



2021 Newsletter Issue #1

Community Playground Build October 20-23 Volunteers Needed!!!



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Board meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Memorial Park Office 14200 S. Campbell Avenue. Meetings are open to the public.

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Instructors Wanted

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Contact the Posen Park District and talk to us about teaching a class.

The Posen Park District has been awarded a grant to replace the playground equipment in Commissioners Park. We are once again working with KaBOOM!, which is a national non-profit that works to combat play space inequity by matching qualifying communities in need with funding partners to replace and build new play spaces nationwide. The funding partner for this project is Sierra, part of the TJX family of brands. We are truly fortunate to work with these two fine organizations that share our love for outdoor spaces and play. This project has already begun with the design of the new playground and the demolition of the previous equipment. We are now preparing for Build Week, and we need the help of the community to make this happen.

Time:

Build Week will take place from **Wednesday October 20th through Saturday October 23rd**. We will build the entire playground during this time over a series of work shifts. Shift 1 will be from 8:00am to 11:30am, and Shift 2 will be from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. We need **20-25** volunteers 18 and older **per shift**. Volunteers will need to sign a waiver. You can volunteer for shifts by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://commissionersparkplaygroundproject.eventbrite.com>

Donations:

We are in need of tools and supplies in order to complete Build Week. We will gladly accept loaned tools (please mark to identify as yours), and donations of supplies from the following list: Shovels (15), Rock rakes (15), 6' Step ladder (3), 8' Step ladder (3), Wheelbarrows - 6 cubic feet or larger - standard one-wheeled (10), Manual post hole diggers (3), Corded drills (3), Powerful cordless drills (3), 2 or 3 lb. sledge hammers (2), 6 lb. sledge hammers (2), Garden hoses and spray nozzles (2), 100' extension cords (5), Digging Bars/Poles (3), Concrete hoes (10), Tamps (2), Garbage cans (5), Push Brooms (2), Claw hammers (5), Post driver (1), hand sanitizer, disposable masks, work gloves, Prepackaged snacks (granola bars, mixed nuts, trail mix, etc.), bottled water, stereo & speakers for music during work day.

While in the past this would be a one day event, COVID-19 protocols have shifted this to a multi-day project with smaller work groups. We realize not everyone is available to help on every day of this project, any volunteer time, every loaned tool, and every donation of supplies is greatly appreciated. To learn more about the project you can visit www.commissionersparkplayground.com. Together, we will bring a great new place to play to our community.

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SWSRA Welcomes New Director!



The Posen Park District is a proud member of South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA). SWSRA provides year-round quality therapeutic recreation programs and services for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities or special needs. SWSRA programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual. The Posen Park District would like to extend a warm welcome to Nicolette Lahman as the new Executive Director for SWSRA. Nicolette most recently worked as the Executive Director for Covenant Ability Network of Illinois and has held previous leadership positions at Clearbrook. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Deafness Rehabilitation from Northern Illinois University. We are excited to welcome Nicolette to our community.

NEW EVENT: Halloween Flashlight Egg Hunt!



The Posen Park District will be hosting a Flashlight Egg Hunt on Halloween, Sunday October 31st. The event will take place at Commissioners Park 14701 S. Sacramento Avenue at 7:00pm. Participation is free and is open to children ages 4 to 12. Participants should bring a flashlight and a bag or basket to collect eggs. The gates to the park will be closed and locked prior to the event so participants and adults should gather on the parkway outside the appropriately marked gate. Costumes are not required, but we would love to see them!