



Shaping the Future of Our Parks

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Scoville Park Site Plan Development Underway

We are planning for the redevelopment of Scoville Park. Since March, six focus groups and two community meetings have been held to develop a site plan or “blueprint” for future park renewal. A third meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 11 at 7pm at the Oak Park Public Library where a draft recommendation will be presented. If you would like to review the progress of this planning process, please visit www.oakparkparks.com and select future plans & current projects. We hope to see you on May 11.

Visit the New Wenonah Tot Lot!

The Wenonah Tot Lot renovation project has been completed and we're sure Oak Park tots are going to love it! Featuring a car and truck theme, kids can fill up their gas tank, learn about traffic safety, play in the sand, climb in the VW bug and much more. Wenonah Tot Lot is located at Wenonah Avenue & Harrison Street. Stop on by!

Randolph Tot Lot Renovation

Improvements to Randolph Tot Lot, including new playground equipment on a resilient rubberized surface, landscaping and pathways, began in mid-April with completion expected in July 2010. Since this location is the previous site of a railroad station, a train that kids can climb on and play in will be the focus of the tot lot along with swings, a slide and “The Blazer” which provides a rocking good time! Randolph Tot Lot doubled in size when the Park District assumed ownership of the property east of the alley bordering Randolph and Oak Park Avenue. This area will be developed into a passive park site with benches, chess tables, pathways and new landscaping. The park will be closed to the public throughout construction.

Scoville Park War Memorial Update

Restoration efforts are nearly complete for the Scoville Park War Memorial. The entire monument has been restored and the stairs and infrastructure surrounding the monument have been repaired and reset. Plans for a rededication ceremony are underway. To be notified when the ceremony will take place, sign up for our E-Newsletter “The Park Connection” at www.oakparkparks.com!

Herbert M. Rubinstein Memorial Garden at the Oak Park Conservatory

In early June construction of the Herbert M. Rubinstein Memorial Garden will commence at the Oak Park Conservatory. Dr. Rubinstein and his wife, Elvira, were co-founders of the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory. Due to a substantial contribution from the Rubinstein Family as well as a generous donation from the Friends organization, this project is becoming a reality. The new garden will feature a bluestone patio area, wood pergola, a water feature, plant wall, garden lighting and park benches. A variety of trees, shrubs and perennials, including many native plants, will be featured. This Memorial Garden will be open to the public during the day and available for rental in the evenings. Project completion is tentatively scheduled for the end of September.

Tropic Room Lead Abatement at the Oak Park Conservatory

The Tropic Room is the final display house at the Oak Park Conservatory to undergo lead abatement. This project will consist of removing or pruning and covering all of the plant specimens in the room. All

ironwork will be cleaned, primed and painted with special material which encapsulates any traces of paint left behind. Air monitoring will be performed throughout the Conservatory to gauge air quality during lead abatement. This final lead abatement project will help to ensure that the Oak Park Conservatory continues to provide a safe and healthy recreation and leisure education experience for the nearly 30,000 patrons who view the exhibits annually. During this project, expected to be accomplished beginning in June through the end of November, the Tropic Room and Desert Room will be closed to the public. The Exploration Station, a free drop-in children's program held each Saturday morning, will continue to be held at the Conservatory.

Renovation of Euclid Square Park Ball Field

Phase I of the site plan developed for Euclid Square Park in 2009 will be implemented beginning in mid-July. Revitalization of this 2.81 acre park on Euclid Avenue one block north of Roosevelt Road will be focused on complete renovation of the ball field in the southwest corner of the park. New walkways on the southern half of the park, landscaping and benches are also part of this project. A pre-construction community meeting will be held in June to provide details regarding the Euclid Square Park project which is expected to be completed by the end of November. Look for meeting information at www.oakparkparks.com or contact Diane Stanke at (708) 725-2022 or dianes@oakparkparks.com.

Maple Park Improvements

The renovation of Maple Park, one of the District's largest and most utilized parks, is scheduled to begin in mid-July. Plans include relocating the tennis courts from the center of the park and developing this land into a meadow/flexible play area with a new path on the east side of the park connecting the north end to the south end. Existing concrete areas adjacent to the tennis courts will also be removed and turned into green space. The new tennis courts will be located in the southwest corner of the park. A dog park will be constructed in the northwest corner of the park. New park amenities and landscaping round out this project which is expected to be completed in spring 2011. Look for information on a pre-construction community meeting to be held in mid-June on the Park District website at www.oakparkparks.com or contact Diane Stanke at (708) 725-2022 or dianes@oakparkparks.com.