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FREEPORT park district

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MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Freeport Park District is to promote the use of recreation in generating an exciting, dynamic quality of life by providing the highest quality facilities and programs to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of individuals of all ages and abilities. The Park District will preserve and protect land and resources for the enrichment of the community and future generations.

OFFICE HOURS
The Park District's administrative office is located at 1122 S. Burchard Avenue. Regular office hours are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

INFORMATION HOTLINES

Read Park Family Aquatic Center	(815) 235-6114, Ext. 2
Krape Park Miniature Golf	(815) 235-6114, Ext. 3
Park Hills Golf Course	(815) 235-6114, Ext. 6
Sports Information	(815) 235-6114, Ext. 7
Ice Skating & Sledding	(815) 235-6114, Ext. 8

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Park District Office	(815) 235-6114
FAX Machine	(815) 233-9210
Krape Park Miniature Golf	(815) 801-PUTT (7888)
Park Hills Golf Course	(815) 235-3611
Read Park Family Aquatic Center	(815) 801-SWIM (7946)
Stephenson County Historical Society	(815) 232-8419

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tom Jungen	President
Ken Collin	Vice President
Dana Stewart	Commissioner
George Yarzak	Commissioner
Debbie Schwartz	Commissioner

BOARD MEETINGS
The Park Board generally meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm at the Park District Administration Building at 1122 S. Burchard Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

STAFF

Jack Carey, Executive Director	ext. 104
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Steve Ehlbeck, Superintendent of Parks	ext. 103
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Dave Fisher, Superintendent of Golf	
Jeff Hartman, Golf Professional	
Rick Fago, Assistant Greenskeeper	
Tim Jacobs, Assistant Greenskeeper	

RESIDENCY POLICY
For purposes of registering for a Freeport Park District program, renting a District facility or purchasing a District service at the resident rate, the individual's primary residence must be within the Freeport Park District boundaries. Any owner of real estate within the boundaries of the Freeport Park District and paying taxes to the Freeport Park District, but residing outside the boundaries of the District, shall receive the resident rate, as will his immediate family. Immediate family defined as spouse and/or children residing with property owner. Proof shall be required in the form of property tax bill and photo identification.

GIFT CERTIFICATES
Freeport Park District gift cards are great for any occasion and can be used towards recreation program registrations, season passes, facility rentals and admissions. Gift cards can be purchased for any denomination and quantity. To purchase a gift card, please visit the Freeport Park District office or call us at 815-235-6114 ext. 0.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
If you need assistance in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the Freeport Park District Office or state your need when registering for a Freeport Park District program.

PHOTO POLICY
Occasionally, Park District staff may videotape or photograph participants enrolled in programs, classes, events or enjoying park facilities. These photographs are for Park District publications, flyers, brochures and future promotional materials. All photos and videos taken on Park District property are for Park District use and become its sole property.

FINANCIAL AID
The Freeport Park District recognizes the need within our community to provide assistance to residents who do not have the financial resources to participate in the fee-based services we provide. Financial Aid is available for Freeport Park District residents who meet the District's Financial Aid program guidelines. Financial Aid Guidelines and Application are available at the Freeport Park District Office.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
Persons believing that they have been discriminated against by Freeport Park District on the basis of color, sex, race, national origin or handicap may file a complaint with Freeport Park District or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

DONATION POLICY
The Freeport Park District is committed to partnering, collaborating and supporting local non-profit organizations whose activities support or enhance leisure opportunities for the Freeport community. All donation requests shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners through the Executive Director no later than 30 days prior to the date of the event or need.

GENERAL USE REGULATIONS
A complete set of rules and regulations regarding the Freeport Park District is on file and available for public use at the Administrative Office located at 1122 S. Burchard Avenue. Residents are welcome to stop by and pick up a copy for their personal use.

PUBLIC NUISANCE REGULATIONS
The Freeport Park District is committed to operating our parks in a safe and secure manner. A Motor Vehicle which is used in violation of Sound Amplification Systems, Window Obstructed Vision, Curfew Violation, Required Liability Insurance, Underage Possession of Alcoholic Liquor, Unlawful Possession of Drugs, Unlawful Possession of Weapon, Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer shall be declared a public nuisance and a threat to public safety.

FREEPORT PARKS FOUNDATION
The Freeport Parks Foundation is a not-for-profit organization created to provide resources beyond conventional public funding to enrich and enhance the Freeport Park District. The Foundation is fully committed to assisting the Freeport Park District reach its full potential in terms of land acquisition, facility enhancement, parks beautification, and programming. If you are interested in contributing to the Foundation or would like additional information, please call 815-801-2500.

CITY OF FREEPORT CURFEW ORDINANCE
Age 16 = 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM Sunday thru Thursday;
12:00 AM – 6:00 AM Friday and Saturday
Age 12 – 15 = 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM Sunday thru Thursday;
11:00 PM – 6:00 AM Friday and Saturday
Ages 11 & under = 8:00 PM – 6:00 AM Sunday thru Thursday;
10:00 PM – 6:00 AM Friday and Saturday
*For a complete listing of the ordinance and exemptions, please contact the City of Freeport Police Department or see online at http://www.amlegal.com/freeport_il/.

Art in the Park

Join the Freeport Park District and the Freeport Art Museum as we welcome back the 9th annual, award winning, Art in the Park. Come out to Krape Park and enjoy the sights and sounds at this FREE community event. Cruise the walks and view the fine art on display by local and regional artists. Purchase a wonderful new piece of artwork to take home with you! Listen as local performing artists take the stage throughout the day. Partake in creative hands-on activities with the kids. Don't miss out on this thrilling event!

For information on presenting as an artist, please call the Freeport Park District. Artist applications will be accepted until June 29th. Visit **facebook.com/artintheparkfreeport** for more information.

Krape Park
Sunday, September 4
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

AUTUMN LEAF RUN

October 8, 2016
Oakdale Nature Preserve
Race starts at 9:00 AM

The Autumn Leaf Run is a trail run/hike that takes place at Oakdale Nature Preserve. The event takes place on Saturday, October 8, 2016 and is open to runners, walkers or nature enthusiasts interested in spending some time outdoors supporting a great cause. All proceeds from the Autumn Leaf Run will go to the Freeport Parks Foundation to fund tree replacement in Freeport Parks. An estimated 500 trees need to be planted to replace those damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer that has plagued trees in the region. We appreciate your support to keep our community green and vibrant. The race course consists of a 5K trail run through the varied terrain of Oakdale Nature Preserve. Runners and hikers will encounter wide tree-lined trails, moderate hills, prairie, bridge crossings and a few single track trail sections. The start and finish lines will be near each other. The race will be timed using a chip timing system.

Registration
$25 for pre-registration by October 3rd
For more information or to register online, visit **www.freeportparkdistrict.org**

$35 for race day entry *(t-shirt not guaranteed)*
Race day registration from 7:00 – 8:30 AM

TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

A great alternative to neighborhood trick-or-treating, children can get all their treats in Krape Park. Not only will there be plenty of treats, there will also be fun entertainment. The Trick-or-Treat Trail will begin at the carousel.

Krape Park
Saturday, October 29
3:00 – 5:00 PM

MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM BUS TRIP

Hop aboard the bus and enjoy all that Milwaukee Art Museum has to offer without the stress of driving in the traffic. Just sit back, relax and we will drop you off right at the museum. Spend the day enjoying the beautiful 341,000-square-foot Museum that includes the War Memorial Center (1957) designed by Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen, the Kahler Building (1975) by David Kahler, and the Quadracci Pavilion (2001) created by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, or take a short cab ride downtown to explore. The bus will depart Read Park from the parking lot located on McKinley Ave. between Empire Street and American Street. Payment is due at the time of registration. Fee includes round trip transportation on charter bus and admission to Milwaukee Art Museum. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	8:30A-7:00P	11/19	11/4	$47/50	310012-01

Candyland Ball

Dads (or significant adult), come dance the night away with your favorite girl(s) at the Masonic Temple. Here's the perfect chance to dress up and feel like royalty for the night! Don't miss out on this Freeport tradition for Dads and daughters 10 years of age and younger. Pre-registration is required. **Location: Freeport Masonic Temple**

Day	Time	Date	Register By
F	6:00-8:30P	2/10	2/9

R/NR Fee	Code #
$12/13	106011-01

Mom and Me Masquerade

This new event is just for moms and their special young man. Join us at Masonic Temple for a night of dancing, games, prizes and celebration! Fee includes admission into the dance, games, refreshments and dessert. Pre-registration is required. **Location: Freeport Masonic Temple**

Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
F	6:00-7:30P	2/24	2/22	$12/13	106051-01

MAGNIFICENT MILE BUS TRIP

Hop aboard the bus and enjoy all that Chicago has to offer without the stress of driving in the traffic. Just sit back, relax and we will drop you off right at the heart of the Magnificant Mile. Spend the day shopping, enjoying the sights, and indulging yourself in the local cuisine. The bus will depart Read Park from the parking lot located on McKinley Ave. between Empire Street and American Street. Payment is due at the time of registration. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Age	Day	Time	Date
Adult	Sa	9:00A-9:00P	12/3

Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
11/10	$26/30	310011-01

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW BUS TRIP

Get lost in the largest fantasy world of transportation - 1.3 million square feet of domestic and imported passenger cars and trucks, sport utility vehicles, experimental and concept cars! The Chicago Auto Show will be held in the McCormick Place showcasing nearly 1,000 different vehicles. The price below includes the bus and your ticket into the show. Lunch is on your own in the McCormick Place food court. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Age	Day	Time	Date
Adult	Sa	8:00A-6:00P	2/11

Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
1/27	$41/45	110011-01

CHICAGO GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL

Come celebrate good food with us at the Good Food Festival UIC Forum in Chicago, IL. This will be day full of inspiring speakers, DIY workshops, chef demos, a special ham curing session to celebrate Easter, and an the interactive Kids' Corner! And what's a food festival without good eats? Some of Chicago's best eateries will be present serving delicious food in the Good Food Court. If you are not interested in the Food Festival, but want an opportunity to explore downtown Chicago, this is perfect! This location is a 30 minute walk or very short cab ride to Chicago's Grant Park and other attractions. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	8:00A-7:00P	3/18	3/8	$41/45	110012-01

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SWIM LESSONS - LEVEL 1

Introduction to Water Skills - Participants will learn to enter and exit water safely, float on front and back, submerge underwater, exhale underwater, explore swimming on front and back, follow basic water safety rules, and submerge to pick up objects underwater.
Location: Carl Sandburg School Pool

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	1/9-1/23*	1/4	$40/44	107011-01
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	2/6-2/16	2/1	$40/44	107011-02

***No Class 1/16**

SWIM LESSONS - LEVEL 2

Fundamental Aquatic Skills - Participants will build on skills learned in Level 1 and learn to tread water, explore swimming on side, perform rhythmic breathing, glide on front and back, rollover front to back, and swim on front and back using combined strokes.
Location: Carl Sandburg School Pool

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	1/9-1/23*	1/4	$40/44	107012-01
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	2/6-2/16	2/1	$40/44	107012-02

***No Class 1/16**

SWIM LESSONS - LEVEL 3

Stroke Development - Participants will build on skills learned in Level 2 and learn to jump into deep water, dive from sitting or kneeling position, bob with head fully submerged, perform rotary breathing, survival float, swim front crawl, swim back crawl, perform butterfly kick and body motion, perform HELP and huddle positions, perform reaching assists, and use Check-Call-Care in case of an emergency.
Location: Carl Sandburg School Pool

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	1/9-1/23*	1/4	$40/44	107013-01
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	2/6-2/16	2/1	$40/44	107013-02

***No Class 1/16**

SWIM LESSONS - LEVEL 4

Stroke Improvement - PARTICIPANTS will build upon skills learned in Level 3 and learn to dive from compact or stride position, swim underwater, perform feet-first surface dive, coordinate butterfly, swim breaststroke, swim elementary backstroke, swim on side using scissors kick, perform open turns on front and back, tread water using sculling arm motions and kick, use safe diving rules, and perform throwing assists. **Location: Carl Sandburg School Pool**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	1/9-1/23*	1/4	$40/44	107014-01
5-16	M-Th	5:45-6:30P	2/6-2/16	2/1	$40/44	107014-02

***No Class 1/16**

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

The purpose of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course is to provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services (EMS) personnel take over. Participants must be 15 years old and be able to pass the prerequisite swim test - consisting of a 300 yard swim, a timed brick retrieval, and 2 minutes of treading water. **Location: TBD**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	W	5:00-9:00P	3/1-4/5	2/17	$125/125	107051-01

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH ARCHERY LEAGUE BEGINNERS

Archery League is a competitive two person team league for ages 7 through 17. The league will provide practice on a consistent basis, improved stance/technique, improve scoring, and stress safety. Scoring is handicapped for all ages and abilities. Bows and arrows will be provided for beginners. Intermediates are not required to have their own equipment but they are encouraged to have their own.
Location: Indian Trail Archery

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-18	M	5:30-6:30P	10/03-11/21	9/30	$50/55	301041-01
7-18	M	5:30-6:30P	2/6-3/27	2/3	$50/55	101041-01

YOUTH ARCHERY LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE

Archery League is a competitive two person league for ages 7 through 17. The league will provide practice on a consistent basis, improved stance/technique, improve scoring, and stress safety. Scoring is handicapped for all ages and abilities. Bows and arrows are available. Intermediates are not required to have their own equipment but they are encouraged to have their own. Intermediates will have the opportunity to shoot on the 3D target range. **Location: Indian Trail Archery**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-18	M	7:00-8:00P	10/03-11/21	9/30	$50/55	301042-01
7-18	M	7:00-8:00P	2/6-3/27	2/3	$50/55	101042-01

MARTIAL ARTS

The Freeport Park District does not require you to purchase any additional equipment to participate in all martial art classes. However, if you would like to move up in rank/belt system additional equipment, uniform, and testing fees may apply via your instructor. Participation in competitions outside of the class will also result in additional registration and equipment fees.

LITTLE NINJAS

Join Master Sung Sop An and his black belt staff for their Little Ninjas class. This program is designed specifically to help teach 3 to 8 year olds the important qualities of respect, self-control and confidence, this class will also help with motor skills and coordination.
Location: Read Park Pavilion

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-8	Th	5:45-6:15P	10/13-12/8*	10/7	$60/65	314031-01
3-8	Th	5:45-6:15P	1/5-2/23	12/30	$60/65	114031-01
3-8	Th	5:45-6:15P	3/2-4/20	2/24	$60/65	114031-02

***No Class 11/24**

TAE KWON DO

Tae Kwon Do teaches children to respect themselves and others. The program can help build a child's self-esteem. Master Sung Sop An and his black belt staff from the Rockford Academy instruct the class. Many independent studies have shown that students that participate in martial arts programs achieve better grades and perform better in school. The Rockford Academy is World Tae Kwon Do Federation Licensed, which means that each students belt level will be recognized anywhere in the world. **Location: Read Park Pavilion**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
9+	Th	6:15-7:00P	10/13-12/8*	10/7	$60/65	314041-01
9+	Th	6:15-7:00P	1/5-2/23	12/30	$60/65	114041-01
9+	Th	6:15-7:00P	3/2-4/20	2/24	$60/65	114041-02

***No Class 11/24**

ADULT ATHLETICS

FALL 12" SOFTBALL

Fall Softball will be played in September and October. All scheduling and updates will be on www.quickscores.com/freeport League will be 8 games with single elimination tournament at the end of the season. **Location: Taylor Park Softball Fields**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	W	5:00-10:30P	9/7-10/26	9/2	$300	304051-01

FALL 16" SOFTBALL

Fall Softball will be played in September and October. All scheduling and updates will be on www.quickscores.com/freeport League will be 8 games with single elimination tournament at the end of the season. **Location: Read Park Ball Fields**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	5:00-10:30P	9/6-10/25	9/2	$175	304111-01

ADULT CO-REC VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Each team is guaranteed a 10 game regular season. Play in the competitive league or recreational league. Divisions and leagues will be determined by number of teams and prior league stats. Competitive/Power League will have referee. Recreational league will have score keeper and call your own fouls. **Location: Carl Sandburg School Gym**

FALL LEAGUE

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-10:00P	9/7-11/16	9/2	$200	310403-02

WINTER LEAGUE

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-10:00P	1/11-3/22	12/30	$200	104031-02

KICKBALL LEAGUE

Travel back to playground days and have a good time by joining our new Co-Rec Kickball league. Whether you haven't played since you were a kid or you play recreationally you are guaranteed to have fun. Our league is a recreational 7 inning game played at Read Park.
Location: Read Park Ball Fields

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	F	6:00-7:30P	9/9-10/28	9/2	$125	304161-01

DODGEBALL LEAGUE

The famous playground game is reborn as an exciting new sport of teamwork, strategy and skill. Teamwork and strategy are more valuable factors in dodgeball than athletic skill and individual competitiveness. Anyone can play. Teams of 6-10 players (6 on the court) will compete to eliminate each other by hitting an opposing player with a ball or by catching a ball thrown by an opposing player. **Location: Freeport Middle School Auxillary Gym**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Team Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	6:00-10:00P	1/12-3/23	1/6	$125	104091-01

ADULT PAINTING CLASS

Freeport Park District and Freeport Art Museum bring you this series of creative new classes for artists.

WATERCOLOR WITH LARRY

Come learn watercolor techniques from an experienced artist while creating a wonderful fall landscape painting. Larry McCoy will explain and demonstrate techniques to improve your painting abilities. Beginning to intermediate level. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
16+	Th	6:00-8:00P	9/15	9/7	$20/25	303071-01

ACRYLICS – STILL LIFE

Learn and practice techniques of painting with acrylics while creating a quiet, traditional still life of colorful fall gourds. Beginning to intermediate level. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
16+	Th	6:00-8:30P	10/6	9/29	$20/25	303071-02

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Join us to learn and practice techniques of applying acrylic paints with step by step instructions to paint spring flowers. Beginning to intermediate level. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
16+	Th	6:00-8:30P	3/23	3/16	$20/25	103071-04

BALLROOM DANCE

Perfect for the beginners to learn the basic dance steps, or for couples and dance partners who are looking for a refresher course. These classes, taught by Dr.s Glen and Julie Smith, will get you dancing immediately. Each of the dance styles are taught in 3-week sessions. No previous experience necessary. Please wear hard sole shoes and bring a partner. Registration is taken on an individual basis, but each participant must have a partner to register for the program. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Swing	Tu	7:00-8:00P	9/13-9/27	9/7	$22/26	303011-01
Waltz	Tu	7:00-8:00P	10/11-10/25	10/5	$22/26	303011-02
Swing	Tu	7:00-8:00P	1/17-1/31	1/11	$22/26	103031-01
Latin	Tu	7:00-8:00P	2/14-2/28	2/8	$22/26	103031-02

Adult Special Interest/Instructional *continued on next page*

ADULT SPECIAL INTEREST/INSTRUCTIONAL

TAI CHI

Tai Chi Chuan is a gentle form of exercise and relaxation. Tai Chi can help balance stress, physical aches and pains and keep your system strong. Researchers have found that long-term Tai Chi practice shows some favorable effects on the promotion of balance control flexibility and cardiovascular fitness and reduced the risk of falls in elderly patients. Please wear loose fitting clothing and tennis shoes and bring plenty of water. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	6:30-7:45P	11/07-12/26	11/04	$40/45	303021-01
Adult	Tu	9:00-10:15A	10/25-12/13	10/21	$40/45	303021-02
Adult	Th	9:00-10:15A	10/27-12/22*	10/21	$40/45	303021-03
Adult	M	6:30-7:45P	1/9-2/27	12/30	$40/45	103021-01
Adult	Tu	9:00-10:15A	1/3-2/21	12/30	$40/45	103021-02
Adult	Th	9:00-10:15A	1/5-2/23	12/30	$40/45	103021-03
Adult	M	6:30-7:45P	3/6-4/24	3/3	$40/45	103021-04
Adult	Tu	9:00-10:15A	3/7-4/25	3/3	$40/45	103021-05
Adult	Th	9:00-10:15A	3/9-4/27	3/3	$40/45	103021-06

***No class 11/24**

INTRO TO MOSAICS

Learn how to create mosaic art! In this class you will create your own 4x4 mosaic on an acrylic square. You will learn the mosaic technique, how to cut glass, and how to arrange, glue, and grout the mosaic! Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	9/14-9/21	9/7	$46/50	303072-01

ORNAMENTS/SUNCATCHER: PAINTING ON GLASS WITH LIQUID POLYMER CLAY

Create a beautiful suncatcher ornament that catches the eye. Use glass, Liquid Sculpy, and alcohol inks to create a lovely fall leaf suncatcher ornament. This is the perfect fall activity. Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class.
Location: Krape Community Building

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	9/28-10/5	9/21	$46/50	303073-01

FUSED GLASS ORNAMENTS

Brighten up your Christmas tree with an ornament you made yourself! Use star and snowflake patterns to create a beautiful ornament out of fused glass. Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class.
Location: Krape Community Building

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	6:00-8:30P	11/3	10/28	$30/33	303073-02

TIE-DYE SILK SCARF

Make your own colorful tie-dyed silk scarf! Learn how to create 3 traditional tie die patterns by tying, folding, and using a needle and thread. Everyone will die two silk scarves and have the option to bring your own cotton t-shirt to die as well! Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu,Th	6:00-8:00P	11/1-11/15*	10/26	$65/70	303074-01

***No Class 11/3**

INDIVIDUAL MOSAICS

Join us to create your own beautiful mosaic. At this class you will learn how to cut glass, place and glue the glass in unique designs, and grout and frame your mosaic. Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	1/11-1/25	1/4	$70/75	103072-01

FUSED GLASS VALENTINE TILES

Learn how to work with shards and glass frits powder to make a flower on a glass heart. Once you create your customized Valentine tile, the instructor will fire it in a glass kiln. Class taught by Mary-Claire O'Neill, who has over 10 years of art teaching experience and studied mosaics at Chicago School of Mosaics and Corning Museum of Glass. Class fee includes all materials and supplies needed for class. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	2/8	2/1	$25/28	103074-01

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

The purpose of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course is to provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services (EMS) personnel take over. Participants must be 15 years old and be able to pass the prerequisite swim test - consisting of a 300 yard swim, a timed brick retrieval, and 2 minutes of treading water. **Location: TBD**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	W	5:00-9:00P	3/1-4/5	2/17	$125/125	107051-01

Northlands Association for Special Recreation (NASR)

Northlands Association for Special Recreation (NASR) is a cooperative partnership between the Rockford, Freeport and Belvidere Park Districts (referred to as member district). NASR programs are open to any individual with disability-related special needs such as physical, mental and developmental disabilities and persons with mental illness, behavior disorders, visual and hearing impairments.

Member district residents are invited to participate in specialty/therapeutic (TR) programs offered through any member district at the resident rate. For participation in Inclusion Services at a member district other than your own member district, you must pay the non-resident rate for that specific program.

Freeport Park District	**Rockford Park District**	**Belvidere Park District**
Special Recreation Department	Therapeutic Recreation Department	Special Recreation Department
www.freeportparkdistrict.org	**www.rockfordparkdistrict.org**	**www.belviderepark.org**
815-235-6114	815-987-8800	815-547-5711

BOWLING BUDDIES

Spend the afternoon bowling and maybe even make a new friend at Bowling Buddies! Perfect your game for the upcoming Special Olympics season or simply come out to have a good time. Please be sure to sign up for the age-appropriate session - individuals will be placed on lanes according to age. **Location: Freeport Lanes**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6-15	Th	4:30-5:30P	9/1-9/22	8/25	$38	312011-01
15+	Th	4:30-5:30P	9/1-9/22	8/25	$38	312011-02
6-15	Th	4:30-5:30P	1/12-2/2	1/6	$38	112011-01
15+	Th	4:30-5:30P	1/12-2/2	1/6	$38	112011-02
6-15	Th	4:30-5:30P	3/9-3/30	2/24	$38	112011-03
15+	Th	4:30-5:30P	3/9-3/30	2/24	$38	112011-04

HELPING HANDS

Everyone could use a helping hand once and awhile! Come on out to Oakdale and help us help others with a community service project that will benefit a local organization in need! **Location: Oakdale Mogle Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
13+	W	4:30-6:00P	10/19	10/5	$25	312031-01

SPECIAL RECREATION DANCES

Do you love music, dancing, and socializing with friends? If so, grab your partner and come on over to the Freeport Park District Special Recreation Dances! Every month we have a themed dance full of fun and excitement. Each dance is complete with music, decorations and a light snack. Feel free to dress to the theme! **Location: Carl Sandburg School**

FALL FESTIVAL DANCE

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	9/2	8/26	$10	312051-01

MONSTER MASH

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	10/14	10/13	$10	312051-02

TURKEY TROT

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	11/11	11/10	$10	312051-03

HOLIDAY BASH

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	12/9	12/8	$10	312051-04

SWEETHEART SERENADE

Location: 4-Seasons Banquet Facility

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	2/3	2/2	$15	112051-02

SHAMROCK SHAKE

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
15+	F	7:00-9:00P	3/3	3/2	$10	112051-03

FOOD AND A FLICK

Come hungry to this program, as we will eat at a local restaurant before taking in the latest movie. Join your friends as we watch the newest number one flick this month! Movies will not be rated higher than PG-13. Restaurant, movie titles, and exact start and end times will be given to you approximately two days prior to the program. **Location: Lindo Theater**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
14+	Tu	4:30-8:00P	10/11	10/4	$40	312131-01
14+	Tu	4:30-8:00P	2/21	2/16	$40	112131-01

NASR FALL FUN DAY

Come welcome the Fall weather and changing leaves by spending the day with your NASR friends. Join us for games, tie-dye, campfires, hayrides, and much more! You even get to cook your lunch over the campfire! **Location: Oakdale Nature Preserve**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
All	Sa	12:00-2:00P	9/10	9/2	$15	312211-01

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics Team Uniforms – *All Special Olympics athletes must obtain a team uniform as required for each sport. Please note the uniform requirements included in the program description. Contact the Park District Office for order forms or to inquire about uniform purchases. Uniform fees apply and are subject to change.*

SO BASKETBALL

Get ready for another great season of fun and excitement. We start by brushing up on our skills and then play some intense games to gear up for the District tournament. Note - games may be on weekends or weeknights. Participation in State tournaments is not guaranteed and is dependent upon staff availability and payment of additional participation fees up to $50. You must have a current SO medical form on file through March 2017 or submit one at time of registration. Uniform Required: Jersey, Shorts.
Location: Open Bible School Gymnasium

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	W	4:30-5:30P	11/9-1/25*	11/4	$80	312271-01

***No Class 12/21 & 12/28**

SO SNOWSHOEING

This sport is a great way to improve your overall fitness, coordination, and endurance as well as keep you active in the cold weather. Practice each week to learn proper techniques and prepare for the district meet in January. Participation in State tournaments is not guaranteed and is dependent upon staff availability and payment of additional participation fees up to $50. Have a current SO medical form on file through February 2017 or submit at registration. Uniform Required: Winter Hat **Location: Read Park Multi-purpose Field**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	M	4:30-5:30P	11/14-1/2	11/11	$50	312281-01

Special Recreation *continued on next page*

SPECIAL RECREATION

SO SWIM TEAM

If you like water, this is the sport for you. Work with trained swim instructors to improve your overall performance. Practice swim strokes, starts, turns, and the overall rules of competition. This program is great exercise and is gentle on the joints, making it possible for most everyone to participate. To be able to participate, you must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) independently with no floatation device. Participation in State tournament is not guaranteed and is dependent upon staff availability and payment of additional participation fees up to $50. You must have a current SO Medical form on file through March 2017 or submit one at registration. Uniform Required: Swim Cap
Location: Carl Sandburg School Pool

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	M	6:30-7:30P	12/12-2/27*	12/5	$75	312061-01

***No Class 12/26, 1/2, 1/16 & 2/20**

SO SOCCER

Get your kicks ready for the Special Olympics Soccer team! Compete in local games then participate in the Area Spring Games at Harlem High School. Participation in State tournaments is not guaranteed and is dependent upon staff availability and payment of additional participation fees up to $50. Athletes must have a current SO medical form on file through June 2017 or submit one at registration. Uniform Required: Jersey, Shorts **Location: Read Park Multi-purpose Field**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	M	4:30-5:30P	3/13-5/1	3/6	$50	112061-01

SO TRACK AND FIELD

Get ready to test your speed and agility. Practice every week to compete in a local meet then at Spring Games! Participation in State tournaments is not guaranteed and is dependent upon staff availability and payment of additional participation fees up to $50. Athletes must wear athletic shoes and pants/shorts for practices. You must have a current SO medical form on file through June 2017 or submit one at registration. Uniform Required: T-shirt, Shorts **Location: Freeport Middle School Gym and Aquin High School**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	W	4:30-5:30P	3/15-5/3	3/7	$75	112071-01

HOLIDAY CANDY CREATIONS

Get in the Holiday Spirit by fulfilling your sweettooth cravings. Join us to make traditional holiday cookies and candies and even take a bag of sweets home! **Location: Oakdale Mogle Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6+	Tu	4:30-5:30P	12/13	12/9	$20	312311-01

FITNESS FUN

Looking to stay active this fall? Come get in shape and experience some new exciting ways to exercise. Find your zen with yoga, learn the proper way to work with free weights, participate in cardio classes and more. Getting fit has never been this fun!
Location: Read Park Pavilion

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6+	M	4:30-5:30P	10/3-10/24	9/28	$16	312361-01

FALL CRAFTS

Join our special guest instructor Mary-Claire O'Neill who will teach us the techniques of fabric painting and resisting to create a beautiful fall design. You don't want to miss this! **Location: Oakdale Mogle Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6+	M	4:30-6:30P	9/26	9/19	$15	312491-01

TIE DYE PARTY

Come celebrate the spring with the bright colors! Special guest Mary-Claire O'Neill will show us special folding and tying techniques to make the perfect tie-dye shirt. **Location: Oakdale Mogle Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	M	4:30-6:30P	3/6	02/27	$15	112281-01

GUYS NIGHT OUT

No boys allowed! Enjoy a game of cards, watch a movie, play sports - all with your guy pals. Dinner is included.
Location: Krape Community Building

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6+	Tu	4:30-6:30P	3/7	3/1	$25	112541-01

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

No girls allowed! Enjoy a mini-manicure, crafts, movies, and games – all with your favorite girls. Dinner is included.
Location: Krape Community Building

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
6+	Tu	4:30-6:30P	3/21	3/15	$25	112541-02

ART WITH THE PROS

This series of unique art classes is brought to you by Freeport Park District and Freeport Art Museum.

MAKE A VASE

Join us for Art with the Pros! We will be teaming up with the Freeport Art Museum to create a unique clay vase to enjoy flowers in at home. The first date will be for building the vase and the second date will be for adding color. Don't miss this opportunity!
Location: Freeport Art Museum

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
8+	Tu	5:00-7:00P	10/18-11/1*	10/11	$25	312561-01

***No Class 10/25**

MOVEMENT ON PAPER

Join us for Art with the Pros! We will be teaming up with the Freeport Art Museum to use the properties of watercolor and oil to create movement on paper. **Location: Krape Community Building**

Age	Day	Time	Date	Register By	Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	5:00-7:00P	3/28	3/21	$15	112561-01

REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARK DISTRICT PROGRAMS IS HANDLED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING EARLY

Please note that each Freeport Park District program has a registration deadline that is listed in the program description. Registration deadlines are created to allow time for staff to determine if minimum enrollment is met, create schedules, order supplies and equipment, form rosters and organize other resources to ensure a successful program. Registration may not be accepted after the published registration deadline. Many Freeport Park District programs have a maximum capacity and fill up quickly. It is strongly encouraged to register early to guarantee enrollment in a program.

PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS

The Freeport Park District reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine classes.

PROGRAM REFUND POLICY

Refunds for classes and events will be given if requested two weeks or more prior to the program start time (minus a $5 service charge). If a refund request is made within two weeks (14 days) of the start of the class or program, only a partial reimbursement (less a $5 service charge and direct program expenses) will be issued. Refunds for bus trips (minus a $5 service charge) will be issued only for a documented medical emergency or if arrangements are made for someone to fill the opening. Cash refunds will not be issued once the class/program has begun. A Program Refund Request Form must be completed and submitted to the Park District Office before a refund will be issued.

INCLUSION

The Freeport Park District provides year-round opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate with their peers without disabilities in recreational programs. Inclusion opportunities are available to individuals of all ability levels and ages. If you or a family member would like to enroll in a Park District program and need assistance, simply request additional services at the time you register. The request will be reviewed and the appropriate assistance determined. The Therapeutic and Community Recreation Supervisor will monitor progress throughout the program by staying in direct contact with the individual or caregiver. The sooner we have the information about your request, the better chances are for a successful inclusion experience. Please provide at least two weeks notice prior to the start of the program date for an inclusion request. For more information on Inclusion Services please contact us at 815-235-6114 or contact@freeportparkdistrict.org.

NEED TRANSPORTATION?

The Freeport Park District does not provide transportation to and from programs, but we are happy to announce the Pretzel City Transit. The Pretzel City Transit currently provides transportation 6:00 a.m. through midnight Monday through Friday and 6:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. All rides provided by Pretzel City Transit are demand response rides. In other words, there is no fixed route. Those needing a ride call dispatch at 815-233-RIDE the day before to schedule a pick-up.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

All participants attending Freeport Park District activities or using Freeport Park District facilities are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been created in order to maintain a safe, enjoyable environment for all participants. Additional rules and guidelines may vary for specific programs as deemed necessary by staff.

ALL PARTICIPANTS/PATRONS WILL:

- Show respect to all participants, staff, and volunteers.
- Follow program rules and take direction from recreation staff.
- Refrain from using abusive or foul language.
- Refrain from threatening or causing bodily harm to self or others.
- Show respect for property, including equipment, supplies, and facilities.
- Not be in possession of weapons

IF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR DOES OCCUR, RECREATION STAFF WILL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM USING THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT MODEL:

- First offense – verbal warning.
- Second offense – time-out of activity and discussion with supervisor.
- Third offense – suspension of activity/facility privileges, removal from activity/facility for remainder of the day.

If a participant continues to refuse following directions of recreation staff or if the incident is an emergency, Police will be called and the participant may face further disciplinary action. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers his or her own safety or the safety of others.

ICE SKATING

Ice skating and hockey are now available in Read Park at the new ice skating rink located adjacent to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center. Skaters can enjoy a lighted ice skating facility, weather permitting. Ice rink is for shared use for general skating and ice hockey. When general skaters are present, hockey is restricted to West half of ice rink. Call the Freeport Park District's Ice Skating Hotline at (815) 235-6114 ext. 8 for the latest updates on ice conditions.

THURSDAY NIGHT HOCKEY

Thursday nights will be reserved for ice hockey at the Read Park Ice Rink from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. General skating will be closed at this time to accommodate full rink hockey. There is no cost to participate, but waivers must be signed prior to playing. Youth under the age of 18 must have a parent signed waiver to participate. Waivers can be obtained at the Park District Office during regular business hours.

SLEDDING

Krape Park continues to be one of the most popular destinations for sledding. The sledding hill is located near the Koenig Theater in Krape Park. Call the Freeport Park District's Sledding Hotline at (815) 235-6114, ext. 8, for updates on sledding conditions. Sledding enthusiasts are required to follow posted rules and guidelines of the Freeport Park District.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AND SNOWSHOE RENTAL

- Enjoy the 4 miles of trails at Oakdale or other parks
- Cross-country skis, poles and boots are available in a variety of sizes including children's
- A great low-impact workout and a way to enjoy the winter scenery
- If you haven't cross-country skied or snowshoed before, now is your chance – rent them for the weekend. The skis and snowshoes will be available to pick up and drop off at the Park District main office in Read Park.
- Available on first come, first serve basis

$12/pair/weekend
$5/pair/day

Yellow Creek Adventure Golf

815-801-PUTT (7888)

Take an adventure at the Yellow Creek Adventure Golf Course in Krape Park. The natural landscape and waterfall that sets Krape Park apart from other parks is evident in Krape Park's mini-golf course, Yellow Creek Adventure Golf.

Hours of Operation:

May 28 - August 28
Open Monday thru Sunday
Weekday Hours, Noon - 8:00PM
Weekend Hours, 11:00AM - 8:00PM

September 3 – October 30
Saturdays and Sundays from Noon - 6:00PM

Admission Rates:
Youth, 17 and younger $3.00
Adult, 18 and older $4.00

Krape Park Carousel

Saddle up for a ride on this historic attraction in Krape Park. Tickets are reasonably priced at 50 cents per ride.

Hours of Operation:

May 28 - August 28
Open Monday - Sunday
Weekday Hours, Noon - 8:00PM
Weekend Hours, 11:00AM - 8:00PM

September 3 – October 30
Saturdays and Sundays from Noon - 6:00PM

Boat Rental

They're back and they're quack-tastic! This is the only place around where you can take a paddleboat ride in a duck, dragon or swan. Explore the waters of Yellow Creek with our fleet of canoes, kayaks and paddleboats.

Hours of Operation:

May 28 - August 28
Open Monday - Sunday
Weekday Hours, Noon - 8:00PM
Weekend Hours; 11:00AM - 8:00PM

September 3 – September 25
Saturdays and Sundays from Noon - 6:00PM

Admission Rates per 1/2 hour:
4-seat Paddleboat $8
2-seat Paddleboat $6
Canoe $5
Kayak $5

Disc Golf at Krape Park

The 18-hole course is located in the Flagstaff area of the park and uses the area's natural terrain to present a picturesque yet challenging disc golf experience. The game is a cross between Frisbee and golf. The average hole is approximately 300 feet long. Each hole begins with a "drive" from a tee and ends with a "putt" into an elevated basket. The course is all weather and can be played year-round.

Call (815) 235-6114 or visit our website at www.freeportparkdistrict.org to learn more about this exciting sport or to find out more about leagues. If you are new to the game of disc golf, you can now rent discs from the boat rental building. Disc rentals are only $2, so stop by and try this fun game.

Group and Corporate Outings

Looking for something new to do for your business, church, or group outing? Contact the Freeport Park District Office at (815) 235-6114 to set up your next event. We can customize a package that includes mini-golf, disc golf, boat rentals, picnic shelters, and/or carousel rides.

Park Hills Golf Courses

- Park Hills Golf Club offers two 18-hole courses to challenge golfers of every ability. They are spread over 300 acres of rolling hillside in scenic Northwest Illinois.
- The East Course measures 6,477 yards, par 72, a 69.9 rating, with a slope of 116.
- The West Course measures 6,627 yards, par 72, a 71.3 rating, with a slope of 121.
- Rated 3-1/2 stars by Golf Digest Places to Play 2005-2006 for great value and good service.
- Beautiful watered fairways, greens and tees. Newly redesigned bunkers.
- 300-yard practice range with natural grass tees and 15 hitting stations. Two large practice putting greens.
- Carts available but not mandatory - walkers welcome - pull carts available.
- Dining room offers breakfast and lunch menu.
- Outings available.

Driving Range

The driving range is an excellent place to practice your swing. Stop by today to sharpen up your game! There is also a practice putting green.

Pro Shop

Be sure to stop here for all of your golfing needs. We have a great selection of clubs, clothing and shoes. If we do not have an item you need, we can usually get it. So stop by and get fully equipped for the year.

Golf Lessons

It's never too late to learn a few new golf techniques. If you're having trouble with your swing or want to learn how to play golf, sign up for some golf lessons today. Golf lessons are also an excellent gift idea. Both private and group lessons are available.

Club Repair

Do you have grips on your clubs that are slick and worn out? Do you have a bent or broken shaft on one of your clubs? Bring them out to get them ready for the year. Now is an excellent time to get those things done that you've been putting off all year!

Outing Area

If you are planning a golf outing, be sure to look into a day at Park Hills. Our staff can make your outing a complete success from beginning to end. Tee times, carts and a delicious catered meal will make your outing very enjoyable. To book your outing, call the Pro Shop at 235-3611. There will be alcohol available on the course for outings, please call the Pro Shop for more information.

Green Fee Specials

On Mon. and Thurs. only, Park Hills offers two great golf specials. From 6:00am - 1:00pm you can play 18 holes with a cart for just $30 per person, and after 1:00pm it's only $24 !!! Be sure to come out and take advantage of these great golf specials this year at Park Hills.

Twi-Light Special

Everyday at Park Hills, the Twi-Light rate of $24 per person for 18 holes with a cart starts at 5:00pm (on Mon. and Thurs. 1:00 PM). This is a great way to get in a practice round after work or on the weekends.

Leagues

Interested in joining a league? We have leagues for men, women, seniors, and juniors. It's easy to join and fun to get out with your friends every week. Just ask Jeff or one of the pro shop staff on how to join.

Visit the course online at
www.parkhillsgolfcourse.com

Stephenson County Historical Society

1440 S. Carroll Avenue, Freeport, IL
815-232-8419 • www.stephcohs.org

Whether you're seeking a leisurely stroll through beautifully landscaped grounds, or learning a bit of history, or maybe just being a little nosey about how people lived more than a hundred years ago, the campus of the Stephenson County Historical Society has what you need. Linger at your heart's content at any or all of these attractions:

- The Arboretum with its cultivated collection of trees and flowers and our Butterfly Garden offer a place for casual walks along winding drives and across green lawns.
- The meticulously preserved Victorian Era home of the Oscar Taylor family built in 1857 in the Italianate style offers a glimpse into the life-style of an educated and wealthy family in the Midwest. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The 1850s Log Cabin contrasts with the Taylor Home, offering a time-warp experience back to a living situation that was rugged and simple.
- The 1920s era one-room School House lets you get a feel for the days when "reading, writing and arithmetic were taught to the tune of a hickory stick."
- The Industrial Museum offers a wide variety of exhibits: Henney Motor Company vehicles; a Stephens Salient Six automobile, and a Stover gas engine, all made in Freeport. In addition there are Rawleigh salesmen's wagons of the era before the automobile.
- The Toy Museum offers the world's largest collection of toys made by Freeport's famous Arcade Manufacturing Company. In addition there is a display of Structo toys, also made in Freeport.

Other features of the museums include a nationally renowned collection of Arcade Toys, a display of Civil War artifacts, as well as displays highlighting our community's links to Jane Addams, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, and nationally distributed products manufactured locally.

Museum Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, Noon to 4pm.
Admission: $8.00 adults; $4.00 Children (6-12 years). Free to Historical Society members.
Group Tours: Pre-arranged Group Tours can be scheduled for days and times when the Museum is normally closed.

Call the Historical Society for details – (815) 232-8419.

Museum Gift Shop

- Rawleigh Products—salves, ointments, vanilla and more
- Wide range of books on local history
- Great selection of books, toys and games for children of all ages.

The Gift Shop is open during regular Museum hours, during special tours or by appointment. All proceeds from the Gift Shop support the on-going activities of the Museum.

Arboretum Weddings & Private Parties

The Taylor Family held dozens of weddings and parties in their arboretum—and now you can too. Plan your next outdoor event in the splendid setting of a 150 year plus arboretum of historic flowers and many non-native trees. Facilities available include a gazebo, restrooms, kitchenette and bride's dressing area.

Call the Historical Society (815) 232-8419 for available dates and detailed information.

Historical Society Membership

By becoming a member of the Stephenson County Historical Society you can show your support for preserving our local history. Benefits include:

- Free admission to the Museum
- Bi-monthly newsletters
- Special invitations to members-only events
- Discount rates at the Gift Shop and for some events
- A sense of pride in helping preserve our past

For a copy of the membership brochure, call (815) 232-8419 or E-mail us at: director@stephcohs.org

Historical Society Events

- **Ghost Hunting Adventure at the Historic Taylor House Museum** – *Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 2016. 7PM-10PM.* The evening will include a formal dinner in the Taylor House dining room, ghost story telling, and ghost hunting with a team of paranormal investigators. Learn what goes on during these investigations, and maybe have an experience of your own! This event is open to adults 18 years and up. *Tickets available by calling the museum office at 815-235-8419. $65 per person - limited to 12 tickets per night – reservations required.*
- **Christmas Tea at the Taylor's** – *Saturday, December 3, 2016. 2PM-6PM.* The historic Taylor mansion museum will be decorated in its holiday finery. The event will include holiday music, special exhibits, costumed interpreters, activities for the kids, and homemade cookies and refreshments. *Admission: Adults $5, Museum Members $3, Kids 12 and under free.*

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

- Over four miles of trails through 133-acres of forests, restored tall grass prairie and two streams.
- Hike, jog, picnic, photograph, bird watch, animal track, identify plants…
- Hard-packed accessible trail of 1/3 mile starts at main grounds and goes through the forest.
- Oakdale is open to the public dawn until 10:30 PM
- Picnic shelters, a free standing outdoor grill and fire rings are also available first-come-first-serve or for rent.

JANE ADDAMS TRAIL

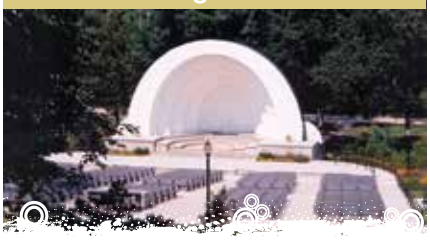
- Open to bicyclists, hikers, snowmobiles and cross-country skiers.
- 17 miles from Tutty's Crossing Trailhead in downtown Freeport to Wisconsin state line where it connects to the Badger Trail.
- 4.1 miles asphalt paved path from Tutty's Crossing Trailhead to Wes Block Trailhead. 10 foot wide, level grade, crushed limestone surface from Wes Block Trailhead to Wisconsin state line.
- 22 bridges including the historic Van Buren Bridge across the Pecatonica River, erected in 1885, and a Covered Bridge in Orangeville.
- Bordered by the Pecatonica River, Richland Creek and Cedar Creek.
- Travels through historic downtown Freeport, the Old River School Historic District Neighborhood, and past natural wetlands, old oak woods, grassland prairies, exposed rock embankments, active farms, and several small communities as well as the Village of Orangeville.
- Part of the Grand Illinois Trail that traverses northern Illinois from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

www.janeaddamstrail.com

FACILITY RENTALS

Gunkel Shelter

Koenig Theater



Krape Community Building

Oakdale Mogle Center

Freeport Park District has a variety of facilities available for gatherings such as reunions, picnics, weddings and other group functions. Outdoor Shelters and picnic areas are available on a "first come, first served" basis to the general public, unless reserved and payed for through the District's Facility Rental/Reservation process. This can be done at the Freeport Park District Office, or by calling 815-235-6114 ext. 0. Rental fees are required to be payed in full at the time of the reservation. Please refer to the next page for a complete list of Facility Rental/Reservation policies and regulations.

OUTDOOR SHELTER/FACILITIES

	Resident	Non-Resident	Deposit	Seating Capacity
Krape Park Shelters/Facilities				
Gunkel Shelter				
Weekdays	$40 (1/2) $60 (entire)	$55 (1/2) $90 (entire)		75 (1/2) 200 (entire)
Weekends & Holidays	$60 (1/2) $90 (entire)	$80 (1/2) $115 (entire)		
Flagstaff Waterfall Shelter	$40	$55		96
Flagstaff Playground Shelter	$40	$55		112
Koenig Shelter				
Weekdays	$40	$55		64
Weekends & Holidays	$60	$90		
Koenig Theater	$75	$100	$50	550
Commissioners' Garden Gazebo	$75	$100		N/A

OTHER SHELTERS/FACILITIES

Taylor Park Shelter	$40	$55		128
Read Park Shelter	$40	$55		24
Oakdale Shelter	$40	$55		48
Oakdale Newell Shelter	$40	$55		48
Bidwell Shelter w/restrooms	$40	$55	$50	24

INDOOR FACILITIES

	Resident	Non-Resident	Deposit	Seating Capacity
Krape Community Building	$85	$130	$50	80
Read Park Pavilion	$125	$175	$50	80
Oakdale Mogle Center	$60	$90	$50	24

Contact the Park District for availability and rates on ball diamonds and sand volleyball courts, as well as other park areas such as the Civic Gardens.

Facility Rental/Reservation Policies

A $50 deposit is required for all indoor facility rentals and is due when you pick up your key. The deposit will be refunded when you return the key, if the facility you used has no damage and there is not excessive clean-up required by the Park District staff.

Reservations can only be made within each calendar year. A $50 surcharge will be added to your rental fee for all reservations outside the current calendar year up to 1 year in advance.

An additional fee of $100 will be charged to groups of 150 or more utilizing a Park District facility.

Non-profit organizations wishing to conduct fund-raisers on Freeport Park District property must apply for a permit at the Park District Office. If the organization is not renting a facility or paying a user fee, the organization shall pay a $50 fee. For further details about these policies, contact the Park District Office, (815) 235-6114.

Facility Rental Cancellation Policy

If your group must cancel a reservation, the following policy is in effect:

Less than 4 weeks notice ..... No refund
4-5 weeks notice.....25% refund
6-7 weeks notice.....50% refund
8 weeks notice.....75% refund

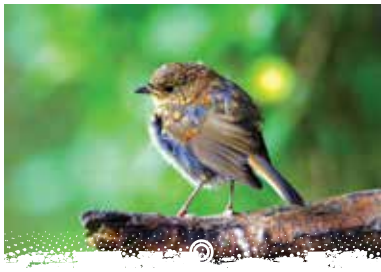
Park Usage Rules

The Park District rules, regulations and ordinances, which govern public usage of Park property and facilities, are available at the Park District Office. A summary of the main rules are:

- All parks where rental facilities are located open at dawn and close at 10:30 pm. All other parks close at dusk. (C)
- Pedestrians and bicyclists always have the right of way over motor vehicles. (B)
- Park patrons may feed the white domesticated ducks in Krape Park. Feeding wild ducks and geese or any other wild animal is prohibited. (D)
- Under no circumstances are temporary signs, balloons or any other items to be pinned, stapled or otherwise attached or placed on any tree, park sign or along the roadway. This action will be considered littering. (C)
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways, parking lots or designated parking areas only. Vehicles are not permitted on lawns, park walk ways or trails at any time. This prohibition includes loading and unloading purposes. (B)
- Fires are allowed only in designated metal fire places that are provided by the district. Use of all privately owned grills (gas or charcoal) is not permitted without prior approval from the District. Use of gas grills will require a certificate of insurance from your homeowner insurance carrier naming the Park District as additionally insured(A)
- Tents, nets or canopy structures are not permitted without prior approval of the administrative office. (B)
- Picnics and events utilizing third party suppliers (tent rental, caterers, etc.) must be approved by the Park District in advance and may require the purchase of a liability insurance policy naming the Park District as additionally insured for the duration of the event including setup and breakdown dates. The use of all third-party suppliers require least 30 days advance notice to the event.
- The use of amplified sound (public address systems, radios, boom box, musical instruments) is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the Director. Groups seeking authorization should consider use of the Koenig Theatre. (B)
- The use of profane, abusive or loud, boisterous language or conducting oneself in a disorderly manner is prohibited. (A)
- Activities that damage or disturb any natural or man-made feature are prohibited. (A)
- Possession or consumption of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is prohibited. (A)
- The discharge or possession of firearms, fireworks or explosives is prohibited. (A)
- Wading or swimming in all district creeks and ponds is prohibited. (D)
- Minors under 10 years of age shall at all times be under the direct supervision and control of a parent, guardian or responsible adult custodian. The applicant/user is responsible for monitoring the conduct of their guests or invitees. (D)
- All dogs and pets must be on a leash, no longer than 10 feet, at all times. Hitching or tying an animal to a tree, bush or shrub is prohibited. The owner is responsible for the conduct of the animal and shall carry equipment and supplies for removing feces and shall place feces deposited by the dog or pet in an appropriate receptacle. Continuously barking dogs and/or animals displaying overly aggressive behavior will not be permitted in any park. (D)
- All waste and trash must be deposited in garbage receptacles. (A)

Picnic Kits

Need some sports equipment for your picnic, family reunion, company outing or other gathering? Our picnic kit has a volleyball and net, a playground ball, a football, frisbees, a softball bat and ball and a basketball. Payment, including deposit, is due at the Park District Office when you reserve the kit. Call (815) 235-6114, ext. 0, for more details. Fee: $5 per day, plus a $25 deposit.



Firebaugh Observatory/Planetary Studies Foundation

The Firebaugh Observatory, located next to the Park Hills Golf Course, will be open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays May through September. For more information about Firebaugh Observatory and the Planetary Studies Foundation, please contact Jim Dole at 815-291-3072 or visit the Planetary Studies Foundation website at **www.planets.org**.

Freeport Aquatic Swim Team (FAST)

Do you like to swim? Can you swim the length of the pool? Would you like to meet some new friends? Did you know that there is a swim team in Freeport just for you? We can offer you a family-friendly environment where you can develop your skills in swimming, the Life-Long Sport. For more information, visit our website at **www.freeportaquaticswimteam.com**.

Freeport Crush Softball Club

The Freeport Crush Fastpitch traveling softball team was formed thirteen years ago with one goal in mind, to make your daughter the best possible student-athlete that she can be. We also teach strong fundamentals, sportsmanship, good attitude and politeness towards all. For more information, please visit our website at **www.freeportcrush.com** or call Jacey Ensor at 815-541-0696.

Freeport Frisbee Fanatics

The Freeport Frisbee Fanatics is a non-profit group dedicated to enhancing and promoting disc sports in Freeport. The club is open to everyone interested in playing disc golf. The annual fee for membership is $20 and covers discounts in merchandise and a steak dinner at the end of the year. Please check out events at the bulletin board at the top of Flagstaff Hill in Krape Park. A disc golf league, organized by Freeport Frisbee Fanatics, takes place on Saturdays at 10am. For more information about disc golf leagues and tournaments, contact Paul Buss at 815-908-9329.

Freeport Little League

Little League baseball provides an opportunity for children to learn the lifetime skills of leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Freeport Little League offers each child the same opportunities and instills many life-long memories in children. For more information, visit us on the web at **www.quickscores.com/fll** or email to freeportll@yahoo.com.

Freeport Soccer Club

Are you interested in competitive soccer? The Freeport Soccer Club offers youth ages 7-17 an opportunity to play in a competitive league as well as tournaments. For more information, call Dan Holden at (815) 235-4694 or Sarah Hasken at (815) 233-5680.

Junior Tackle Football

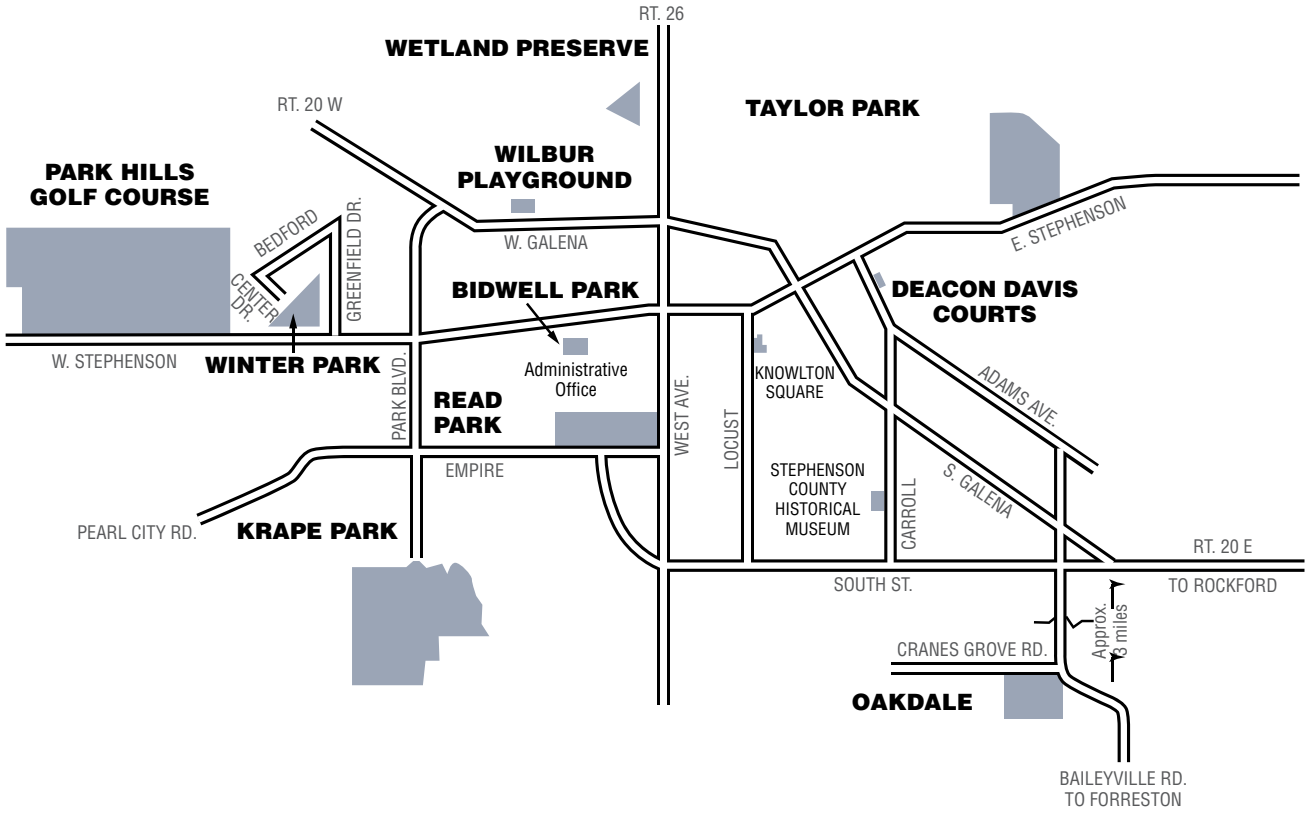
For over thirty years, the Jr. Tackle program has taught our youth the value of team work, discipline and dedication through the basics of football. In a fun environment, Jr. Tackle looks to not only instill these strong character traits, but more importantly, create long lasting memories and friendships for the youth in our community. For more information, like Freeport Jr. Tackle Football on Facebook, or email jrtackle@outlook.com. JOIN THE TRADITION.

Little Cubs Field

A nearly exact duplicate of the Cubs' Wrigley Field - on a much smaller scale - it provides a fun venue for people of all ages to enjoy America's pastime. More information is available at **www.littlecubsfield.com**, or email info@littlecubsfield.com.

Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

The Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, which is a chapter of the National Audubon Society, will be offering some programs at the Oakdale Nature Preserve. These programs will be open to the public at no charge. However it is important that reservations be made ahead of time because space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Richard Benning at 815-865-5279.



Great Outdoor Fun at Freeport Parks

Krape Park
1799 S. Park Blvd.

Park Hills Golf Course
3240 W. Stephenson

Taylor Park
900 E. Stephenson

Read Park
1200 Park Lane Dr.

Oakdale
4433 S. Cranes Grove Rd.

Winter Park
2023 Bedford Rd.

Wilbur Playground
Warren Ave.

Deacon Davis Courts
Liberty and Jackson

Knowlton Square
Locust at Broadway

Bidwell Park
1124 W. Pleasant

Wetland Preserve
Rte. 26 N.

Stephenson County Historical Museum
1440 S. Carroll Ave.

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- Picnic Tables
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- Baseball
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- Golf
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