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**For immediate release:**

### **The Oasis opens June 5!**

The most splashtastic water park in the suburbs, The Oasis, opens June 5.

Owned and operated by the Bloomington Park District, The Oasis is located at 170 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

The water park features three different attractions: Barracuda Cove, Mango Bay and Otter Island. Barracuda Cove is an eight-lane competitive pool with a drop slide and one- and three-meter diving boards. Mango Bay is a zero-depth entry leisure pool with geysers, spilling buckets, sprayers and water slides. Otter Island is an interactive water playground.

Season passes are on sale now! Call (630) 539-3095 or visit [www.bloomingtonparks.com](http://www.bloomingtonparks.com) for more information.

### **The adventure begins with Park Quest!**

Take a summer-long adventure and explore the Bloomington parks through Park Quest!

The adventure begins by visiting the Johnston Recreation Center and picking up the Park Quest Guide. Visit your first park and discover the endless opportunities right in your own backyard. Answer the questions, count the swings or participate in a special event at a designated park. Bring the completed guide to the Johnston Recreation Center front desk by Sept. 1, 2010 and your family is entered in a raffle full of prizes.

Families may pick up the Park Quest Guide after June 1. Participating families receive a Park Quest Family Fun Packet when picking up the guide.

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## **Lakeview Park Grand Opening**

Enjoy a day of celebration and activities at the Lakeview Park Grand Opening from 9:30 a.m. to noon, June 12. Lakeview Park is located at 240 Broker Road.

Improvements to the park are completed. A park dedication and ribbon cutting highlight the event, along with a fishing derby, casting contest, baseball challenge, tennis clinics, refreshments, entertainment and more. Schedule is as follows:

9:30 am	Park dedication and ribbon cutting (free refreshments)
9:45-11:30 am	Fishing derby (bring your own pole, ages 15 and younger)
10 am-noon	Tennis clinics (bring a racquet or use one of ours)
10:30 am-noon	Create your own fishing hat (ages 2-12)
11 am	Baseball/Softball Challenge (ages 6-12)

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## **Family Fun Picnics**

Gather family and friends and enjoy a relaxing evening picnicking with the Bloomington Park District. Entertainment and games are provided. Picnic tables are available or families can bring their own blankets and/or chairs.

Picnics run 6:30 to 8 p.m. and are scheduled for:

June 14 @ Erie Park

Entertainment: Bob Bohm's Magic Show

July 12 @ Lakeview Park

Entertainment: Catch This! – Dynamic comedic juggling duo

Aug. 9 @ Tompkins Park

Entertainment: Amy Lowe – Singer, songwriter and storyteller

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## **BPD Museum offers two exhibits this spring**

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum will showcase two different exhibits through June 19. The Bloomingdale Artists Association's "Spring Members Show" is in Gallery 1 and the fotoMuses "The Complex Nature of Simple Things" is in Gallery 2.

The Bloomingdale Artists Association will display their pieces in various medium. The fotoMuses is a unique group of women who display their photos in a creative, professional way.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. Museum hours during exhibits are 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; and noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays.

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### **KFN at The Oasis**

Just because the school year end doesn't mean Klub Friday Night is over. Students entering grades five through nine are invited to The Oasis June 18, July 16 and Aug. 13 to swim, snack, participate in contests and jam to the hottest tunes spun by a DJ.

A free raffle is awarded at the end of the night. The action starts at 8 p.m. Cost is \$4 for KFN members, \$6 for Oasis passholders and \$8 for everyone else.

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### **Drop in and Yoga**

Yoga in the park is offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday mornings at Old Town Park Gazebo, 111 Third Street.

There is a \$10 drop-in fee. No registration is required. Bring a mat, towel or blanket. Classes begin June 19.

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### **Bloomingdale Bike Blast**

Witness X Games medalist Matt Wilhelm as he performs at the Bloomingdale Bike Blast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., June 19 at Springfield Park, 269 Springfield Drive.

Additional activities include a safety course, family bike ride and tricycle rodeo (ages 3-5). Refreshments are available at this FREE event. Riders must wear a helmet to participate. Children must bring their own tricycle, big wheel or bicycle.

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## **Movie in the Park**

Enjoy the classic children's football movie "Little Giants" for free at 8:30 p.m., July 9 at Old Town Park, 111 Third Street.

Movie begins once it's dark outside. Bring a blanket and chairs.

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## **Juried Mixed Media Show**

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is hosting the Juried Mixed Media Show July 10 through Aug. 21. There will be a reception for the show from 6 to 8 p.m., July 16.

The show features mixed media work by talented local artists. The diverse work appeals to all interests.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. Museum hours during exhibits are 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; and noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays.

For those interested in entering their work into this exhibition, contact the Museum at (630) 539-3096.

## **BPD Bags Tournament**

Win up to a \$500 grand prize at the Bloomingdale Park District Bags Tournament from 7 to 10 p.m., July 16 at Springfield Park, 269 Springfield Drive.

The double-elimination tournament features best-of-three matches and is for ages 16 and up. Fee is \$50 for resident teams and \$60 for non-resident teams. Food is provided by Wing Stop and is included in the entrance fee.

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## **Junior Golf Tournament**

Grab your clubs and aim for the greens at the Junior Golf Tournament July 19 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

Golfers age 9-17 are split into groups by ability before partaking in a six, nine or 18-hole round. Each participant is entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes. Tee time is 7 a.m.

Registration deadline is July 12. Cost for six-hole round is \$29 for residents and \$39 for non-residents. Cost for nine holes is \$39/\$49; 18 holes is \$49/\$59.

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## **Heroes vs. Half-Pints Softball Showdown**

Middle school players are invited to show their skills at the Eighth Annual Heroes vs. Half-Pints Softball Showdown at 7:30 p.m., July 22 at Springfield Park, 269 Springfield Drive.

The Bloomingdale Police Department plays against middle school students entering grades five through nine. Cost is \$5. All players receive a T-shirt.

For more information about this game or to make a cash or prize donation, call Jammie at (630) 529-3650.

## **Art in the Park**

View some of Bloomingdale's outstanding local artistic talent at Art in the Park from 6 to 8 p.m., July 28 at Old Town Park, 111 Third Street.

Art in the Park features artists both young and old displaying their favorite works. Refreshments, face painting, workshops, paper flower creations and entertainment are part of the family fun. The nearby Bloomingdale Park District Museum, host to five different art exhibits throughout the year, offers tours throughout the event.

If interested in displaying your artwork at Art in the Park, call (630) 539-3096 or stop by the Bloomingdale Park District Museum to pick up an entry form. All ages and abilities are welcome. Artwork is accepted based on appropriate subject matter for this family event.

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## **Swing “Fore” the Fences**

A day of great golf and fantastic food is in order at the Swing “Fore” the Fences Golf Outing July 29 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

The outing benefits the Bloomingdale Park Foundation's Aim for the Fences campaign, which seeks to raise money to improve Springfield Park. The outing includes a practice range warm-up, shotgun start, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, goody bag with a sleeve of golf balls and an assortment of amazing raffle prizes and contests.

Contests include Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive with prizes being guaranteed tickets to a MLB, NFL, NHL, NBA, NASCAR or PGA event. Other guaranteed prizes include a Carnival Cruise for two and a day/night hotel getaway package. There are also hole-in-one prize packages and an opportunity to win a full set of TaylorMade golf clubs and deluxe golf bag.

Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$495 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities also exist. Call (630) 529-3650 or visit [www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org) for more information.

## **Dive-In Movie**

Float the night away while watching the flick *Free Willy* at the Dive-In Movie at 8:30 p.m., Aug. 6 at The Oasis Water Park.

All attractions are turned off and floatation devices are permitted. General admission is \$6. Cost for passholders is \$5.

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## **Third Annual Kids Triathlon**

Children ages 6-14 may experience the ultimate athletic experience on a much smaller scale at the Third Annual Kids Triathlon Aug. 7 at Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way. Races begin at 9 a.m.

Each participant completes a 50-yard swim, one-mile bike ride and 1/2 mile run. There are four age divisions for the competition (6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-14). The 6-7-year-old division has a shorter course than the other age divisions.

Competitors receive a water bottle and T-shirt. Ribbons are awarded to the first, second and third-place winners in each division. All participants must have a swimsuit, running shoes, bicycle and bicycle helmet to participate.

Registration deadline is July 30. Cost is \$19 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

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## Travel Basketball Registration and Tryouts

The Bloomingdale Park District will hold registration for travel basketball from 6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 27 at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave. Tryouts are Aug. 14-16 and 21-23 at the JRC.

Any player wishing to play travel basketball must attend at least one of the tryout dates or their age group. Travel basketball is for children who wish to play in a more competitive atmosphere. The intention is to provide a feeder system to Lake Park, Glenbard North and Glenbard East high schools.

### Tryout Dates and Times:

Grade	Day One		Day Two	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
4 <sup>th</sup> Boys	9/14	6-7:30 pm	9/23	6-7:30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Boys	9/14	6-7:30 pm	9/23	6-7:30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Girls	9/14	6-7:30 pm	9/23	6-7:30 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Boys	9/15	6-7:30 pm	9/21	6-7:30 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Girls	9/16	6-7:30 pm	9/22	6-7:30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Boys	9/15	7:30-9 pm	9/21	7:30-9 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Girls	9/16	6-7:30 pm	9/22	6-7:30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Boys	9/14	7:30-9 pm	9/23	7:30-9 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Girls	9/16	7:30-9 pm	9/22	7:30-9 pm

For more information on travel basketball, contact Mike Spejcher at (630) 220-5604.

## Oompah 5K Run/Walk and Oktoberfest

Take a trek through scenic Hilton Indian Lakes Resort at the inaugural Oompah 5K Run/Walk for the Health of It Sept. 16.

Start time is 7 p.m. Runners and walkers are welcome to cool down after the race at an Oktoberfest event filled with food vendors, music, raffle prizes and other fun activities. All runners and walkers receive two complimentary beverages in addition to food and other fun giveaways.

Early bird rates are \$29 for admission to the race and festival, and \$20 for festival only. Regular rates of \$34/\$25 apply after Sept. 4.

Proceeds from the event support the Bloomingdale Park Foundation's Aim for the Fences campaign, which supports the rebuilding of Springfield Park baseball fields and commons area.

The Oompah 5K run/Walk for the Health of It is sponsored by Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital, Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort and Dick Pond Athletics. Applications are available online at <http://www.signmeup.com>, <http://www.bloomingtonparks.org> and at the front desk of the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave.

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