



West Chicago Park District WE-GO Park Press

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November/
December Edition



Girls Open Softball Clinic for Ages 7-14 FREE!

*Mondays, Nov. 7, Nov. 14
and Dec. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
at Gary School Gym, 130 E.
Forest Avenue*

The West Chicago Park District is offering a free softball clinic for girls ages 7-14 who are interested in playing during the spring 2012 season for the DuKane Girls Softball League.

All Juniors, Minors, Majors, and Seniors are welcome to this free, informal preseason clinic. The clinic is run by the West Chicago Park District's youth coaches. Equipment is necessary—bring your bat, glove and don't forget to wear your gym shoes. Waivers are required for participation. For additional information contact call Phil Graf, 630.281.0164.

2011 Holiday Happenings



Kooper's Kandy Kane Mishap

*Saturday, Dec. 3 * 10 a.m. * Ages 12 and under * Free!*

@ Reed-Keppler Park, 129 W. National Street

Hunt for Kandy Kanes during this West Chicago Park District holiday tradition. Grab a friend and we'll see you there!

Frosty Fest

*Saturday, Dec. 3 * 4-7 p.m. * Free!*

Main St. Downtown West Chicago

This year's fest takes on a Victorian theme and includes a tree lighting ceremony, horse drawn carriage rides, Victorian carolers, games and crafts, reindeer, ice sculptures, hot chocolate and popcorn, a puppet show, you-know-who and much, much more! 630.231.9474

Snowflake Dance Recital and Toy Drive

*Friday, Dec. 9 * 7-8 p.m.*

@ Community High School, 326 Joliet St

Tickets: \$4 in advance; \$5 at the door;

Ages 3 and under free

Our dance students will grace the stage and perform a variety of holiday skits to warm your heart. Please help us with the spirit of giving by bringing an unwrapped toy to benefit the Humanitarian Service Project.

All Aboard the Polar Express!!

Saturdays Dec. 10 and 17, 1:30 or 5:30 p.m. (4 trips available)

Train leaves from the West Chicago Metra Train Depot

Fee: \$18 resident; \$22 nonresident

Based on the famous Chris Van Allsburg book, the *Polar Express*, during our trip you will travel to the North Pole, hear the famous story, visit with Santa Claus and have a snack. This is one experience you won't want to miss.

Don't delay, call today to register at 630.231.9474.

Letters and Phone calls from Santa

Hey kids...make your Christmas list and drop it in the special mailboxes at school and around town and receive a letter from Santa. Deadline is Friday, December 11.

Or, kids in third grade or younger can receive a phone call. Parents, fill out the "Call Form" by Dec. 2 and return to the Park District office. Forms are available at www.we-goparks.org or by calling 630.231.9474.

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Ongoing...

Give the Gift of Recreation...

Stumped on what to put into your special someone's stocking this year. The West Chicago Park District has gift certificates available in all dollar amounts that can be redeemed for an art or dance class, recreational leagues, a fitness class, adult programming, senior trips and much more! Whether you are buying a gift for someone that is 5 or 95 we have something for all ages, levels, and interests. Call us today!

Park District Offices Closed...

The West Chicago Park District administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28. For additional information call 630.231.9474.

E-News, Twitter, and

Facebook... The West Chicago Park District is now publishing E-newsletters to keep you updated on all programs, events, and athletics. Go to our website at www.we-goparks.org to sign up. Also, "LIKE US" on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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News in our Community

Halloween parade winners announced

Ghosts, goblins, gremlins and more joined the West Chicago Park District during the annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 22. Costumes ranged from the funny, to the scary and everything in between. The winners in six age group categories included the following:



Ages 0-2: First place: Bella Rodriquez-Cinderella; **Second place:** Payton Williams-Skunk; **Third place:** Timmy Kotke-The Candlestick Maker.
Ages 3-5: First place: Joshua Kotke-The Baker; **Second place:** George Kotke-The Butcher; **Third place:** Charlotte Weirich-Snow Princess.
Ages 6-8: First place: Corey Cosacco-Scarecrow; **Second place:** Talia Guerra-Fairy; **Third place:** Grace Guzolek-Vampire.
Ages 9-11: First place: Grecia Bahena-American Girl Doll; **Second place:** Johana Fernandez-Lunet the Clown; **Third place:** Josie Kotke-Half Angel, Half Devil.
Ages 12-14: First place: Jesus Andrade-Zorro; **Second place:** Allison Turley-Football Player; **Third place:** Maria Cruz-Girl Scout.
Ages 15-Adult: First place: Barbara Moss-Lady in Waiting; **Second place:** Uhura & Tim Sasse-Ketchup and Mustard; **Third place:** Wayne Bradley-Scientist.

Thank you Girl Scout Troop #4500

The West Chicago Park District would like to thank Norton Creek Elementary School's first grade Daisy Troop for taking the time to plant over 100 bulbs and perennials in Cornerstone Lakes Park as part of a special environmental project. Great job girls!



Congratulations...Kudos to the West Chicago Park District's First and Fourth Grade Cheerleading Squads

who have received a bid to compete in the state competition the weekend of December 3-4. Good luck girls. GO TEAMS!!

Have NEWS?? Share your Park District news with us and we'll share it with everyone else. Report your news today by calling Glory Spies, Public Relations coordinator at 630.231.9474, ext. 115 or gspies@we-goparks.org.

FREE Fitness Fridays at the Fitness Station...

Current members are invited to workout with a friend on Fridays during the month of November. Bring a friend free of charge on Fridays, Nov. 4, 11, 18, and 25. The Fitness Station is a full-service fitness facility featuring programs, classes, personal training, free weights, a 14-station weight training circuit, stationary bikes and more. The Fitness Station is conveniently located in downtown West Chicago. 630.293.5620

Middle School After School Program...

This program is open to all students in grades 7-8 and is held after school Monday through Thursday from 2:25-5:05 p.m. and on Friday from 2:25-4:35 p.m. The program provides a healthy snack, activity clubs, academic enrichment and homework help, social and emotional learning, recreation time and more. The program is sponsored by a 21st Century Community Learning grant and WeGo Together for Kids. 630.709.5718

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