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bensenville

a lifelong learning community | march/april 2022

VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Village will be undertaking the construction of several Capital Improvement Projects beginning in 2022. Information, project scope, construction dates, and project updates can be found on the Village's website at bensenville.il.us/608/Construction.



2022 PROJECTS

- York Road Lift Station Improvements Project
- Eastern Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project
- 2022 Village Street Resurfacing Project
- 2022 Water main Improvements Project
- Bi-Annual Pavement Maintenance Program
- Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Program
- Annual Sanitary Sewer Lining Program

Hoppy Easter!



MEET THE EASTER BUNNY AT VILLAGE HALL APRIL 16th!

Bring a camera to Bensenville Village Hall located at 12 S. Center Street for the perfect opportunity to take a photo with the Easter Bunny! Our hoppy guest will be visiting at the top floor of Village Hall on April 16th from 10 am–noon. For additional information, please visit bensenville.il.us or call 630.594.1010.

BUILDING PERMIT REMINDER

With spring just around the corner, it will soon be time to begin your home improvement projects. For some of these projects, you may be required to obtain a building permit. Below is a list of projects that require you to receive a permit. For additional information, stop by the Community and Economic Development counter or call 630.350.3413.

Permits are required for a number of residential projects or situations including the following:

- Fences and Decks
- Additions and Remodels
- Driveways, Patios, and Walkways
- Water Heater Replacement
- Furnace and A/C replacement
- Basement Finishing
- Sheds and Detached Garages
- Roof, Gutters, and Siding
- Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Demolition
- Chicken Coop Installations



DONATE TO BENSENVILLE HISTORY SCANNING DAYS

Every Tuesday & Thursday in April at the Library

Share your Bensenville history for the Bensenville Historical Collection! Make an appointment with the Library's Digital Librarian & Archivist Elizabeth Morris to scan and add your photos and documents about Bensenville history to the Bensenville Historical Collection in the Illinois Digital Archives. Up to 30 items can be donated for

scanning, and must be about Bensenville history. Stories, people, places, events, and dates will be gathered for the archives to bring your dona-

tion to life. Registration is required. Make an appointment on our online calendar or call/email Elizabeth at 630.766.4642 or emorris@benlib.org for other availability.



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SPRING INTO ACTION!

Spring is just around the corner and with warmer weather comes the opportunity for many home improvement projects. Please be mindful of the Village code to avoid a citation. For questions regarding Village rules and regulations, stop by the Community and Economic Development counter at Village Hall or call 630.350.3413.

1. Parking on Grass and Inoperable Vehicles are Prohibited

All parking and driveway areas shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or approved paver brick and kept in good repair. Parking on the grass or gravel is not permitted. No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises. Motor vehicles owned by village residents require a village sticker.

2. Tall Grass & Weeds / Alley Clean Up

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or grass growth in excess of 8". The exterior property shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Maintain the alley free from tall grass, weeds, trash, rubbish, and low hanging tree branches.

3. Trash, Recycle, TVs & Electronics Curbside

Garbage and yard waste containers can be put to the curb or alley no earlier than 12 hours prior to pick-up and must be removed no later than 12 hours after pickup. Electronic devices including TVs and computer electronics shall not be placed at the curb for disposal. Contact your local recycling center for disposal. Additionally, Addison Township offers several recycling events each year.

4. Brush Pick-up & Maintenance of Parkway Trees

Republic Services collects brush April through November. Individual branches less than three feet in length and one inch in diameter will be picked up on your regular trash collection day from your regular collection point. Village crews collect larger brush on the first Monday of each month from April through November. Parkway trees are maintained as part of the Village's Urban Forest Tree Preservation & Protection Plan. If a parkway tree appears damaged or in need of pruning, contact Public Works at 630.350.3435 or via the SeeClickFix app.



SENIOR GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM

The Village of Bensenville is pleased to announce the return of our Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program. This program is designed to be a low-cost solution for residents in need of assistance with grass cutting on their property. The Village hires independent contractors to provide common grass cutting services and will subsidize fifty percent (50%) of the cost.

For complete program details, visit our website or call the Bensenville Public Works Department at 630.350.3435.

COST BREAKDOWN GRASS CUTTING SERVICE

	Cost of Service (per visit)	Village Subsidy (per visit)	Cost to Resident (per visit)
Standard Service (includes spring cleanup, grass cutting, edging of hardscape, and fall cleanup)	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$12.50

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SENIOR PROGRAM

Applicant must own property

(copy of recent property tax bill required)

Applicant must be over 65 years old

(copy of property tax bill with senior exemption required)

Applicant annual household income must be less than \$65,000

Household must not have any other person able to cut grass

DISABLED PROGRAM

Applicant must own property

(copy of recent property tax bill required)

Applicant must be disabled

(copy of Secretary of State disability placard or other means of proof or registration of disability)

Applicant annual household income must be less than \$65,000

Household must not have any other person able to cut grass



**SENIOR / DISABLED
GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM**



read. think. dream. create.

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**Bensenville Community
Public Library**

200 South Church Road
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

www.benlib.org
630 766 4642

HOURS

MONDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
TUESDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
WEDNESDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
THURSDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
FRIDAY | 9 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY | 9 AM-5 PM
SUNDAY | 1 PM-5 PM

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 17 – Easter

Check out a board
game or a puzzle
at the Library!



BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration is required for all Zoom programs. Participants can register through our online calendar at benlib.org/calendar or by phone at 630.766.4642; space is limited. For adult programs taking place in-person at the Library, registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

SPRING AHEAD WITH A PLANT-BASED PLAN

TUESDAY | MARCH 22 AT 7 PM | IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY AND LIVE ON ZOOM

Joan Davis is a registered nurse with over 20 years of wellness experience. She is a plant-based nutrition expert, and also one of the directors of the Plant Base Nutrition Movement. She will present "Spring: Perfect time to Move Towards 'Plant-Slant'". This program will provide reassurance, demonstrations and practical tips focusing on how to sneak more veggies and whole grains into your meals and snacks and discovering that plant-based is not only do-able, but delicious!



COMEDY GOLD ON THE SILVER SCREEN

THURSDAY | MARCH 31 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Join us for a guided tour through the past 100 years of outstanding comedies in film historian John LeGear's newest presentation. LeGear strives to capture and package the essence of the message, while adding twists and turns to vintage films that the audience hasn't seen before. While enjoying the laughs, you'll learn of little-known insights and fresh perspectives on some of film history's comedy classics.

CASTLES OF EUROPE

THURSDAY | APRIL 7 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Join avid traveler and librarian Faye Levin-O'Leary for an exploration of the castles that they have not only visited but also worked and lived in! Learn about individual castles through fascinating facts, history, and symbols used. Enjoy Faye's own photos, as well as those they have gathered, to delve into these castles' stories and famous uses of their facades.



AUTHOR VISIT: PASCUALA HERRERA

Author of *Not Always a Valley of Tears: A Memoir of a Life Well Lived*

TUESDAY | APRIL 12 AT 7 PM | IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY AND LIVE ON ZOOM

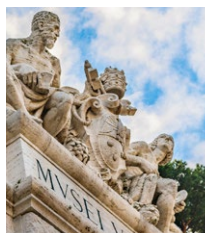
Meet author Pascuala Herrera, the 2021 winner of the Soon To Be Famous Illinois Author Project for the Spanish Category! Join us as Pascuala Herrera tells her life's narrative with honest painful stories, simple yet joyous triumphs, and humor that will lead all readers to embrace their own struggles. From being a child crawling in the streets of her pueblo in Mexico to becoming a successful educator in the United States, she proved that everything is possible. Pascuala will read excerpts from her book and open the floor for questions and discussion. This presentation is presented in collaboration with Addison Public Library.



SPLENDORS OF THE VATICAN MUSEUMS

THURSDAY | APRIL 21 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of works from the Vatican Museums including works by Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Caravaggio. He examines objects from the Early Christian, Renaissance, and Baroque periods and will discuss how these works would have been read by contemporaries, all while also focusing on iconography and patronage. Works to be discussed include Leonardo's Saint Jerome, Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, and Caravaggio's Deposition.



ESTATE PLANNING

TUESDAY | APRIL 26 AT 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

What is estate planning? Attorney Delia Di Venere will conduct an informational seminar on the fundamentals of estate planning. Plan for your future and protect your family!



Registration is required for Youth Services programs, unless otherwise specified. Participants can register through our online calendar at benlib.org/calendar or by phone at 630.766.4642; space is limited.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM | MARCH 11, APRIL 8 | AT THE LIBRARY

AGES: 0 TO 5 YEARS OLD

Join Miss Sophie as we move and groove with music, singing, scarves, and instruments!



KID CULTURAL ART EXCHANGE

APRIL 1 TO MAY 27 | GRADES K - 6TH

The Bensenville Library is proud to be a sister library to La Puerta Abierta Learning Center in Guatemala. Join us as we partake in an art exchange with their students! Submit your art to be displayed in their library for a cultural art exhibit Summer 2022, and we will display their art here! Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up instructions on how to partake. Deadline to submit artwork is May 27!

CRAFT-A-PALOOZA

MARCH 25 - APRIL 1 | ALL AGES

Craft-a-palooza is back, just in time for spring break! Did you miss a Youth Services Department craft, or looking for something for your kids to do during Spring Break? Stop by the Youth Services Desk and pick up some of our extra leftovers. No registration is required, and no craft can be held aside. While supplies last!



EARTH DAY WEEK

APRIL 18 - 22 | ALL AGES

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The BCPL Youth Services Department will be celebrating our planet for a whole week. Each day will be a different activity that will teach us how to give back to the environment.

- Wednesday, April 20 - DIY Birdseed Ornaments (4 pm; In-Person at the Library; Registration required.)
- Thursday, April 21 - Earth Day Hand Plate (Take & Make kits available for pick-up on a first-come, first-served basis at 4 pm.; Accompanying video on social media at 4 pm.)
- Friday, April 22 - DIY Hanging Bottle Garden (Take & Make kits available for pick-up on a first-come, first-served basis at 9 am.)



EASTER BUNNY STORYTIME

TUESDAY | APRIL 12 AT 6:30 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | ALL AGES

Join the Easter Bunny to share some special holiday stories, songs, and a simple craft just in time for Easter Sunday!



FAMILY ART NIGHT: SPRING ANIMAL PLANT STICKS

TUESDAY | MARCH 22 AT 6:30 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 3 TO 11 YEARS OLD

Join us to celebrate the beginning of spring by creating some adorable plant sticks featuring cute springtime animals. You can use them to decorate a potted plant or as a fun little puppet!

MIND*BODY*SOUL: A Girls After School Club, Presented by DuCAP

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15 - 4:30 PM | APRIL 6 - MAY 25 | AGES: 11 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Join us after school for a different activity each week! Register for each session individually based on interest! This program is presented by the DuPage County Area Project, positive changes for youth.

April 6 | Tie Dying & World Health Day

April 20 | Natural Seed Packets & Bird Feeders

April 13 | Recreate a Famous Painting

April 27 | Tissue Paper Flowers

Join a book club and let's talk books! Most of our book clubs take place virtually and meet on Zoom once a month. Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Books will be available one month prior to the event and can be picked up at the Library. More information on each book club at: benlib.org/book-clubs.

Carapia's Coven (7 PM Zoom)

March 14 | *Clown in a Cornfield*
by Adam Cesare

April 11 | *The Hollow Places* by T. Kingfisher

Thursday Night Book Club

(7 PM Zoom)

March 3 | *Mexican Gothic*
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

April 7 | *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

Book Brunch (10 AM Zoom)

March 24 | *Mexican Gothic*

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

April 28 | *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

True Stories Book Club

(7 PM Zoom)

March 16 | *Finding the Mother Tree*
by Suzanne Simard

Manga Book Club

(3 PM In-Person)

March 24 | *Black Torch* by Takaki Tsuyoshi

April 28 | *The Way of the Househusband*
by Kousuke Oone

20/30ish Book Club (7 PM Zoom)

March 30 | *Daisy Jones and The Six*
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

April 27 | *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

Lit Chicks (7 PM Zoom)

March 21 | *The Girls I've Been*
by Tess Sharpe

April 18 | *Yolk* by Mary H. K. Choi







FENTON COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL | District 100
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www.fenton100.org

Mission Statement

Cultivate successful, passionate, empowered learners through rigor, relevance and relationships.

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FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Fenton families & valued community partners,

Everyone who reads this letter has a huge opportunity to dramatically improve the futures of our children and our children's children, but that opportunity comes with big decisions.

I'll get right to the point: our Board of Education is deliberating on some very meaningful construction options, and come June you might see a question on the ballot. Please get informed, ask questions, and help move our school forward.

Make no mistake, our students at Fenton High School are successful. Our staff is highly qualified and passionate. But our learning spaces are far too old and antiquated. A majority of our building was originally constructed in the 1950s and based around learning models from the 1950s. Other portions were built in the 1970s – still almost 50 years ago.

This building served our community well for many years. Alumni often visit and relive nostalgic memories. However, Fenton alums should also come home to see progress and evolution.

Our students should race past *successful* and become innovative leaders who set the bar high above their peers at other DuPage high schools. Our students and teachers need facilities that can accommodate 21st Century Learning. Many, many of our students are capable of higher goals and greater challenges, but instead have to watch other schools achieve it. Our kids deserve better. Bensenville and Wood Dale deserve to be on the cutting edge.

This is not wishful thinking. Since 2019 Fenton's administration has carefully evaluated and audited the state of our facility, how it's used, and the many Band Aids we slap onto problems that are too big to be solved without large investments.

We have a huge opportunity to address both issues at the same time: keeping pace with the new era of education and resolving critical deficiencies in our physical building.

I can't underscore this enough: Fenton High School belongs to you, the residents of Bensenville and Wood Dale. My professional opinion is to accept this bold challenge and build a brighter future for our kids. The decision, however, is ultimately yours.

All requested money would only go toward construction expenses, and the accrued debt would be paid off over 20 years or more.

The community was invited to a wide array of public meetings throughout October, November, December, and January to review our potential options. Phone surveys, though sometimes inconvenient, connected with others in our community to collect feedback.

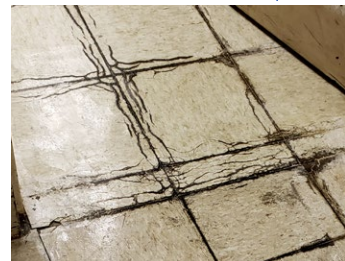
Whatever happens will be a result of community-wide collaboration.

You can read more on our Community Engagement webpage:
fenton100.org/district/community_engagement

We appreciate your support.

Go BISON!

JAMES ONGTENGO | *Superintendent*





Great job Karim,
Victor & Dylan!

NEXT STOP, WASHINGTON U

Congratulations to Karim Zaggoti for earning a prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship to attend his choice school of Washington University in St. Louis. This four-year scholarship covers tuition, room and board, books, supplies, travel, and living expenses.

The QuestBridge National College Match is an equity program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from economically disadvantaged backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to the nation's top colleges.

According to a Questbridge news release, this year's 1,674 recipients combined for an average GPA of 3.93, and 92% of the students are in the top 10% of their graduating class.



VICTOR VAZQUEZ QUALIFIES FOR STATE, AGAIN

For the second year in a row, Victor Vazquez qualified for the IHSA Cross Country Finals in Peoria. Out of 236 of the best runners in Illinois, Victor finished in 15th place. All runners in the top 25 are considered *All-State Runners*. Victor is still just a junior and has one more year to compete at Fenton!



DYLAN THOMPSON QUALIFIES FOR STATE

Junior Dylan Thompson qualified the IHSA Bowling state finals. His average score at Sectionals was 220, with 267 as his highest scoring game.



SPRING MUSICAL | URINETOWN

Thursday | April 21 | 7 pm

Friday | April 22 | 7 pm

Saturday | April 23 | 1 pm AND 7 pm



Fenton High School's Theater Department presents *Urinetown* for its annual Spring Musical this April.

Urinetown is an unconventional musical comedy, filled with great music that reflects musical styles from *The King and I* to *Hamilton*! It's a fun high-energy show that never takes itself too seriously and provides our students with great opportunities to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills.

Show dates are scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23. Senior Citizens are invited to a free seniors matinee show at 1 pm on April 22. Seniors can reserve a spot at the senior matinee by call 630.860.8620.

As the show dates approach, please check the Fenton website (fenton100.org) for updates.



ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM DONATION

Student athletes at Fenton High School are receiving pregame and postgame treatment on new equipment in the athletic training room thanks to a \$12,000 donation from the Chicago Bears and Bears Care.

Staley the Bear even stopped by to greet our student athletes and show them how to use the new equipment. Fenton's Billy the Bison joined Staley to get their ankles taped and stretched by trainers.

Jerry Vondruska, Fenton's Athletic Trainer, said the previous equipment was very worn down and he was looking for upgrades that would be easier to clean and maintain.

"We are very grateful to the Bears for providing us with sturdier and more durable equipment," Mr. Vondruska said.

Gustavo Silva, Chicago Bears Manager of Youth Football & Community Programs, joined Staley to congratulate several student athletes and coaches who visited the training room before or during afternoon practices.

"The Chicago Bears and Bears Care are pleased to donate the athletic training equipment that will support the health and safety of all student athletes at Fenton High School," Mr. Silva said.

"We thank our partner Athletico Physical Therapy for their assistance in identifying and sourcing the donated athletic training equipment. We commend the coaches, training staff, and administration at Fenton for their commitment to providing the best high school athletics experience possible to all student athletes."

Athletic Director Todd Becker said Fenton made the best of the prior equipment but it was beyond its life expectancy and definitely in need of replacement. He said the Bears donation accelerated the process and eased budgetary stresses.

"The Bears have generously helped us to modernize our training room to provide better care for all of our student athletes, not just our football players," said Mark Kos, Fenton's Assistant Athletic Director. "This was truly above and beyond."

Fenton Superintendent James Ongtengco thanked the Bears for their continued generosity, also referencing the Gatorade Training Camp and Nike 11-On Tournament the Bears brought to Fenton over the summer.

"Fenton is able to provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to our football players and others throughout the region thanks to the Bears, and now we can provide top-notch care that ensures all our students are able and ready to give it their all every time the whistle blows," Mr. Ongtengco said.



Fenton's Midterm Art Show

Student art produced in Advanced Placement (AP) art classes were on display by the main entrance in the Academic Resource Center for the whole month of January. The exhibit featured artwork from the following classes:

- AP 2D Art,
- AP 3D Art,
- AP Photography

Please join us in congratulating all the artists who participated.



Highlights Yearbook

2021-2022 THEME: "Here And Now"

WHERE TO BUY: Search *Fenton* on yearbookforever.com to buy a senior ad and the yearbook itself.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Yearbooks will not be sold on campus.

The yearbook is a great gift for birthdays, the holidays, and graduation. The Highlights staff works tirelessly to compile student and faculty portraits, and to chronicle the happenings of all teams and clubs. This book of memories serves to celebrate each year of high school and immortalize all the people who walk the halls of Fenton High School.





Bensenville Park District

Deer Grove Leisure Center Administrative Office

1000 West Wood Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

630 766 7015

BvilleParks.org

White Pines Golf Club

500 West Jefferson Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

630 766 0304

WhitePinesGolf.com

Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad

1100 West Wood Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

630 766 SWIM (7946)

Fischer Farm

16W680 Grand Avenue
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

630 834 3152

Wood Street Fitness Center

1000 West Wood Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106

630 766 7015

WoodStFitness.com

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BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT

bvilleparks.org

Spring into spring!

Registration is currently underway for all programming in the Bensenville Park District's Winter-Spring Program Guide, and the Summer Program Guide will be in homes soon. The upcoming programs and events are sure to put a spring in your step and get you hopping around. From special events to programming for all, it won't be difficult to fill your family's spring and summer with memories that will last a lifetime. View our guides online at BvilleParks.org

Your safety is our priority. The park district's approach to COVID-19 mitigation is constantly evolving based on data and federal, state and local guidelines—programming and facilities may be affected. Visit BvilleParks.org for information.

Events

CLOVER HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | FISCHER FARM

Do you have the luck of the Irish? Find out at the annual clover hunt! A sneaky leprechaun has hidden magic clovers all over Fischer Farm. You'll have to solve his puzzles and follow his clues to find each clover and discover the location of the Leprechaun's Pot of Gold! \$5

E-RECYCLING & DOCUMENT SHRED EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 8:30 – 11 AM | WATER PARK PARKING LOT

Shred those old documents and recycle your obsolete electronics at the park district's annual e-recycling and shredding event. Protect your privacy by shredding sensitive documents containing personal information such as medical records, bank statements and old tax returns. Shredding is free for Bensenville residents for the first banker's box and just \$5 per box thereafter. Non-residents pay just \$8 per banker's box or paper bag to shred. You can also drop off electronics to be recycled for just \$5 for as many approved items as you want. Visit the BvilleParks.org website for an up-to-date list of items that may be recycled.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AND EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 | 10-11 AM | VARBLE PARK HILL | DEER GROVE LEISURE CENTER

Hop over to our annual egg hunt social distancing style. Hundreds of candy-filled eggs will be scattered, waiting for you to collect. Don't forget to bring a container to hold your eggs. To maintain social distancing, only one adult per child will be allowed at the event. The egg hunt is free, but pre-registration is required. Times and locations vary by age groups for safety. After the hunt, stop by the DGLC for games, crafts, inflatables, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Visit BvilleParks.org for more information.



EARTH DAY AT THE FARM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 10AM-NOON | FISCHER FARM

Celebrate Earth Day at Fischer Farm as we neat up our prairie, fix up the garden, tend to the animals, and much more. Free! Register by April 1 for a free t-shirt!



Programs

The Bensenville Park District plans to offer a variety of safe and fun programming options for the spring and summer.

SUMMER CAMP

The Bensenville Park District's many Under the Sun summer camps provide hours of safe, supervised fun and promote development, teamwork, and socialization. Camps adhere to all IDPH and CDC guidelines while the kids have a blast. During each exciting day, campers will participate in a wide variety of engaging games, projects, crafts, and of course, daily swim time at the water park. There's even a Before-and-After-Camp Program! For details on the many different camps available, visit BvilleParks.org/Programs/Camps.

Register by 6 p.m. Friday, May 6 and save \$10 off each full 10-day session reserved for Adventure, Discovery (ages 6-10) and Teen Camps (ages 11-15). You may also take advantage of the discount for registering multiple children during this time.

BENSENVILLE SPORTS CONFERENCE

From youth sports activities such as Teach Me Sports, basketball, karate, soccer, t-ball, and floor hockey to adult basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball, there's something for everyone.

WATER PARK & SPLASH PAD

Stay cool at the pool! With a 155-foot water slide, two drop slides, a diving board, a 2,527 square-foot Splash Pad, sun deck, and a full-service concession stand, the Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad is your home for summer fun!

Season passes are on sale now! Save 10 percent March 1-15 during the *Dive into Summer!* season pass sale. Season pass holders receive unlimited admission to the Water Park & Splash Pad, free and unlimited admission to lap swim (11 a.m. – noon, Monday-Thursday), free and unlimited admission to aqua fitness classes and a discount admission to water park events. See p. 19 of the Winter-Spring Program Guide for more information.

Learn to swim in the Tide Pool Water Explorers, Preschool, and Bensenville Swim Schools (four levels) programs. Private swim lessons are also available. Check the Summer Program Guide for more details.

Have a splash-tastic birthday party! The fee (\$165 for residents, \$195 for non-residents) includes free all-day admission to the Water Park, a two-hour private party room rental at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, cheese pizza, and drinks. For more information or to book this or other birthday parties, including Sports Parties and Good Ol' Fashioned Birthday Parties, contact Todd Linder (rentals@bvilleparks.org, 630.238.4931).



WHITE PINES

GOLF CLUB

Spring

UP

YOUR

Golf

Game

Let our

PGA Professionals

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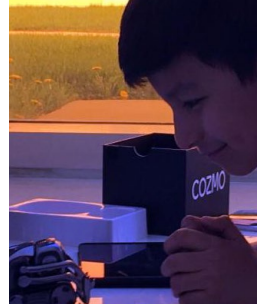
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

BSD2 Board names Dr. Katie McCluskey the District's new leader.

The BSD2 Board of Education unanimously voted to name Dr. Katie McCluskey the District's new Superintendent of Schools during its regular business meeting in December.

Dr. McCluskey has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Accountability for Glen Ellyn District 41 since July 2017. She will begin her work in District 2 on July 1, 2022.

"I am honored to have been selected as District's 2's superintendent," said Dr. McCluskey. "I am truly looking forward to working alongside the District 2 Board, staff, and families to make the dreams for their students come true. I look forward to meeting all of you in the very near future."

Dr. McCluskey comes to District 2 having already developed highly successful dual language and foreign language at the elementary school programs that have created pathways to biliteracy and bilingualism for all students. She has also attained Preschool for All grants to expand pre-kindergarten programs and support more at-risk students.

By building community partnerships, she has brought real-life problems connected to student learning into her schools, which has allowed students to hear real-world issues and research and design solutions for some of the most complex problems facing their communities.

"We look forward to welcoming Dr. McCluskey as our new Superintendent of Schools," said Dr. Chris McCullough, Board President. "She will bring an extensive background in ESL and bilingual education, valuable experiences in all aspects of district-level and inter-district leadership, and an emphasis on collegiality, collaboration, and shared decision making to our school district."

The Board began its search for a new superintendent earlier this fall, soliciting the community's input on the needs and priorities of the District, and the qualifications and characteristics stakeholders wanted in their next leader. A *Leadership Profile* was then developed based on the information collected from this outreach effort, and the Board used that profile to interview candidates and select Dr. McCluskey.

For more information on Dr. McCluskey, visit www.bsd2.org/superintendents.



ROOM TO GROW

The Bensenville Early Learning Center expansion project is complete!

The Bensenville Early Learning Center is located at Tioga School, and it houses the District's pre-kindergarten classes and the Head Start program operated by Metropolitan Family Services.

The six-classroom expansion of this facility will allow the District to meet the projected demand for preschool for at-risk students while also adding much-needed space for K-5 special education programs.

A 2016 study by DuPage County indicated there was an ongoing need to provide preschool services for an additional 180 at-risk children ages 3-5 in the BSD2 community. The 2017 construction of the Bensenville Early Learning Center added space for 54 of those students. This expansion will serve the remaining 126 by providing five new classrooms, one gross motor space, and one flexible space for offices or a classroom.

The \$4.7 million project's cost was covered by cash reserves and bond proceeds leftover from previous construction projects.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BSD2 Board approves official 2022-2023 school calendar.

The District 2 Board of Education approved the official 2022-2023 school calendar in January. Key dates are as follows:

Beginning of the School Year | Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 17. District Institute Days are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16.

Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24. There will be no school that week, but Teacher Institute Days are scheduled on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22.

Winter Break | There will be no school Thursday, December 22, through Monday, January 9, with classes reconvening on Tuesday, January 10.

Spring Break | There will be no school Monday, March 27, through Friday, March 31, with schools reopening Monday, April 3.

End of the School Year | The last day of school will be Friday, June 2, unless emergency days are needed.

Visit www.bsd2.org/calendars for more information.

SURVEY SAYS!

What do you love about your child's school? Tell us in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey!

Bensenville School District 2 is administering the Illinois 5Essentials Survey to its teachers, students, and parents. This survey provides students, teachers, and parents a voice in our ongoing efforts to improve our schools.

But it is also an opportunity to tell us what you love about your child's school!

That, too, is an increasingly important part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey because its results reflect what we as a community value about our schools. From state report cards to real estate rating websites, its results are often used to paint a picture of you, your family, and your neighborhood.

So parents, please visit illinois.5-essentials.org and complete the 10-minute parent survey before the March 11 deadline. Tell us what you think and how we can improve, and share with the world what makes you proud to be part of our BSD2 family!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Johnson and Tioga School to host kindergarten registration on March 8.

Registration for incoming kindergarten students who are not currently enrolled in the BSD2 pre-kindergarten or the Metropolitan Family Services Head Start programs at Tioga School will be held Tuesday, March 8, from 2-6 pm at either Tioga School, 212 W. Memorial Road, or W.A. Johnson School, 252 Ridgewood Avenue.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 safety measures, face masks and social distancing will be required.

Students will need to register at their home school, so parents who are unsure which school their child will attend should call the Educational Administration Center at 630.766.5940. Parents also need to bring their child to kindergarten registration so the student can be assessed for kindergarten.

Registration requirements are as follows:

- Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022
- A certified copy of an Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency—Lease or mortgage and 3 additional proofs of residency and a current driver's license or current photo identification (residency proofs will be required that same day).

EMPLOYING BENSENVILLE

District 2 offers employment opportunities that are perfect for BSD2 residents!

District 2 is looking for BSD2 residents to fill these vital roles:

- Classroom & Special Education Aides
- Substitute Teachers
- Learning Center Assistants
- Infant & Toddler Specialists
- Lunch & Recess Monitors
- Bus Drivers
- Custodial & Maintenance Staff
- Contact Tracing Support

Visit www.bsd2.org/employingbensenville to learn more about the employment requirements and compensation details for these positions.



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FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Does anything about your child concern you?

Bensenville School District 2 will conduct free developmental screenings for children ages 2-5 on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29.

These screenings can help you answer any of the following questions you may have about your child:

- Do you think your child hears well?
- Can you understand most of what your child says? Can others?
- Does your child walk, run, and climb like other kids the same age?
- Do you have concerns about your child's vision?
- Has your child had any medical problems in the past few months?
- Are you worried about your child's behavior or relationship skills?

Call the Tioga School office at 630.766.2602 ext. 4200 or the BSD2 Community Center at 630.521.2365 for more information and to schedule an appointment for your child's screening.

NOBODY
knows your
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than *you.*



Do you have a child between
the ages of 2 and 5?

POWERSCHOOL

Everyone will benefit from the District's new student information system.



District 2 is transitioning to a new student information system – PowerSchool.

This transition will consolidate several systems across the District, combining data management, the grading system, and the parent portal all into one platform.

PowerSchool supports more than 45 million students globally, including those at Fenton High School. Its user-friendly interface makes it a much easier system to navigate for all users, particularly parents, and its numerous customized reports will help the District identify trends and measure their impact in areas such as attendance, discipline, and grading.

Look for more information on PowerSchool when District 2 opens registration for the 2022-2023 school year later this spring.

get inspired!

WOMEN TRANSCEND

An empowerment and self-care seminar.

Enjoy a day of inspiration and celebration for women by attending the *Women Transcend* seminar from 10 am-1:30 pm. Saturday, March 5, at Blackhawk Middle School.

The seminar is the vision of Alicia Suriano Lopez, a Fenton High School senior and Blackhawk Middle School graduate. It will feature fun and informative guest speakers, break-out sessions geared for cross-generational experiences, and a free *Lunch and Shop* for all participants.

Space is limited, and child care is provided.

Register at qrco.de/womentranscend. Registration fees are \$5 for students age 12-18, and \$10 for adults 19 and older. All proceeds will be donated to YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago.


Sponsors of *Women Transcend* include Bensenville School District 2, Fenton High School, Bensenville Community Foundation, Bensenville-Wood Dale Rotary, Bensenville Youth Coalition, Elmhurst University, and YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

For more information, email lschwarz@bsd2.org or aliciaseveriano@gmail.com.

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