

# PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE AT FRONTIER PARK

## What improvements will be made?

The master plan for Frontier Park consists of two phases. The current park improvements, Phase I, are planned for 2013-2014 and will concentrate on park areas and amenities and will not include any improvements to the community center (Phase II). Significant improvements to storm water drainage and 26 new parking spaces will be built along Fernandez Avenue at the north end of the park.

## Current Park improvements will provide the community with upgraded amenities including:

- New tennis courts
- New basketball courts
- New baseball/softball diamonds (2)
- New soccer field
- New accessible pathway system
- New accessible garden plots
- Enhanced playground accessible for 2-12 year olds
- New picnic shelter

Current improvements are scheduled to be completed in time to re-open the park in Spring 2014. To see the plans please visit [ahpd.org](http://ahpd.org) or stop by Frontier Park Community Center. Questions? Call the Department of Parks & Planning at 847.577.3009

The Arlington Heights Park District's Capital Budget allows the District to implement a list of projects that address deficiencies and high priority infrastructure improvements like park facility upgrades, critical software updates, equipment needs and more. The capital budget also provides the basis for control of expenditures for the acquisition of significant Park District assets and construction of all capital facilities. A Capital Improvement Plan is then developed and updated annually. Because, Capital Budget appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year, they are re-budgeted until the project is complete. As capital improvement projects are completed, the operations of these facilities are funded in the operating budget.



For more information about the Capital Improvement Plan, Projects and Funding Sources please visit [www.ahpd.org](http://www.ahpd.org) or call the Department of Parks and Planning at 847-577-3009.

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## Why is Frontier Park being renovated?

Frontier Park is home to a variety of recreation activities year round. Popular programs include, but are not limited to: Summer Day Camps: Kaleidoscope, Sunny Meadows, Arlington Adventure; Preschool, adult and youth athletics and a variety of general recreation programs.

This capital improvement plan is a result of the 2009 Community Survey and the Master Plan meetings held in 2010 with neighbors and users of the park and the community center.

## Why now and how are the current improvements being funded?

- Following approval by the Park District Board of Commissioners, the improvements to Frontier Park were then approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arlington Heights in February 2013, giving the Park District the authority to begin significant park enhancements.
- Much of the funding for this project will come from a \$400,000 Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant. The remainder of this \$3.0 million project will be funded by the Park District.
- Non-referendum bonds needed to accomplish this project will be sold and will not raise taxes as these sales have been carefully planned for many years.

## How will the project affect the Frontier Park experience during construction?

- Signs /fencing will help to maintain a safe construction zone throughout the project
- The community center will remain open for public use during construction
- The swimming pool will be open for the summer 2013 season
- Daycamp and Preschool programs will run as planned. Green space will be available for program participants
- Tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, pathway system and picnic shelter will be closed until Spring 2014.

See reverse side to see how the Park District is planting the seeds for the future of Frontier Park.

