

Dear Residents,

I cannot believe that it is the beginning of February, and we are busy planning for Spring and Summer programs and events.

Osage Park Redevelopment – We continue to prepare for the redevelopment of Osage Park this spring/summer. This construction project is currently out to bid. A bid opening will be held later in February with approval from our Park Board taking place in March. We hope that the construction phase of the project will begin in mid to late April.

This project is funded by a matching OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) grant administered through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Improvements to the park include an outdoor fitness area, pollinator garden, repaving of the two basketball courts, creating one basketball and open pavement soccer court, repaving of the tennis courts, creating two tennis courts and two pickleball courts. The State of Illinois will reimburse the District \$437,500 once this project is complete.

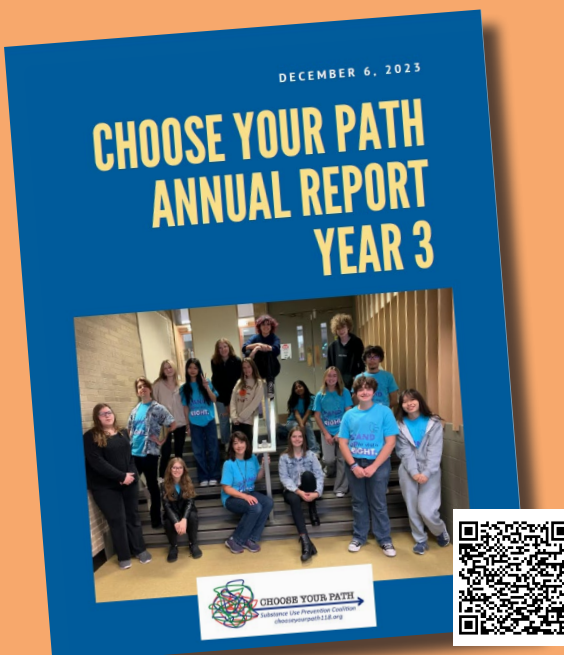
Help Wanted – High school and college students looking to make some extra money for school, a new car, or to get a head start on savings, should apply to be part of our team this summer. We are currently in the process of hiring lifeguards, camp counselors, park maintenance staff, concession workers, class instructors, and league attendants. Stop by the Community Center to complete an application or fill one out online and email to cbabicz@waucondaparks.com.

Let's Go Fly a Kite – Join us and the Illinois Association of Park Districts on May 11 as we take part in “Flying 4 Kids”, Illinois’ annual day dedicated to kite flying. This family-friendly program is open to everyone who wants to be outside, enjoying the breeze. See page 10 for more details.

Get Your Passport - Passports are not only for traveling outside the US, this one is for traveling around Wauconda. Visit all 13 of our playgrounds this summer and receive a special prize that the whole family is sure to enjoy. Those who complete the challenge will be entered for a chance to win “bonus” adventures and prizes. For more details check out Playground Crawl on page 10.

As always, thank you for your support. If you have a program idea or see something wrong in the parks, please do not hesitate to give me or our staff a call. We look forward to seeing you out and active in the parks soon!

Sincerely,
 Tim Staton, CPRP
 Executive Director



Dear Wauconda residents,

The Choose Your Path Coalition has achieved some great success over the last three years in the Wauconda area and we would like to share them with you! Please scan the QR code to read our Annual Report from Year 3 of our grant. Some of our greater successes were winning the Blue Ribbon Coalition Award and being invited to the White House by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

If you have any interest in learning more about us please attend one of our monthly meetings. These meetings take place the first Wednesday of every month at 10am at the Wauconda Library. You can also visit our website, chooseyourpath118.org, for more information.

