

Dear friend of the Naperville Park District:

With summer on the horizon, what do you and your family have planned for the season? Although summer is typically the time for vacations, the economy still has many of us in “staycation” mode. Since last year, the Park District has adopted this mindset and has put a significant amount of effort into helping our residents enjoy some much needed downtime without ever having to leave home.

Following last year’s successful launch of our On-the-Go Pass, an opportunity to enjoy three, key Riverwalk attractions for the discounted price of \$15, we’re not only bringing back this pass, but also expanding the program. For 2009, we are pleased to be partnering with DuPage Children’s Museum and Naper Settlement to sell the On-the-Go PLUS Pass. Like the original version, the PLUS Pass includes one-time admission to Centennial Beach, the Millennium Carillon and a 20-minute paddleboat ride for up to four people, in addition to one-time admission to DuPage Children’s Museum and Naper Settlement for \$27. Both of these passes not only provide an excellent opportunity for residents to take advantage of these local amenities, but they’re great for visiting family and friends as well.

Historically, the Park District has provided several free events throughout the year, with a significant number hosted during the summer months, and we’re pleased to continue this tradition. From the Frontier Kite Fly Festival the first weekend in June to Concerts in Your Parks throughout June and July – presented by Continental Acura & Continental Audi of Naperville, to Millennium Carillon concerts and Rollin’ on the River bands, there are plenty of great events to enjoy with the family that don’t cost a thing. Be sure to check out all of our special events beginning on page 5 of this edition of the *Program Guide*. I encourage you to take advantage of these free opportunities to enjoy the simplest of pleasures this summer – spending time with family and friends.

Not surprisingly, Centennial Beach also is a great place to spend the summer for a reasonable price. In 2008, thanks in part to the perfect weather, we enjoyed a record season with more guests than ever coming through our doors. We’re hoping for the same kind of success this year, and I wanted emphasize the great value that Centennial Beach visitors can enjoy. Purchasing a season pass is the best deal, as it pays for itself after only a few visits. However, even the daily admission is value priced for an entire day of swimming fun. And, for added enjoyment, we’ve added economical group rental and party options thanks to companies like Cold Stone Creamery and Zano Salons. I hope that you’ll make at least a couple of visits to the Beach this summer to experience all that this unique and historic place has to offer.

Summer also is a time to enjoy many of the seasonal programs that we offer like our wide variety of camps for kids and adult athletic programs like our Adult Softball Leagues, sponsored by Tommy Nevin’s Pub. Whatever your interests, within this publication you’re sure to find a Naperville Park District summer program to enjoy yourself or several to entertain the kids.

Please be assured that our staff continues to work diligently to provide the best value and experience to you for the cost, because your continued satisfaction is so important to us. If you’re a frequent Park District participant, we thank you for your patronage. If you’re a new customer, welcome and thank you! It is our goal to earn your business not just this summer, but for many seasons to come.

Sincerely,

Ray McGury
Executive Director
Naperville Park District