

NEWS

Fitness

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri, 5:30am-10:30pm
Saturday, 6:45am-8:00pm
Sunday, 7:45am-8:00pm

Childcare Service

Childcare service is available at the Community Center for children ages 1 to 6 years old during the following times:

Monday-Saturday
8:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday & Thursday
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Fees:
\$3.50 per child per hour
\$35 for 10 one-hour visits (expires one year from date of purchase)

Congratulations to the Winter 2011 Racquetball League Champions



1st Place: Phil Bernstein
2nd Place: James Kelly

Lighting Upgrades

At the Park Ridge Park District we constantly strive for new and innovative ways to provide recreation while reducing Park Ridge's impact on the environment. Our most recent environmental efforts focus on reducing energy consumption at the Community Center.

The Community Center recently underwent some upgrades to our light fixtures. Throughout the facility, energy saving lights were installed, replacing older less efficient units. Overall, it is estimated that the Community Center will reduce its energy usage by at least 300,000 kilo-watt-hours per year – the equivalent of 23,240 gallons of gasoline consumption or 482 barrels of oil. This will eliminate carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to those produced from the energy usage of 17.6 homes in a year.

In addition, the amount of light in the pool area increased to more than twice as bright as previously with less than a third of the energy usage, transitioning from 21,000 watts to operate the pool lights to now only 6,000 watts. You may notice that not all of the bulbs are lit in the pool area at all times. For additional energy reduction, the six bulb fixtures are designed so that staff can manually turn off two or four bulbs at a time. During daylight hours, it's not always necessary to have all six bulbs on and using energy.

Pool Incident

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, there was an unfortunate incident in the pool area of the Community Center. A lighting subcontractor made an unauthorized visit to perform work on the pool area

lighting fixtures. Community Center staff, aware of the ongoing project, were convinced to allow the work to take place even though it was not scheduled for that time. At approximately 9:40am, the lighting trough over the lap pool fell, coming down into the pool and onto the deck around the lap and leisure pools. Luckily, there were no serious injuries.

Over the next two weeks, the old pool lighting fixtures were removed and new fixtures were installed using a new subcontractor. The pools were drained, cleaned, and filled. The pools are now open, and the entire area is safe for swimming. The district regrets the unfortunate event and wants to assure our patrons that it is the policy of the district that areas under construction are always closed to the public while work is performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may have caused and wish to continue to provide opportunities to enhance the lives of those we serve through quality parks and recreation activities.

Meet our Interim Aquatics Manager

Heather Burgess joins the Park Ridge Park District this summer as the Interim Aquatics Supervisor. Managing the Park District indoor and outdoor pool facilities, Heather will oversee the lifeguarding staff and swim lessons programs. Heather is certified as an Aquatic Facility Operator and has been a Certified Lifeguard for 12 years. Heather worked for Wheeling Park District as aquatics manager and Des Plaines Park District as aquatics facilities manager. She can be contacted at 847-692-8599 or hburgess@prparks.org regarding pools or aquatic programs.