park Office.

## A Summer of Construction is Underway!

Summer 2013 will go down in the books as a summer of construction in Posen. The community has been watching the construction to widen 147<sup>th</sup> Street in preparation for the new interchange with great interest, but there will also be several projects under construction in the parks this year.

The Posen Park District is pushing forward with an aggressive series of infrastructure improvements, including the repaving of the old courts at

Commissioners' Park, installation of new basketball rims and other sport courts, and construction of a Skate Park just to name a few.

We ask that you please be mindful of construction areas in the parks when you see them. The Board and Staff of the Posen Park District are committed to increasing the quality of our parks and what we offer to the community. These are your parks. Welcome!

## Come Out to the Park

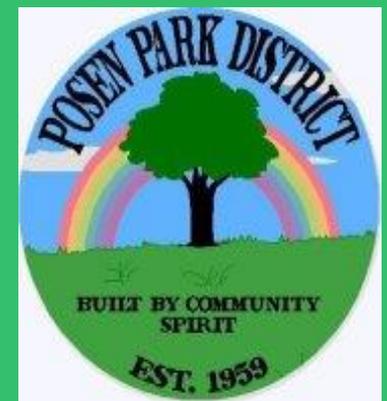
**Blood Drive – July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Come out between 9am and 1pm to donate blood and get an Oberweis Gift Card. Make an appointment by calling our office. Walk ins welcome!

**Cleanout Sale – August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Get rid of your unneeded items taking up space in your home and make a little cash too. Register for a space for \$10 and sell your items from 9am until 1pm.

**Music in the Park – August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Join us for a free admission concert featuring the band Rude Tommy from 3pm to 6pm. Food items will be sold as well.

## Coming Soon – Park # 5

The Posen Park District is pleased to announce that a fifth park is on its way. The Posen Park District and the Village of Posen are partnering in a land exchange that will benefit both parties as well as the residents of Posen. In exchange for obtaining park land at 149<sup>th</sup> Street along Francisco Avenue to finish the street, the village will be turning over the undeveloped 146<sup>th</sup> Street land between Albany and Troy Streets to the park district. The Board of Commissioners will announce the name and development plans for the new park at a future date.



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## Fun Times at the Park District: University of Illinois Extension and 4-H Are Coming

The Posen Park District is bringing an exciting brand of programming to the Posen community through the University of Illinois Extension and the South Cook County 4-H program. Through the University of Illinois Extension, programming will be offered in Family Life, Aging Awareness, Food and Nutrition, Finance, Insect Study, Embryology, and more. As an added bonus, most of these programs will be offered either free of charge or with a small cost for program supplies. These fun and exciting programs will be a thrill for children of all ages and many of these programs provide a chance for parents and guardians to learn and have fun alongside their children.

South Cook County 4-H is another exciting opportunity for the Posen community. The Posen Park District will be sponsoring a 4-H club and is seeking interested youth and parents to get involved. 4-H is a voluntary, informal education program for young people ages 8-18. 4-H Cloverbuds is a program for younger children who are 5-7 years old. 4-H provides a chance to learn new things, develop new skills, travel to new places; experience new situations, make new friends, and most importantly have lots of fun. We will be hosting an informational meeting about 4-H and other programs in July.

We will be offering several programs in the coming months. Many will be free or low cost, but you will need to pre-register so that these programs are not cancelled due to low numbers. Be on the lookout for more information and call our office to register for a program.

### Volunteers Wanted

Do you have a special talent or skill? Do you have time to grab a shovel or rake and work on a project? Do you have knowledge that you would enjoy passing on to others? If so, the Posen Park District wants you! We are looking to sign up and train volunteers to work on projects in our parks, help staff events, and even teach classes to our residents. All volunteers will have to sign a waiver, and will be properly trained. Volunteer hours will be tracked and those who put in the time will receive Posen Park District gear to signify that they have community spirit and pride. If you would like to lend a hand, or two, call us today and become a Posen Park District Volunteer!

### Help Us By Advertising You!

As a business owner, you are always looking for an economical way to reach potential customers. Well, here is how we can help each other. YOU CAN PURCHASE AN ADVERTISEMENT SPACE RIGHT HERE IN OUR NEWSLETTER! Our newsletters are mailed directly to every residential address, business, and post office box in Posen, and are also available for download from our website and will be sent out on email lists. For the price of \$40.00, you can have an advertisement placed in our newsletter. This arrangement allows your business the opportunity to reach Posen addresses at the cost of pennies per location. If you are interested in purchasing an advertisement space for your business, call our office at (708) 371-1484 for details.

### Kelly Miller Circus is Coming: Buy Your Tickets TODAY!

The Kelly Miller Circus will be making its return to Memorial Park on Labor Day, Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Posen Park District has provided the grounds for the circus for the past two years when it was sponsored by the Midlothian Area Chamber of Commerce. This year, the Posen Park District will be directly sponsoring the event. Show times will be 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Advance sales of tickets will begin in July and go through the end of August. Tickets will be sold in advance at a discounted price of \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (age 2-11). Tickets at the box office on performance day will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Please purchase in advance at our office as we retain a higher percentage of advance sales revenue. Call our office at (708) 371-1484 for more information.