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FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

JOINT VISION OF THE FUTURE BEGINS: Three Districts Approve *Portrait of a Graduate*

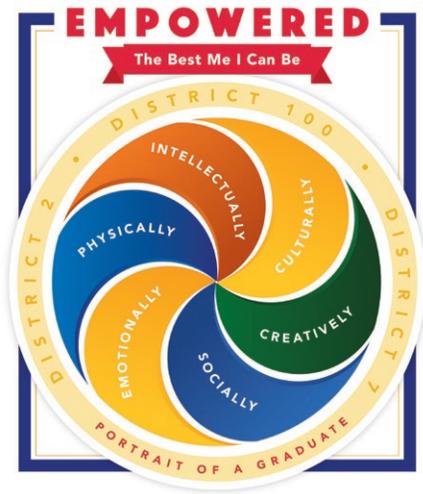
The Boards of Education at Fenton Community High School District 100, Bensenville School District 2 and Wood Dale School District 7 met on March 11 and approved our joint Portrait of a Graduate, which has been in progress for more than a year.

The Portrait of a Graduate is a collection of qualities and capabilities that will empower our students to be *The Best Me I Can Be*. The three districts created it to serve as a framework for developing skill competencies, personal attributes, and educational opportunities that will prepare students for an unknown future in a complex, rapidly changing world.

Knowing what a community values for its graduates is important to mapping the pathways to get there. Without this clear picture, any road may seem like a good one.

Our subcommittees created explanations of each empowerment and an informative brochure that will be sent to your home. Fenton is extremely grateful to our partners at Bensenville School District 2 and Wood Dale School District 7, as well as the many dedicated staff, students, parents, and community members who contributed.

We look forward to partnering with you to empower the youth of our community and guiding them to *The Best Me I Can Be*.



Tingpalpong Wins Individual Speech State Championship

Four students on Fenton's Speech Team earned trips to the state finals on February 21-22 in Peoria, and one came home a state champion. Senior Malien Tingpalpong won 1st place in the Original Oratory category; she gave a persuasive speech regarding the problem with toxic nostalgia.

"It has been an absolute honor to work with wonderful, dedicated coaches and warm, welcoming peers," Tingpalpong said. "Without their coaching and mentoring, I would have never achieved my freshman year dream of earning Oratory State Champ (feels unreal to say). All the late nights, early mornings, and endless days have taught me my own worth and voice," Tingpalpong continued. "I owe everything to this weird, crazy, terrifying extracurricular activity. Thank you Fenton Speech for teaching me everything I know."

Malien is Fenton's 3rd speech champion in two years. Before 2019, Fenton had not had a state champion in speech since 1996.

Ms. Nicole Hendricks, Fenton's Speech Coach, said Malien took 2nd in state two years ago and set a goal to win the championship before she graduated. "It is absolutely thrilling to help a student truly realize their goals and the partnership Malien and Ms. Feinberg have as student speaker and coach for this event is a perfect match," Ms. Hendricks said. "Consistency and perseverance keep our team strong."

Others who went downstate include senior Jesus Amador, who earned 4th place in this year's original comedy category. Amador and junior Len Tingpalpong (Malien's brother) took 6th place in humorous duet acting. Sophomore Karissa Lara earned a trip to state for poetry, but narrowly missed advancing to the final round.

Out of 70 schools that advanced to the state finals, Fenton placed 11th.

2020 Census: Make Sure You're Counted

The deadline to help shape the future of our Village is nearing soon! All households should have already received invitations to respond to the 2020 Census in the mail. Make sure to fill out the questionnaire if you have not already. Responses determine the amount of federal funding allocated to Bensenville over the next 10 years that will be used towards health care, roads, public safety, our schools and library, and so much more. July 31st is the last day for households to self-respond online, by phone, or by mail. Be counted!



From Mid-May until the end of July, Census takers will begin visiting households that have not yet responded. A census taker can be identified by their official Census Bureau ID badge, bag or laptop, and letter. They will never ask to enter your home and will only ask questions that appear on the official census form.



Len Tingpalpong, Malien Tingpalpong and Jesus Amador

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

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A CLOSER LOOK AT FENTON'S AGING FACILITIES

While responding to certain needs earlier this year, Fenton's Board of Education approved a comprehensive Facility Assessment. Our staff and contracted architects have worked diligently in recent months to evaluate the condition of our facilities, their current uses, and their potential future uses.

In January, our architects from STR Partners presented their preliminary findings to our Board of Education and then to our staff:

- Fenton High School was built between 1955 and 1975, making parts of the building almost 70 years old. The district maintains it on an as-needed basis, and much of the school remains original materials. For example, numerous mechanical systems are either at end-of-life or will be in a few years and some utility lines – such as plumbing – are inadequately sized for modern times.
- The building underwent two substantial renovations in its lifetime: the first around 1990, with FAA funds allocated to lessen noise pollution from O'Hare International Airport, and the second in 2015. The first renovation included ceiling and lighting replacements in some classrooms near affected areas, as well as mechanical system modifications. The second project consisted of renovations to the central cafeteria, library, entry areas and some offices and a few classrooms. Spaces outside this central area have not had significant renovations for 30 years or more.



Careful planning to replace the school's vital components and systems in the next 10 years creates opportunities to modernize educational spaces. Some of the work – such as removing floors, walls, ceilings – means we can install new ones in different locations and with newer designs. Fenton's classrooms and academic areas reflect the era in which they were designed: the 1950s. To offer an analogy, it's like using a typewriter to teach a computer-based curriculum.

Fenton's Board of Education approved exploring those possible efficiencies through what we call the Educational Adequacy Survey. Due to some of their unique needs, our fields and indoor facilities used for physical education and athletics are being reviewed separately under what we call the Athletic Master Plan study. Some of those issues -- such as major flooding from excess stormwater runoff and antiquated regular drainage – require assistance from state and federal agencies.

In mid-February our architects from STR and a few administrators met with several groups of teachers and staff to review their situations. The primary six challenges that our staff reported regarding our facilities include:

- Space (need more of it)
- Layout (inadequate classroom facility configurations)
- Location (inappropriate and inconvenient)
- Condition (facilities/rooms in poor physical shape)
- Equipment (lacking important technology and equipment)
- Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Systems (need for convenience, safety, or comfort created by these systems)

We are taking these challenges very seriously. We want to create a safe and secure environment for current and future students and staff, bolster current best educational practices, and meet district priorities.

JAMES ONGTENGO | Superintendent





RECORD SETTING YEAR FOR FENTON BOYS BASKETBALL

Led by Coach Charles "Chaz" Taft, Fenton's boys basketball team compiled 21 wins against 12 losses and set numerous individual records in 2020. The 21 team wins actually tied Fenton's all-time total, which was set in 1976 when the fieldhouse first opened.

This year's team advanced to the Regional Championship on March 6, and that was when senior forward Diamon King set Fenton's all-time scoring record at 1,208 points. Richard Oruche, class of 2005, previously held the record of 1,196 points over four years.

"I talked to the team about what they've done for the senior class, who in four years have never had a chance to root for a winner, and what they've done for the community," Coach Taft said. "Alums and neighborhood friends who hadn't come through our doors in 15 or 20 years were here to cheer us on this season."

By the end of the 2019-20 season, three Bison ballers collectively set eight individual school records.



Diamon King

Most Points Scored in a Career | **1,208**
Most Rebounds in a Season | **275**
Most Rebounds in a Career | **697**



Andre Reed

Most 3-Point Field Goals MADE | **102**
Most Steals in a Season | **91**
Most Steals in a Career | **159**



Jose Alvarez

Most Assists in a Season | **149**
Most Assists in a Career | **225**



GOVERNOR PRITZKER VISITS



Fenton was honored to host Illinois Governor JB Pritzker on March 6. He celebrated our 2019 AP District of the Year Award and announced that Illinois ranks number one in the nation for year-over-year increase in AP exam performance.

Mr. Pritzker then explained his proposed increase for grant money to cover portions or all of AP testing fees for families that can't afford it.

Cristal Martinez, a senior at Fenton, introduced the governor after briefly explaining her family's journey.

We are so proud of Cristal! Others who spoke after the

Governor included Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, State Representative Kathleen Willis, and Fenton Superintendent James Ongtengco.

Fenton would not be the face of this great announcement without all the hard work our students, families, and staff put forth in recent years. You should all be proud.

28 FENTON STUDENTS MAKE TCD'S A-TEAM

Fenton was proud to see 28 students get named to the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) A-Team. This recognition is for students' outstanding achievement in their respective programs at TCD.

TCD offers 20 career and technical education programs as part of their high school curriculum. Fenton offers our students the opportunity to attend TCD either in the morning or afternoon five days per week. Through these TCD programs, students have the opportunity to earn transferable college credit; prepare for industry, state, or national licensing and certification exams; qualify for apprenticeships; or earn scholarships and grants toward college.

The 28 Fenton honorees were recognized with their families during a special banquet on February 7. Congratulations to...

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Jasmin Alfaro | Michael Hitt |
| Keliana Aponte | Guadalupe Honorato |
| Naraly Brambila-Serrano | Lilliana Marin |
| Jaquelin Barrientos | Jocelyn Magallanes |
| Ola Czyzycki | David Martinez |
| Jaqueline Davila | Yuribel Morales |
| Izabela Faron | Jake Ortiz |
| Carolina Favela | Yadira Rodriguez |
| Genesis Garcia | Juan Roque |
| Cynthia Gomez | Daniel Roucka |
| Analise Hernandez | Noah Sweeney |
| Jose Hernandez | Hannah Tibbetts |
| Brittany Hernandez | Dayana Valeriano |
| Addison Hess | Lizbeth Zuniga |

FENTON MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

An anonymous donor has sponsored Fenton High School to receive a mobile food pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The truck is scheduled to be on campus from 4:30 to 6 pm on Tuesday, June 9. The food is free to low-income neighbors in need, and it's available on a first-come, first served basis while supplies last. Please bring bags or boxes to transport your goods home. Students interested in volunteering should email communications@fenton100.org.



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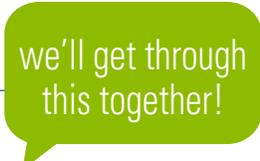
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VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE



COVID-19 UPDATE

With information surrounding COVID-19 changing daily, the content included in this issue regarding Village events and programs are subject to change. You are encouraged to visit the Village's website at bensenville.il.us for the most up to date information.

This situation continues to change each day, but please be assured that regular Village services will not be interrupted. Clean and fresh water will continue to be provided for drinking, bathing, and flushing your toilet, and weekly garbage pickups will continue. Emergency services such as police, fire, and ambulance assistance for medical emergencies will remain available 24-7. If you have a bill to pay, we strongly urge you to utilize our alternative methods of payment which include mailing or dropping off payments in the white curbside drop box located on the west side of Village Hall off the alley, or through our website.

Don't forget to check in on your elderly neighbors who may need assistance getting groceries and to support a local restaurant by ordering carry out. This situation is affecting all of us differently, but we can support each other when we come together. The Village continues to work diligently to combat the spread of this illness, and we appreciate your cooperation as we continue to do so.

BE INFORMED WITH OUR CODERED ALERT SYSTEM

CodeRED is a one-way alerting system utilized by the Village of Bensenville to alert residents of emergency situations or to quickly provide time sensitive information to the community. This system uses a database of phone numbers including land lines and cell phone numbers. Multiple numbers can be submitted for each person or business. A CodeRED message will have the caller ID # (866) 419-5000 for emergencies. We suggest that you program this number into your cell phone as a new contact and use CodeRED as the contact name.

If you miss a message, you can dial this number and listen to the message again in its entirety. To sign up for the CodeRED system, go to the Village website home page and click the CodeRed Alert System icon. Please remember to review your information before submitting everything to CodeRED. For additional information or to register by phone, please call 630.350.3461.



VILLAGE PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Village encourages utilizing our alternative payment methods. Please consider making your payments to the Village by one of our remote methods below:

- Payments can be placed in the white curbside drop box on the west side of Village Hall at 12 S. Center St. Please make sure you provide your account number or other account identification information so that the payment can be applied to your account correctly.
- Payments can be made remotely through our website at bensenville.il.us using the ONLINE Payments link for most routine transactions.
- Payments can be submitted by mailing them to 12 S. Center St., Bensenville, IL 60106.

Please see our website at [Payment-Methods](#) for more information on alternative payment options.



VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES TOBACCO FREE PARKS

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 the Bensenville Village Board amended the Village code making all Village-owned parks tobacco free effective immediately. The adoption of these regulations continues the Village's efforts towards health and wellness within the community.

In a recent survey conducted by the DuPage County Health Department, 73% of respondents reported that they do support tobacco-free policies in Village-owned recreational parks. Of those who had visited a park in DuPage County within the last year, 45% had been bothered by tobacco smoke.

The new regulations prohibit the use of all nicotine product, tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes in any Village-owned park or outdoor recreation area open to the general public. This includes the Town Center Park, Veterans Park, and Redmond Recreational Complex.



SUMMER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Below is a summary of several major infrastructure improvement projects taking place in Bensenville this summer. Please visit the Village's website for additional information and updates.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | The project includes Eastview Drive and Franzen Street between Irving Park Road and Hillside Drive. The scope of improvements are watermain replacement on Eastview Dr and all intersections on Franzen Street. It also included improvements to curb and gutter, sidewalks, miscellaneous drainage improvements, full depth resurfacing and landscaping. Construction is expected to begin April 6, 2020. The substantial completion for this project is slated for June 26, 2020. Substantial completion is achieved when all but landscaping improvements are completed. Final completions is September 25, 2020. The construction will be performed under daily lane closures and occasional closed overnight.

STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | The project includes May Street, Rose Street, Grace Street and Marion Street between Jefferson Street and Washington Street. It also includes Washington Street between York Road and Marion Street. The scope of improvements include installation of 37 new residential streetlights. Construction is estimated to take place between June 2020-October 2020. The construction will be performed under daily lane closures; however, traffic should be able to maneuver through easily in most cases as most of the work will be on the parkways.

2020 WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT | The project includes Hillside Drive between IL-83 and Walnut Street. The scope of improvements are watermain and service replacements along Hillside Drive. It also included spot curb and gutter, spot sidewalk, miscellaneous drainage improvements, full depth resurfacing and landscaping. The project is anticipated to be awarded on March 24, 2020. Construction is expected to begin April 6, 2020. The substantial completion for this project is slated for July 31, 2020. Substantial completion is achieved when all but landscaping improvements are completed. Final completions is September 25, 2020. The construction will be performed under daily lane closures, but traffic is expected to be significantly hindered through the construction zone.

CHURCH ROAD SHARED USE PATH | The contractor will complete paving a section of the path over the box culvert extension. Metra railroad will be out this summer to install a pedestrian crossing gate over the path. The railroad is expected to be onsite for about 3-4 weeks once they mobilize the site.

IL-83 SHARED USE PATH | This project includes construction of a shared use path between Foster Avenue and Bryn Mawr Avenue along the East side of IL-83. It also includes a small section along the south side of Foster Avenue between IL-83 and Marshall Road. This project is expected to be under construction in July 2020. This project has a completion date of November 25, 2020. The scope also included extension of an existing culvert under IL-83 as well as installation of curb and gutter along the east side of IL-83, ditch re-grading, driveway replacements, landscaping and other miscellaneous items of work. The construction will be performed under permanent lane closures. The outside lane of northbound IL-83 will be closed for majority of the project duration.

2020 MFT PAVEMENT PROGRAM | This project includes Grove Avenue (Church Road – Mason Street), Plentywood Drive, and West Green Street (Church Road to Fenton High School). The scope of improvements will include spot curb and gutter repairs, spot sidewalk repairs and street resurfacing. Village crews will be performing some underground utility repairs prior to the start of the contract. This contract will be awarded in April 2020 with construction beginning in May 2020. The completion date is set for July 17, 2020 with the exception of landscaping. The construction will be performed under daily lane closures. Traffic is anticipated to be hindered through the construction zone.

SUPREME DR (LS-13) AND SPRUCE AVE (LS-17) LIFT STATION REHABILITATION | The Village owns and maintains sanitary sewer lift stations at Supreme Drive (just North of N. Frontage Road) and Spruce Avenue (at Twin Oaks Street). Both of these lift stations are scheduled for mechanical and electrical upgrades along with some piping in and out of the lift station. Construction is anticipated to begin early May 2020 and will be substantially completed by August 14, 2020. The final completion date is September 30, 2020.

CHURCH RD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS | This will be a rehabilitation of our domestic water pump station on Church Road located just south of Irving Park Road. Majority of the project improvements will take place inside the pump station with upgrades to mechanical and electrical components. Construction is anticipated to begin early May 2020 and will be substantially completed by September 1, 2020. The final completion date is September 30, 2020.

Looking For a Way to Give Back? Donate Blood Today!

With many local blood drives canceled due to the Coronavirus, blood donations are desperately needed. Below are several permanent locations available nearby for blood donations.

VITALANT NORRIDGE DONOR CENTER

5050 N. Cumberland Ave | Norridge
708.452.7000

HOURS

Monday & Wednesday | 12–7pm
Tuesday | 9:30am–4:30pm
Friday & Saturday | 7am–1:30pm

VITALANT VILLA PARK DONOR CENTER

100 E Roosevelt Rd | Ste 40-41
Villa Park | 877.543.3768

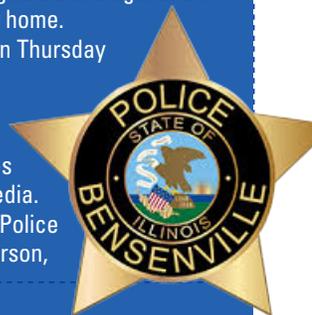
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Monday & Tuesday | 12–7pm
Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am–4:30pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
7am–1:30pm

National Police Week May 10 – 16

Show the Bensenville Police Department some love during National Police Week. Here are a few things you can do to show your support:

- Wear a blue ribbon.
- Hang a blue flag off of your porch.
- Thank police officers on your business's marquee, if you have one.
- Stop by the station with treats to share with the shift.
- Write a letter to your local police department thanking them for their service.
- Put a blue lightbulb in a light in the front of your home.
- Wear blue on Thursday May 14th.
- Share some positive police stories on social media.
- If you see a Police Officer in person, thank them!





GIVE US A CALL

Senior Information Hotline
630.350.3426

Finding the answers to questions can sometimes be confusing. The Senior Information Hotline provides basic information about Village programs and services. Our goal is to help Bensenville Senior Citizens easily navigate their way through the various government departments and agencies.

This hotline is available Monday-Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. Call 630.350.3426 to speak with a representative.

Lawn Maintenance and Parking Reminder

With warmer weather finally here, please remember that maintaining the exterior of your property is important to the Village and your neighbors. To avoid citations, remember grasses, weeds and plants that are not intended for ornamental purposes are to be no taller than eight inches.

Please remember that parking on your lawn is also prohibited. For more information on rules and regulations, please visit the Village's website at bensenville.il.us or call 630.350.3413.



WONDERING WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION ON VILLAGE SERVICES OR EVENTS?

The Village utilizes the following resources to share important information to Bensenville residents. We encourage residents to follow us on social media and to register to receive website alerts and CodeRED phone alerts.

- **VILLAGE WEBSITE** | Bensenville.il.us
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** | The Village is active on several social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- **BI-MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS** | Bensenville's bi-monthly Community Newsletter is distributed to every home in Bensenville and is a great source of information from all Bensenville taxing bodies.
- **PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL** | The 24-hour Village of Bensenville Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access channel is televised on Comcast Channel 6 and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. Current programming allows local government bodies the opportunity to produce content that keeps our residents well informed with hours of new programming each week.



SENIOR CITIZEN'S ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

This year, forms are expected to be mailed out to seniors who are eligible at the end of April and the deadline to file the application is October 1, 2020.

The Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption provides seniors with limited income protection against real estate tax increases due to rising property values. It is not a tax freeze or a tax reduction and does not protect against increased taxes due to tax rate increases. Because this exemption provides for a base year frozen assessment, it will potentially provide increased savings each year a senior is eligible.

RIDE DUPAGE INFORMATION

Ride DuPage continues to be available 24-7 for Bensenville residents when travel is absolutely necessary.

The telephone number for Ride DuPage is 800.713.7445. This number will take reservations for the Ride DuPage Program. Reservations can be made Monday – Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Trips can be reserved up to seven (7) days in advance. Same day reservations are not guaranteed, and we encourage at least one-day advance notice. When requesting destination time of arrival (i.e. appointments), allow call taker to recommend a pickup time. Be advised the busiest travel times are between 7:00 am and 10:00 am and between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Book rides well in advance to ensure availability whenever possible.



GIVING DUPAGE | Volunteers Needed!

Nonprofit organizations need your help today! In particular, organizations with a mission focused on housing/homelessness, food security/hunger/meal delivery and seniors are experiencing a large decrease in their regular volunteer base. Volunteers who are healthy, willing and able-bodied are needed. They will need to practice safety and recommended precautions during the course of their volunteer work. Please do not volunteer if you are sick now or have been in the past month (even if you are not showing symptoms of COVID-19), if you've traveled recently, if you are a senior citizen or are immunocompromised. Please err on the side of caution and do not volunteer if you are unsure about clearing these requirements. For additional information on how to volunteer, please visit: givingdupage.org.





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630 766 2602

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Co-Principal

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

thank you to
so many!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

'Everyone is welcome here. We celebrate each other. Take good care of one another. I belong! You belong! We belong here!'

Since schools closed in mid-March, the entire BSD2 community has shown its great heart! We've held each other up in circumstances no one has ever seen before.

In less than a week, we transformed our organization to ensure that teaching and learning continued in Bensenville School District 2, even though our schools were closed. Participation in our E-Learning plans (now called our Remote Learning Program after a few tweaks) has been fantastic, as teachers have reported that students have been excited, imaginative and completely engaged.

Thank you, BSD2 parents, for continuing to prioritize the education of your children in the midst of all this uncertainty and stress.

Thank you to our teachers and administrators who've worked very hard to continue to educate their students in a far different learning environment than their normal classrooms.

Finally, thank you to all of the folks whose daily behind-the-scenes work on behalf of students has shifted to the forefront:

- To district and school office staff, who've responded to phone calls and emails from our families.
- To our tech department, for equipping our students with the Chromebooks they've needed to log on each day and continue learning.
- To our custodial and maintenance crews, who work day and night to keep our buildings clean and safe.
- To our food services staff, who continued to prepare more than 1,400 meals each day for our students who need them the most.
- To our bus drivers and aides, who've traveled our neighborhoods to make certain all of that food found those students who might otherwise go without.

The past few weeks have proven our commitment to educate our children and provide for our families in need. That is foremost among the many reasons I'm proud to be part of the BSD2 community.

Thank you for your incredible work, and be well!

Sincerely,

Dr. James Stelter

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS | BENSENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2





Bensenville Park District

**Deer Grove Leisure Center
Administrative Office**
1000 West Wood Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106
630 766 7015
BvilleParks.org
WhitePinesGolf.com

White Pines Golf Club
500 West Jefferson Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106
630 766 0304

**Bensenville Water Park
& Splash Pad**
1100 West Wood Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
630 766 SWIM (7946)

Fischer Farm
16W680 Grand Avenue
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630 834 3152

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OUR
TEAM!**

Summer Employment

Applications available at the Leisure Center and White Pines or download at BvilleParks.org.

White Pines Proshop/Course
630.766.0304 x 1
klind@WhitePinesGolf.com

White Pines Banquets/Restaurant
630.766.0304 x 2
banquets@WhitePinesGolf.com

Bensenville Water Park
630.238.4931
tlinder@bvilleparks.org

Summer Camps
630.238.4922
lsemetko@bvilleparks.org

welcome
summer!

BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT

SUMMER CAMPS BEGIN MAY 26

The Bensenville Park District's Under the Sun Summer Camps offer a noncompetitive atmosphere where youngsters can socially interact and participate in a variety of activities.

This year we are excited to announce the addition of the following 3 new camps!

Rising Stars Theatre Camp

Rising Stars Theatre Camp is designed to give kids hands-on learning experiences that guide them through the process of gaining valuable skills in the art of theatre, while having fun!

Creation Station Art Camp

This camp is the place where your little ones can sculpt, paint, draw, and create your own masterpieces. If they're a novice or a pro artist, they'll get the opportunity to develop their skills in a supportive, caring, non-competitive environment with skilled instructors.

Explorer Camp

Take on the role of Environmental Steward! Respect, volunteerism, leadership, and sustainability are the focus of this camp. Teens will learn about natural conservation, historical preservation, and more while going on adventures to local historical places, engaging in service projects, caring for Fischer Farm's animals, and opportunities to lead Discovery campers in activities!

Children 6-10 can enjoy Adventure Camp, Sports Camp, Discovery Camp, Rising Stars Theater Camp, and Creation Station Art Camp. Teens 11-15 can take advantage of our Teen Leadership and Explorer Camp where responsibility, respect, and cooperation are emphasized; while enjoying a variety of activities and their own exclusive field trips. Camp fees for these full-time camps include a free healthy lunch provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank (Adventure, Teen, and Sports camps only), weekly field trips, visits to the Bensenville Water Park and more.

Parents may pick and choose their child's camp days and have the opportunity to secure before and after camp care services.

Part-time camps where your little ones 2-5 years old can enjoy nature exploration, gardening, sports, our splash pad and more are also offered. For more information on these camps email pschmidt@bvilleparks.org.





2020 WATER PARK SEASON

Have your family staycation at the Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad. Make sure to secure your season passes soon, they are currently 15% off through May 15! This season pass holders will receive even more perks; these include Unlimited Admission to the Water Park, Discounted Admission to Water Park events, 30-minute early weekday admission, \$15 off Aquatic Birthday Party Packages, Free and Unlimited admission to Aqua Fitness classes, Free and Unlimited admission to Lap Swim, and 3-free guest passes per membership.



The Water Park offers Birthday Party Packages and rentals for private parties. Secure your 2020 party at the Water Park while dates are available. Call 630.766.7015 to reserve.

Swim Lesson Registration Is Underway - The Bensenville Park District's Learn to Swim Program, for beginners and advanced swimmers, emphasizes improving swimming ability, increasing confidence and water safety under the instruction of experienced instructors. Group and private swim lessons are offered on weekdays and Saturdays. New this year we are offering Swim Camp Add-on to Adventure, Sports, and Teen Camp. Your little ones will now have the opportunity to get their swim lessons in, then spend the rest of the day in camp. Visit BvilleParks.org for more info.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

SATURDAYS | JUNE 27 & AUGUST 8 | 8:30 PM

Pack your blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks, then come out and spend the evening with us.

NEW! DIVE-IN MOVIE

SATURDAY | July 11 | Doors open 8:15 PM

Float around on your inflatable or sit on the pool deck and watch Aquaman right.

EVENTS AT FISCHER FARM



Movies in the Park | **JUNE 27**

Farmside Yard Sale | **JULY 18**

Family Campout | **JULY 24 & 25**

Harvest Fest | **OCTOBER 3**

Paint and Sip Nights at Fischer Farm

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH | 6PM

Pour a glass and un»wine»d for the night. Learn to paint in a historic setting from only the best. Our class will have you leaving with a painting that is sure to fit the mood of Fischer Farm. Come on out for a date, an evening to yourself, or a gathering with old friends! This class will supply you with all your artistic needs, but you must bring your own wine. Bottles are limited to no more than 750mL and you may not leave with an open bottle. Classes are the first Friday of each month at 6pm. (Register by a week prior to class).

Your safety is our number one concern, with our response to COVID-19 being fluid, programming and facilities may be affected. Please visit BvilleParks.org for the most up to date info.



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May 29 IN SESSION



June 26 SHINDIG!



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Aug 28 THE MOODS



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Monday | May 25 | Memorial Day
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Danica McKellar Reads us her Book *Goodnight Numbers*

Looking for a good bedtime story? We reached out to our friend, actor, author, and mathematician Danica McKellar and asked if she would read one of her children's books to us, and she said yes! To watch Danica read us *Goodnight Numbers*, visit our Vimeo page at vimeo.com/bensenvillelibrary. We hope you enjoy this story as much as we did. Thank you, Danica!



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Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions and Governor Pritzker's statewide stay-at-home order, we will be closing our facility to the public effective Monday, March 16 until further notice.

While our facility is closed, we will offer limited email services from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday only. During the closure, staff can respond to requests via our online Contact Us Form (benlib.org/contact-us) and/or respond to email requests via reference@benlib.org.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 AND LIBRARY SERVICES

I don't have a library card. Can I still access your online resources? Yes! You can now register for an online-only library card! This digital library card will grant you access to our eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming services, and more. Sign up now at: benlib.org/online-library-card.

When will events at the Library resume? All in-person Library programming events are currently cancelled until further notice. We are continuously assessing the situation, so please stay tuned for more details by checking benlib.org/covid-19, and following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Will the Library be rescheduling any of the cancelled programs? We will do our best to reschedule some of our programs and events. Be sure to bookmark our online calendar, benlib.evanced.info/signup, to see all event updates.

Will I be fined for overdue materials? No. We are halting all Library fines until further notice.

Can I still return my library materials? No, our outdoor, curbside book drop will be closed during this time. Please hold onto all of your materials. You will not be fined for any overdue materials and due dates have been extended. To view your library account online, visit benlib.org/catalog and click *My Account*.

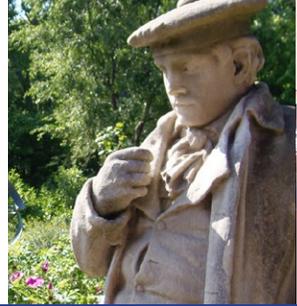
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What happens to materials that I have on hold during this time? Your holds will be suspended until our next open date. If you have any further questions about your holds or any of our circulation policies during this time, please contact our Materials Services Coordinator Sue Feddersen at sfeddersen@benlib.org.

What Library resources can I access online? We have a wealth of digital resources available for free 24/7 with a Library card at benlib.org/download. Remember, if you need a library card you can now register for an online-only library card! We also have many online resources that don't require a library card! Watch our storytime videos at vimeo.com/bensenvillelibrary, browse through free resources for kids at benlib.org/resources-for-kids, view thousands of photos and documents in the Bensenville historical collection at benlib.org/local-history-online, and more! Be sure to follow us on Facebook to get updates about all of our resources!

How can I get updates about the Library's operations during this time? To access all Library service updates and resources regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus), please visit benlib.org/covid-19.

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Running out of things to do? We've put together some at-home challenges for you! Complete the fun and educational activity on each square. Bring in your completed challenge sheet and receive a special prize once the Library has reopened. Have fun, and keep learning!

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Learning & Growing At-Home Challenge

At home and running out of things to do? We've put together a challenge for you! Complete each square by doing something fun and educational, and bring it into the Library for a special prize when we reopen. Keep learning and growing, and we can't wait to see you!

- Play outside!
- Go for a walk and find 5 things from nature
- Listen/watch a storytime on our Vimeo page!
- Color a picture on recycled mail (junk mail, newspaper)
- Build a blanket fort indoors!
- Play peek-a-boo!
- Give a loved one a big hug!
- Chalk up some sidewalk!
- Find an object that starts with the first letter of your name
- Practice making your favorite animal noises
- Sing the ABCs
- Find an object of your favorite color
- Clap your hands to your favorite song (try Freagall)
- Play "I Spy" looking out your window
- Tap the rhythm to your favorite song with a spoon
- Read a favorite book with your grownup

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Buzz! Buzz! At-Home Brain Challenge

At home and running out of things to do? We put together an UN-BEE-lievable fun challenge to keep you learning and playing. Complete the activity on each square! Bring in your completed challenge sheet and receive a special prize when we reopen. We can't wait to see you!

Did you know? Honey bees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits, and vegetables. This means that they help other plants grow!

- Take a nature walk
- Find us a joke for the YS Joke Board!
- Read a book to a grownup
- Listen to a song; Try Freagall Music
- Make a card for a friend
- Look up a famous person on the internet
- Design a bookmark!
- Build something! Use LEGOs, blocks, etc.
- Pretend a box becomes something magical
- Watch a movie based on a book
- Play a game with your family
- Dance a happy dance!
- Color a picture; Try crayola.com
- Read a book; Try an eBook using OverDrive
- Look at an animal video on YouTube
- Play an outdoor game

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Interested in genealogy research or learning more about your family tree? While the Library is closed due to COVID-19, you can use Ancestry Library Edition from home for free! All you need is your Bensenville Community Public Library card number. Start here: swanlibraries.net/ancestry.



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November 1956: Firefighters and police monitor a training burn in which the Mike Ludwig farm house was razed. The home was at 101 S. Church Road in Bensenville, which is now the site of Manav Seva Mandir Temple — just down the street from where the Library is today.



Did you know...? Our Digital Librarian & Archivist has been reorganizing and preserving the Library's physical local history collection and digitizing resources for the Illinois Digital Archive. To start browsing the Bensenville Historical Collection on the Illinois Digital Archives, please visit: benlib.org/local-history-online.

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