

# Shaping the Future of Our Parks

For more information on any of the projects listed below, please visit [oakparkparks.com](http://oakparkparks.com) and select Future Plans and Current Projects. Park master plans, community meeting and focus group meeting notes, park concepts, future playground apparatus and more are just a mouse click away.

## Fox and Longfellow Parks Renovation Projects

If you haven't done so already, please take the time to visit the newly renovated Fox Park and Longfellow Park. See photos on page 73.

## Rehm Park Sand Volleyball Courts

The new sand volleyball courts at Rehm Park are now open for your enjoyment. No reservations are needed. The courts are open for public use unless a Park District league or program is being held at the courts.

## Oak Park Conservatory West Growing House Project

Lead abatement has been completed and the Conservatory's West Growing House is currently getting a fresh coat of paint. Additional project elements include outdated heating equipment replacement, structural work, environmental control improvements, and the addition of rolling benches and a retractable thermal shade device. All work is expected to be completed by September 1.

## Pleasant Home Masonry and Roof Repair Project

The Pleasant Home Foundation and the Park District began an important restoration of the masonry surfaces of historic Pleasant Home in mid-May. Work includes repointing all exterior limestone, resetting stone bases at the foundation, refastening stone on the chimneys, sealing masonry joints on all brick surfaces, resetting the limestone planting bed at the home's main entrance, and restoring the northeast corner of the front porch wall.

# Park Renewal Projects



This restoration project has been made possible through the generosity of a number of organizations and individuals including Tourism Cares Worldwide, Landmarks Illinois, Partners in Preservation Program funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, Mrs. Jeanette Fields and Architect Frank Heitzman. Part of the project is also funded by the Park District of Oak Park Capital Improvement Funds.

## Scoville Park World War I Monument Restoration

The War Memorial in Scoville Park, which dates back to 1925, is currently receiving a much needed face lift. The large granite base blocks and stairs to the Memorial are being removed and reset and the bronze figures and plaques will be refurbished as part of this project. Work began shortly after July 4 and is scheduled for completion by Veteran's Day on November 11.

## Euclid Square Park Site Plan

After 2 focus groups and 3 community meetings, a final draft recommendation for the Euclid Square Park site plan has been developed. It was discussed by the Park board at the July 2 Committee of the Whole Meeting. As we go to press, the plan is scheduled to be acted upon by the Park Board at the July 16 Regular Park Board Meeting. You can view this site plan at [www.oakparkparks.com](http://www.oakparkparks.com) and select Future Plans and Current Projects and then Euclid Square Park in the left column.

## Future Site Plan Development

Two more site plans are slated for development in 2009. The site planning process for Randolph Tot Lot will begin in late July or early August. Randolph Tot Lot is located at the intersection of Grove and Randolph.

Development of the Cheney Mansion Site Plan is scheduled to begin in September. This site plan, which will

encompass only the exterior of the Mansion, will include a focus on improving accessibility into the Mansion. Cheney Mansion is one of three historic properties owned and operated by the Park District of Oak Park. Please visit the Park District website at [www.oakparkparks.com](http://www.oakparkparks.com) for information regarding upcoming community meetings.



## The Oak Park Conservatory Garden Project Is A Go for 2010

Sandy Lentz, President of the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory, Park Board President Mark Gartland, and Clara Rubinstein sign the agreement which allows the Oak Park Conservatory Garden Project to move forward. With a generous donation from the Rubinstein Family and FOPCON, phase 1 of the Oak Park Conservatory site plan will be completed in 2010 which consists of a new and expanded garden area on the southeast corner of the site. When completed, the new garden will be named "The Herbert Rubinstein Memorial Garden" after Clara Rubinstein's father who, with his wife Elvira, was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory.

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**We had quite a crowd for the Re-Opening of Longfellow Park! Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate with us.**

