



# Park District Facilities

Wondering where to go? See facilities map on pages 70-71!

## Active Sport Area (ASA)

Fall hours for the Stevenson Park ASA will begin Saturday, August 23. The ASA is scheduled to be open through November 26, weather permitting. Located at Stevenson Park (49 Lake Street), the Active Sport Area (ASA) features a 12,000 sq ft skate park and 3 half-court basketball courts. The ASA is free to the public. Helmets must be worn at all times in the skate park and bikes are not allowed.

**Fall Hours (Aug 23-Nov 26):**  
**M-Tu: 3:30-8pm**  
**W: 3:30-6pm**  
**Th-F: 3:30-8pm**  
**Sa-Su: 12-8pm**

Check out skateboarding lessons on page 39.

## Barrie Sport Courts at Barrie Center

### Barrie Sport Courts Open M - F from 4-7pm Schedule for Aug 18 - Oct 31

The Barrie Park Sport Courts are a self contained area at Barrie Center with a unique all-weather surface designed to facilitate various sports (basketball, volleyball, tennis and in-line hockey).

#### First Week of the month (Sep 1 - 5, Oct 6-10)

Tennis & Basketball

#### Second Week (Sep 8 - 13, Oct 13 - 17)

Volleyball & Basketball

#### Third Week (Aug 18 - 22, Sep 15-19, Oct 20-24)

In-Line Hockey & Basketball

#### Fourth Week (Aug 25 - 29, Sep 22-26, Oct 27-31)

Basketball

#### Fifth Week (Sep 29 - Oct 3)

Tennis & Basketball

Please note that the Sport Courts may be closed due to inclement weather, special events, program class rescheduling (make-up classes) or for facility repairs. Please call Barrie Center for the status of the Sport Courts or with any questions (708) 383-6905.

## Paul Hruby Ice Arena at Ridgeland Common

### Public Skate Season Begins Saturday, October 18

- Admission to Family or Public Skate is \$5/person or by season pass.
- Hockey and figure skates are available to rent for \$2 a pair during all hockey, figure skating, and public skating programs. See Skate Rental on pg. 12.
- During Family Skate anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult guardian.
- Admission to Adult Skate is \$4/per person or by season pass. Participants must be 18 years old.
- Friday Evening Public Skate will not be held when Friday Night Ice is held. See page 13 for dates.

#### Schedule for October 18 through early March, 2009

Public Skate:	F, 4:30-7:45pm
	Sa, 5:15-7:30pm
	Su, 2-4pm
Family Skate:	Su, 1:15-2pm
Adult Skate: (18 & up)	Sa, 9:30-10:30pm

### Noon Skate

Noon Skate begins Monday, October 6. Skating will be cancelled during winter recess and other special activities.

Admission: \$3/person or by season pass  
M-F 11:30am-12:45pm

### School's Out Skate

Ridgeland Common will be offering additional Public Skating hours on the following days that the local public grammar schools are not in session.

Admission: \$5/person or by season pass.

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Columbus Day - M, Oct 13

Thanksgiving Holiday - F, Nov 28

Institute Day - F, Jan 16, 2009

Martin Luther King - M, Jan 19, 2009

President's Day - M, Feb 16, 2009

## Ice Skating Passes

- Skating passes are available for anyone who attends public or noon skating sessions frequently.
- Passes purchased this season are valid for the Fall 2008-Winter 2009 season. Please see page 12 for complete details and pricing.

## Park Permits (May 1 - Oct 15)

Park Permit line at (708) 725-2721

The Park District of Oak Park is presently reviewing and redeveloping the Park Permit process and policies. Please be aware that any changes made are intended to improve customer service by making the permit process easier to manage. You will be asked to present complete and thorough information which will expedite your request. The parks of the Park District of Oak Park are available to be permitted from May 1 through October 15.

### General Park Permits

Organized groups of 15 or more are required to request a park permit at least three (3) weeks prior to the activity. The permit application may be obtained by visiting the Park District website at [www.oakparkparks.com/aboutus/forms.htm](http://www.oakparkparks.com/aboutus/forms.htm) Download the permit request form and email, fax, mail or bring the completed form to the Park District. Please be sure to include a second choice in case of conflicts with other permits. **Incomplete forms will be denied.**

Groups may not barbecue (see below), erect canopies or inflatable activities, or have amplified music. For answers to specific questions please call the permit hotline at (708) 725-2721 and leave a message and a daytime number that you can be reached during the business day. The hotline is not checked on a daily basis.

### Taylor Park Picnic Permits

Groups may barbecue in the Taylor Park Picnic Area. A picnic permit is \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. The permit applications is online at [www.oakparkparks.com/aboutus/forms.htm](http://www.oakparkparks.com/aboutus/forms.htm). Residents may be required to show proof of residency before a permit will be issued.

Times available: 10am-3pm or 4pm to Dusk

Dates available: May 1-Oct 15

Fee: \$25/\$40

## Picnic Fun: Baggo Games for Rent!

Are you having a picnic, a block party, a barbecue or just some friends over for the day? The Park District has the activity for you. Rent one or more sets of Bag Toss boards and join the growing community playing this great block party game. Call the Park Permit line at (708) 725-2721 at least one week in advance to reserve your boards. Boards must be picked up the day before (or Friday) and returned the day after (or Monday) your event. There is a \$100 deposit that will be returned to you once the equipment is returned in satisfactory condition. Sets are limited.

Dates Available: May 30 - Oct 26

Fee: \$20 per set

# Dog Park & Dog Park Plus

Permit Required for access - limited permits available



Our four-legged canine friends have a designated place to run, roll around, meet new friends and even catch a ball or Frisbee here at the Park District of Oak Park. Opened in January 2006, the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located in Ridgeland Common Park, offers Oak Park dog owners the opportunity to bring their dogs to an open space and allow them to exercise off-leash. The Dog Park is a dedicated dog off-leash area located in the southeast corner of Ridgeland Common Park, in an area that covers approximately 8,700 square feet. Dog Park Plus encompasses the Dog Park as well as the fenced-in area of Ridgeland Common including the two ball fields and the sled hill. This is a multi-use area and is only available for off-leash exercise during select hours. (see below)

## How To Obtain A Permit

Permits are available for purchase by Oak Park residents only and are valid for May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009. Permits must be purchased IN-PERSON ONLY at Ridgeland Common, located at 415 W. Lake Street in Oak Park (office hours 9am-5pm M-F, and Sa from 9am-Noon).

## Requirements for Permit

Owners must provide a valid village dog license number, and proof of current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, kennel cough/bordetella, para-influenza and parvovirus, as well as proof of a fecal test for internal parasites. The cost for a permit is \$39 for the first dog registered, and \$5 for each additional dog thereafter, with a limit of three dogs per household (in keeping with Village restrictions on dog ownership). Permits are valid for one year from May 1 to April 30. Periodic monitoring and surveillance will be conducted by the Village of Oak Park Animal Control Officer and the Village of Oak Park Police. Dog owners not complying will be subject to fines of up to \$1,000.

### Dog Park Hours:

Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

### Dog Park Plus Hours:

Nov 1 - Mar 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 7-9am  
Apr 1 - Oct 31: Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays from 6-8am

*For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds but are allowed in our parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet.*

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## PLEASE NOTE

### About Dogs In Our Parks

For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds but are allowed in our parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet. A limited number of permits are available for the Park District's Dog Park and Dog Park Plus, located at Ridgeland Common Park. The Dog Park is a dedicated dog off-leash area located in the southeast corner of Ridgeland Common Park, in an area that covers approximately 8,700 square feet. Dog Park Plus encompasses the Dog Park as well as the fenced-in area of Ridgeland Common including the two ball fields and the sled hill. This is a multi-use area and is only available for off-leash exercise during select hours. PERMITS ARE REQUIRED. See information at left.

### No Smoking

According to Park District Ordinance 7.22, no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other tobacco products) is allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

### No private tennis lessons allowed on Park District tennis courts at any time.

According to Park District Ordinance, no person shall conduct any private instruction, lesson, or class in any Park Facility at any time except as previously approved by the Park District.

### Say Cheese!

On occasion, Park District staff may take photos of participants enrolled in Park District programs, classes, events, or people enjoying our parks. Please be aware that these photos are for Park District use only and may be used in future publications and on the Park District web sites.



## Facility Rental Information

The Park District of Oak Park offers a variety of venues for your special occasions. Among them are Cheney Mansion, Historic Pleasant Home and the Oak Park Conservatory, which are unique historic properties well-suited for weddings, showers and corporate functions. Our recreation centers, located throughout the community, are great settings for birthday parties, showers and other family gatherings. Please use the contact information below for more information on specific facility rentals. For information on renting outdoor spaces, please see Park Permits at right.

#### Cheney Mansion

Linda Peterson (708) 383-2612

#### Historic Pleasant Home

Georgia Braun (708) 383-2654

#### Oak Park Conservatory

Henrietta Yardley (708) 725-2450

#### Ridgeland Common

Jenny Berni (708) 725-2301

Ice Arena (in season)

Trina Hartzog (708) 848-9661 ext. 2519

Birthday Parties/Comstock Room

#### Active Sport Area

Bobbi Nance (708) 725-2110

#### Community Centers

Rental Hotline (708) 725-2722

Andersen Center Fox Center

Barrie Center Longfellow Center

Stevenson Center

**Rental Requests for the community centers must be made a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the rental date.**



# Facility Features

## Longfellow Park and Center: Changing to Meet the Needs of our Residents

Longfellow Park and Center, located on the east side of Ridgeland Avenue between Adams and Jackson, is a popular destination for residents of all ages and interests. Home to our Active Adult programs as well as various youth and adult programs, Longfellow Park is currently being redeveloped to better meet the needs of the Oak Park community.

### The History of Longfellow Park

Around the year 1917, the land now known as Longfellow Park was purchased at the same time the land was purchased for Field, Andersen, Carroll and Stevenson Parks. All of these park sites were named after popular children's authors. Longfellow was named after Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, considered the most popular American poet of his time. Toboggan slides were added in 1923 making Longfellow Park a popular destination for many Oak Park residents. It wasn't until 1966 that the Longfellow Center was constructed at the park site allowing for a variety of indoor program offerings.

In 2007, many upgrades were made to Longfellow Center to improve accessibility and create a customer friendly environment. A master site plan was completed for Longfellow Park in February 2007. Starting

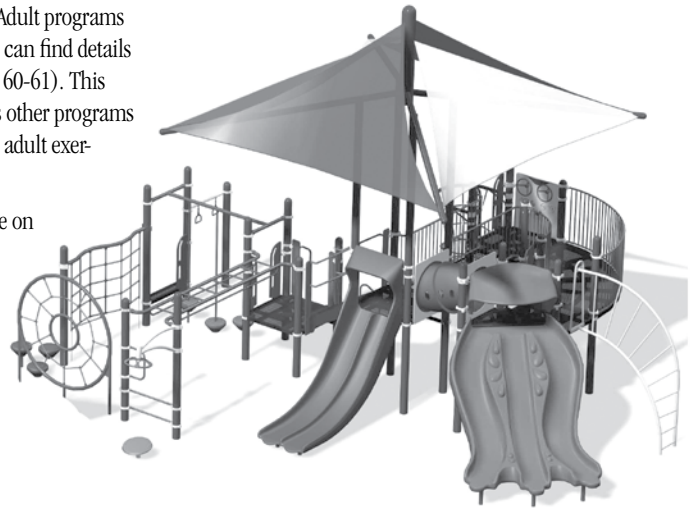
in early August of 2008, the majority of the Longfellow Park Site Plan will be implemented to improve and expand recreation facilities and program offerings

### Today at Longfellow Park

Card Parties, Monday Movie Critics and Active Adult Luncheons are just some of the Active Adult programs now located at Longfellow Center (you can find details on these programs and more on pages 60-61). This recreation facility also hosts numerous other programs including summer camps, playschool, adult exercise and martial arts.

In August, construction will commence on new playgrounds, a renovated splash play area, and a new basketball court. Additionally the existing ballfield/soccer field area will be redeveloped and an interior pathway system will be added to allow park patrons to traverse the park from north to south. An elevator will also be a welcome addition to Longfellow Center.

We invite you to come by Longfellow Park and see for yourself the many recreation opportunities offered!



Rendering of new Creative Play Area for Ages 5-12 at Longfellow Park. See more online at [www.oakparkparks.com](http://www.oakparkparks.com) - select "Future Plans," and then "Longfellow Park!"

## Be A Park District Partner! Sponsorship Opportunities are Available

For generations, the Park District of Oak Park has provided quality parks and recreation experiences for residents and visitors of all ages. The Park District offers a variety of opportunities to sponsor popular programs and special events, including our Annual Frank Lloyd Wright Races! When you partner with the Park District of Oak Park, you are associating your brand or product with healthy, fun and engaging activities for the entire community. Sponsorships are a great way to give back to the community while receiving promotional recognition. You can choose different levels of sponsorship to meet your promotional goals and financial needs - we will work with you to develop a mutually beneficial sponsorship package. For general sponsorship information, please contact Diane Stanke at (708) 725-2022 or [dianes@oakparkparks.com](mailto:dianes@oakparkparks.com).

## How Would You Like Your Advertisement In Every Home in Oak Park?

Four times per year, the Park District of Oak Park's brochure is mailed to every residence and business in Oak Park, totaling over 25,000 brochures delivered. The brochure is packed with information on programs, special events, and of course, our parks and facilities. The back cover is available for a multi-season contract, and inside space is available at various sizes on a season-by-season basis. Graphic design services for ad space are also available. For advertising information, contact Diane Stanke at (708) 725-2022 or [dianes@oakparkparks.com](mailto:dianes@oakparkparks.com).



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