

# PLAY EVERY DAY

COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2014

The **Collinsville Area Recreation District** is your local park district.

This newsletter includes information about programs offered from January through April 2014. In April, you'll receive a new newsletter with information about activities from May through August.

**Register** for the programs and events listed in this newsletter by contacting:

**CARD Activity Center & Administrative Offices**

10 Gateway Drive  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
Main: 618-346-7529  
Fax: 618-346-7530  
www.CollinsvilleRec.com  
Office Hours: M-TH: 8:30a-7p  
F: 8:30a-5p | SAT: 9a-noon

CARD manages the following facilities and parks:

**Splash City Waterpark**  
10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville  
618-346-4571  
www.SplashCity.com

**Arlington Greens Golf Course**  
200 Arlington Drive, Granite City  
618-931-5232  
www.ArlingtonGreens.com

**Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve**  
631 Willoughby Lane, Collinsville  
www.CollinsvilleRec.com/Farm.html

**Arlington Wetlands**  
84 Arlington Drive, Granite City  
www.ArlingtonWetlands.org

**Jaycees Sports Complex**  
198 Complex Drive, Collinsville

**Woodland Park**  
2 Pine Lake Road, Collinsville

**Glidden Park**  
398 Branch Street, Collinsville

**Schnuck Memorial Park**  
Camelot Drive, Collinsville

**Pleasant Ridge Park**  
1345 Pleasant Ridge Road,  
Maryville

**Morris Hills Park**  
Woodland Road, Collinsville

## 2013 brought changes; 2014 means challenges

The holiday season is in full force and we are only a short time from a new year. 2013 has been a challenging year here at CARD as we continue to improve services while reducing spending. My thanks goes out to the many dedicated employees and you, the residents of CARD.

Willoughby Farm saw the opening of the house and major trail improvements. The farm also had its record number of volunteers and visitors this year. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who continue to make this park an outstanding place to visit and learn!

Glidden Park's tennis courts are now repaired! Utilizing local grants, the tennis courts are once again a great place for recreation. The project earned CARD the Carl Schultze Improvement of the Month award for October from Collinsville Progress. There have also been numerous park improvements throughout the District, and the newer parks of Pleasant Ridge and the Arlington Wetlands continue to exceed visitor expectations.

On the financial front, we are still dealing with an enormous debt from the past. It creates many challenges of which the current board and staff have been working tirelessly to address. First, like you, we are now living within our budget and have made good on our pledge of no new debt. Second, we are lowering the overall day to day costs by finding more efficient ways to operate. Third, we have found ways to reduce the cost of servicing the past debt by lowering interest rates and by lowering the administration costs. Fourth, we have made it a priority to increase public input which has given the Board and staff greater insight on what you want from a park district.

We have many challenges. With your patience and input we can pull through these difficult times. Let us know how we can better serve you.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we wish you the most restful and blessed holiday season!

-Dave Tanzyus  
President, CARD Board of Commissioners



Miss Illinois 2012 Megan Ervin dances with young attendees at Daddy Daughter Date Night in 2013.

### DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

Girls age 5-16 and their "date"  
**6-9pm, Saturday, March 1, 2014**  
**Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Drive**

An evening for girls and their dates (dads, step-dads, grandfathers, uncles, or another significant man in their life - no moms allowed!). This year's Mardi Gras-themed celebration includes dinner, dancing, and an appearance by Miss Illinois. This is a formal event: young ladies should wear a dress; men should wear a sport coat/suit and tie. John Locus Photography will be available to take professional photos, which can be purchased for an additional fee.

Registration ends February 21. This event sells out each year.

**\$45 per couple, \$20 for each additional daughter. With CARD Benefit ID: \$40 per couple, \$18 for each additional daughter**

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

All ages  
**9-10:30am on Saturday, April 12, 2014**  
**Ravanelli's Restaurant, 26 Collinsport Drive**

The entire family will enjoy a delicious hot breakfast buffet. Professional photographer Brian Hayden will be on hand to take a photo of your child with the Easter Bunny and every child will receive a special gift.

Registration ends April 4. This event sells out each year.

**\$12 per child, \$11 with Benefit ID.  
\$10 per adult**

**TOTALLY TOTS PLAYTIME**

Ages 1-4 years

**9:30-11a, Thursdays, January 9-April 24 at CARD Activity Center.** Bring your toddler to enjoy all of our equipment, including tumbling mats, oversized foam blocks, slide, tunnels and playhouse, hoops and more. This playtime provides a great opportunity for social interaction and motor skill development.

\$2 per visit, per child, pay at the desk.

**DYNAMIC DANCE**

From tap to ballet, your little one will be ready to dance. Level 1 covers the fundamentals of dance and movement with ballet and tap.

**Level I:** Ages 3-5

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
W	01/08-02/19	6-7P	01/02
W	03/19-04/23	6-7P	02/26

No class February 12

\$35 / \$30 with Benefit ID

**Level II:** Ages 5-9 or approved by instructor

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
TH	01/09-02/13	6-7p	01/03
TH	03/20-04/24	6-7p	02/27

\$35 / \$30 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**LIFE IS ART**

Ages 7-13

Explore a world of drawing, painting, shading, sketching, and color in this hands-on class. Students learn about the old masters and upcoming artists as they create their own works. Students are encouraged to bring their own sketchbook and should wear old clothes or art smock.

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
W	01/08-02/19	6-7P	01/02
W	03/19-04/23	6-7P	02/26

No class February 12

\$49 / \$42 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**Coming this Summer...**

New Hours: 11am-7pm Every Day

Perks for Season Pass Holders

One-Time-Pay Lockers

New Birthday Party Package

Improved Entrance  
Cabanas & More!



**Now Hiring for  
2014 Season!**

[www.SplashCity.com](http://www.SplashCity.com)

**BEGINNING TUMBLING**

Ages 4-8

Children are introduced to basic tumbling movements such as forward and backward rolls, head stands and handstands, cartwheels, different types of jumps, and basic balance beam skills. Students gain strength, flexibility and self-confidence while enjoying fun-filled activities. Prerequisite: Children must be able to participate without parental help.

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
W	01/08-02/19	6:30-7:30p	01/02
W	03/19-04/23	6:30-7:30p	02/26

No class February 12

\$35 / \$30 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**KARATE with Kevin Dressel**

Want to learn Karate? Come have fun with us while learning the traditional style of Shorin-ryu! Along the way, you'll build self-confidence and respect while increasing overall physical fitness. All students will learn Japanese martial arts terms and practice dojo etiquette.

**Level I:** For any level of student under 6 years old and beginners under 10 years old

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
M	01/06-02/24	6-7p	01/02
M	03/17-04/21	6-7p	02/26

No class January 20, February 17

\$49 / \$42 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**Level II:** Returning or experienced students 6 years old and up and beginners 10 years old and over. Adults welcome!

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
M&W	01/06-02/19	7-8p	01/02
M&W	03/17-04/23	7-8p	02/26

No class January 20, February 12, February 17

\$64 / \$57 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**Find Collinsville Area Recreation District,  
Splash City Waterpark, and  
Willoughby Heritage Farm on Facebook**



# SPRING PROGRAMS

## OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Ages 16 and up

**6:30-8:30p, Mondays, January 6-April 14, at Dorris Intermediate School, Route 159 in Collinsville**

Drop in for a night of fun and exercise as CARD takes over the gym at Dorris Intermediate School once a week. Bring your friends and your volleyball skills. \$3 per person, pay at the door. *Program does not meet January 20, February 17, and March 3.*

## BUNKO

All ages

Bring friends and make news ones to play this popular dice game.

**1-3pm, Mondays, January 6 to April 21 at the CARD Activity Center**

Drinks, light snacks and prizes provided. Participants are welcome to bring a dish or snacks to share with the group. \$5 per person, per visit. *No Bunko January 20 and February 17.*

## HATHA YOGA with Wendy

Ages 16 and up

Yoga masters and novices alike will find peace in this yoga program. Explore the connection between mind, body, and breath. Benefits include increased energy, strength and flexibility, and improved balance. Please bring a mat.

DAY	DATE	TIME
TH	01/09-04/24	6-7p

\$5 per class, pay at the desk that night

Location: CARD Activity Center

## ARLINGTON GREENS

Arlington Greens Golf Course is an 18 hole, public golf course open daily. Arlington Greens welcomes leagues, tournaments and outings.

Call 618-931-5232 for more information and to schedule your tee time.

Visit [ArlingtonGreens.com](http://ArlingtonGreens.com) for more information.

## GREENS FEES

GOLF WINTER RATES	WEEKDAY		WEEKEND	
	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID
18 HOLES W/CART	\$20	\$18	\$25	\$20
RATES STARTING MARCH 1, 2014	WEEKDAY		WEEKEND	
	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID
18 HOLES W/CART	\$31	\$25	\$39	\$29
9 HOLES W/CART	\$23	\$18	\$26	\$21
SR 18 HOLES W/CART	\$30	\$25		
SR 9 HOLES W/CART	\$20	\$15		
TWILIGHT 3PM	\$25	\$20	\$26	\$21
18 HOLE WALKING	\$20	\$15		
9 HOLE WALKING	\$15	\$12		
OTHER FEES				
GOLF CART: \$13	LEAGUE FEE: \$18	SM BUCKET OF BALLS: \$5	LRG BUCKET OF BALLS: \$7	

## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 'FUN'DAMENTALS

### Basic Digital Photography

All Ages

Taught by members of the Collinsville Area Camera Club, this class includes one-to-one instruction on mastering your digital camera, creating image computer adjustments, storing images efficiently on a computer, printing digital images, distributing images via e-mail, and more. Tips and tricks on improving photographs are included. Participants' images will be discussed. Bring your digital camera and manual to class.

DAY	DATE	TIME	REG. BY
SAT	02/08, 15, 22	9a-noon	01/31

\$30 / \$35 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

## WILLOUGHBY FARM

The farm gate is open 9am to dusk, daily.

### GARDENING CLASSES

For ages 16 and up

Join the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners as they show how to make a beautiful garden of your own.

CLASS	DAY	DATE	TIME
BEGINNING BEEKEEPING	SAT	02/08	10a
BEGINNING VEGETABLE GARDENING	SAT	03/01	10a
NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE HOME GARDEN	SAT	03/22	9a
CONTAINER GARDENING	TUE	03/25	6p
CHOOSING PERENNIALS FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE	W	03/26	6p

FREE!

Location: Willoughby Farm





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## GENERAL INFO

### PARK INFORMATION & FACILITY RENTAL

Looking for a place to party? The Collinsville Area Recreation District has a variety of locations available for rental.

Seven picnic pavilions are available at reasonable rates at **Woodland, Glidden and Pleasant Ridge parks**. The pavilions include picnic tables, grills, drinking fountains, electrical outlets and trash cans, and all are within walking distance from playground areas. Reservations for the park pavilions vary depending on residency and pavilion location. Call 618-346-7529 for details. Pavilions may be reserved between April 1 and October 31. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made in person from 8:30a to 7p, Monday through Thursday, 8:30a-5p on Friday, or 9a to noon on Saturday, at the CARD Administrative Offices, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville. Park users must follow all regulations as posted. Liquor is not permitted in any park or pavilion without a permit. A liquor permit is available at the CARD Administrative Office for \$15.

The pavilion at **Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve** is \$75/\$50 with CARD Benefit ID for four hours. The Bank Barn at Willoughby Farm is great for special events and is available for \$135/\$110 with Benefit ID for four hours.

CARD also has indoor spaces for meetings, receptions, parties and other events available at the **CARD Activity Center** and at **Arlington Greens Golf Course**. Visit [CollinsvilleRec.com](http://CollinsvilleRec.com) for details.

### WHAT IS BENEFIT ID?

'Benefit ID' is the price that CARD residents pay when they show their Benefit ID or "CARD card". **Why are there two prices?** CARD is a unit of local government – a taxing body – and offers a free Benefit ID card to district residents because those individuals pay taxes to CARD. With the "CARD card", residents receive discounts when registering for CARD programs and using CARD facilities. Find out if you're in the district by checking your property tax bill, voter registration card or by calling CARD at 618-346-7529.

**It doesn't matter if you live in Collinsville, Granite City, Troy or St. Louis; anyone can participate in CARD programs and visit CARD facilities. All are welcome at CARD.**

### PICNIC FUN KITS

Add some extra fun to your family or corporate picnic event by renting one or all of these Picnic Kits from CARD:

- Family Fun Kit – Includes a badminton set, horseshoe set, football, Frisbees, softball bat and balls, plastic bat and balls, bases, kickball, and volleyball.
- Volleyball Set – Includes a competitive outdoor volleyball set and outdoor synthetic leather volleyball.
- Baggo Game Set – Includes a commercial "bags" game set complete with two boards and two sets of bags.

Rental fee: \$15 per set, \$25 for two sets, \$35 for all three sets (add \$50 refundable deposit). All rentals are per day or weekend. Call 618-346-7529 to arrange pick up of your Fun Kit.

### REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Registration deadlines listed in this newsletter. All programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes that do not meet minimum enrollment are canceled. All registered participants will be notified by telephone of changes. Registration after the deadline date will be accepted only if openings exist. The class fee will not be prorated if the class has started. Participants registering for activities of a strenuous nature are encouraged to seek a physician's approval. CARD programs held in Unit 10 school district facilities will not meet when classes are canceled due to inclement weather and holidays.

- Register over the telephone by calling 618-346-7529. Registration by telephone must be paid for with a credit or debit card.
- Stop by the CARD Activity Center and Administrative Offices, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville. The office is open 8:30a-7p, Monday-Thursday; 8:30a-5p on Friday; and 9a-noon on Saturday.
- Print the registration form at [www.CollinsvilleRec.com](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com) and drop it off at CARD or mail the form to CARD REGISTRATION, 10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Make checks payable to CARD and include your driver's license number. Do not send cash. If paying by credit or debit card, include your complete card number, expiration date, and signature.
- **If you don't have access to a computer:** call 618-346-7529 and someone at the district will mail a registration form to your home.

### REFUND/TRANSFER POLICY

You may transfer to another program if space is available and before the second class of a session is held. Transfer can only be made to programs listed in the same program guide. Full refunds for programs will be provided if your request is received prior to the start of the second class meeting or if the District has canceled the program. Full refunds for one-day or two-day programs will be provided if requested prior to the registration deadline. Upon proof, a prorated refund will be provided for medical reasons or if the participant is moving out of town. This policy does not apply to trips. Trip refund requests must be made before the registration deadline date. Requests for refunds after the registration deadline will be provided based upon the minimum number of participants being met or new registrants applying for the program. The District will refund as much of your fee as possible. You may apply for a refund at the CARD Activity Center/Administrative Offices, 10 Gateway Drive. Your receipt or canceled check, or proof of identification, may be required. Refund checks will be mailed within a reasonable period of time, generally a 30 day period.

### BE A CARD STAR

CARD staff members occasionally take photos and video at CARD events, programs and facilities for promotional purposes. If you do not wish to be a CARD Star, please tell the staff member.

Date \_\_\_\_\_