

# PLAY EVERY DAY

COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER | FALL/WINTER 2014

The Collinsville Area Recreation District is your local park district.

This newsletter includes information about programs offered from September through December 2014. Information about winter activities from January through March will be printed in another newsletter later this year.

**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](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com)  
Office Hours: M-F: 8:30a-5p  
Except on nights of class

CARD manages the following facilities and parks:

**Splash City Waterpark**  
10 Gateway Drive, Collinsville  
618-346-4571  
[www.SplashCity.com](http://www.SplashCity.com)

**Arlington Greens Golf Course**  
200 Arlington Drive, Granite City  
618-931-5232  
[www.ArlingtonGreens.com](http://www.ArlingtonGreens.com)

**Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve**  
631 Willoughby Lane, Collinsville  
[www.CollinsvilleRec.com/  
Farm.html](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com/Farm.html)

**Arlington Wetlands**  
84 Arlington Drive, Granite City  
[www.ArlingtonWetlands.org](http://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

## Solar Grant

Follow installation progress at <http://www.collinsvillerec.com/>

### CARD is Going Greener



Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD) is going greener. In May 2014 the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation awarded CARD a \$417,690 grant to build a renewable solar energy system, which will make CARD one of the first organizations in the Collinsville area to "go solar".

CARD, in partnership with Day & Night Solar of Collinsville, Illinois, developed and submitted the grant proposal, which included design plans of a system that is projected to offset 25% of the power consumption of the CARD Activity Center and Splash City Waterpark, during the summer months and 48% of the annual consumption.

Although construction has not yet begun, CARD anticipates the partial transition of its Activity Center and Splash City Waterpark to solar power will be complete sometime late summer to early fall. Once started, the project will entail the installation of three

structures (two within the Splash City Waterpark and one in the side parking lot) and 663 solar panels capable of generating over 246,898 kWh of electricity annually, the equivalent to cutting electricity based on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 15.5 homes energy use annually. The energy savings was the primary reason the CARD Park Board of Commissioners made the decision to apply for the grant and invest in the project. The partial transition to solar power is expected to save CARD thousands of dollars annually in power savings. Additionally, customers and employees of CARD and Splash City will enjoy the benefit provided by one of the structures of shaded parking for approximately 55 vehicles.

Once construction begins, individuals will be able to monitor the progress of the installation of the solar system on a soon to be developed web site. The web site will also track and display energy production, CO<sub>2</sub> avoided costs, savings, and other educational information regarding the benefits of solar power. Once the solar system is up and running, it is hoped CARD will be just one of many organizations in the area to reap the benefits of solar power.

To see all renewable energy solutions for CARD visit [www.collinsvillerec.com/greenprojects](http://www.collinsvillerec.com/greenprojects).

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

- Space missions have been using solar energy to power spaceships since 1958.
- The average U.S. taxpayer pays almost 100 times as much in subsidies for fossil fuels as he/she would for solar energy.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### FALL FARM DAY

All Ages

\$2 Per Person, 2 & Under Free

**Saturday October 4, 2014**

**10am-3pm**

Get into the fall spirit at Willoughby Farm's Fall Farm Day. There will be plenty of activities and entertainment for those of all ages to enjoy.

Curb your appetite with some yummy lunch from the Collinsville Sunrise Kiwanis or follow the sweet scent to the Washington Kettle Corn and quench your thirst or other sweet tooth cravings with help from the Holy Cross Youth Group.

If you prefer to do the cooking, test your skills and join the pie baking contest starting at 12:30pm. Please visit our website for further information regarding the rules and regulations for this event.

Other enjoyable fall themed activities include hayrides, straw pyramids, scavenger hunts, nature walks, kids' farm games and crafts, horseshoe tournament and antique tractor/equipment displays.

You can even purchase your fall pumpkins and other fall crafts while enjoying this fun filled day.

While at the farm, do not forget to visit and interact with the many farm animals before they disappear for the winter.

We look forward to celebrating the fall season with ya'll.

# WILLOUGHBY FARM

Visit the farm website at [collinsvillerec.com/willoughbyfarm](http://collinsvillerec.com/willoughbyfarm)

## **PRE-K NATURE DAY Drop In Class**

*Ages 3-6 with parent(s) or guardian(s)*

*\$3 per child, per visit, pay upon arrival.*

**10a-11a, Tuesday, September 23-October, 28**

### **Willoughby Farm**

Bring your youngster to Willoughby Farm, where he or she will learn, explore and play. The farm and nature expert will lead activities for you to do as a family. There is a different theme each week. Bring a picnic to enjoy after playtime. This program is weather permitting.

## **Conservation Stewards**

*Community Volunteers*

**9a-Noon, Saturday, August 16, September 20,**

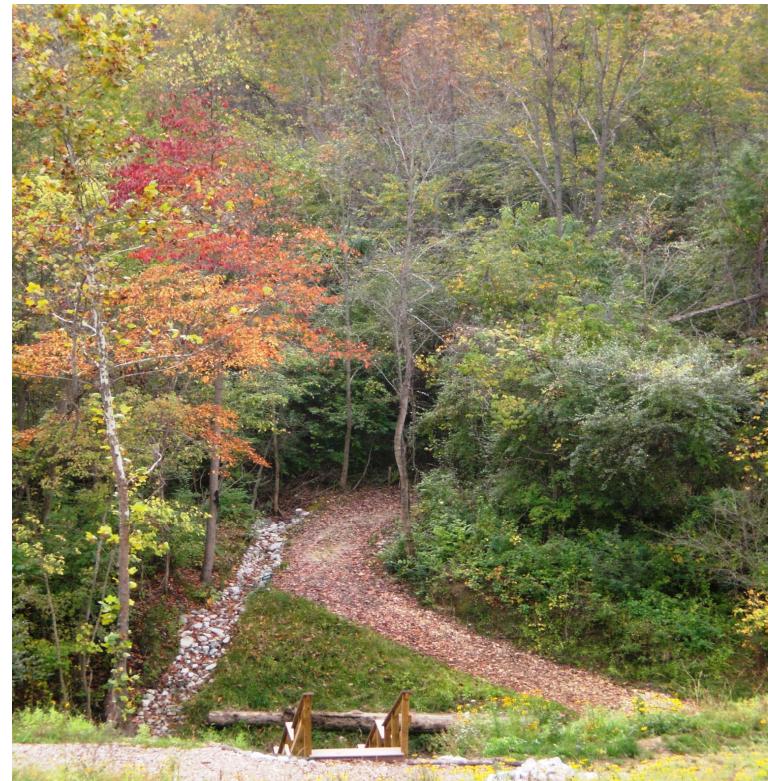
**October 18 & November 15.**

Students from local schools and organizations graciously donate one Saturday a month to help restore the prairie, the trail system and conservation reserve back to an Illinois native woodland.

Join volunteers one Saturday of the month at the farm as staff help you identify and remove unwanted invasive species and planting native seeds and plugs. No experience needed and children are welcome. Just bring gloves, a water bottle and dress for the trails and prairie (preferably long pants and good shoes or boots). Call Carol at 618-660-8668 if you have questions.

## **DID YOU KNOW . . .**

- Willoughby Farm uses volunteers from the community to keep its garden growing, its trails clear, and its animals happy? It could not be done without the community's support. Lend a hand from 8:30am-1pm every Wednesday.
- Field Trips are an easy way for a class or group to reconnect with nature. Call 618-660-8668 o make a reservation.
- Willoughby Farm has been a community fixture since the early 1900s but not until April 2002, when the Collinsville Area Recreation District purchased the property, did it become what it is today
- Area hillsides are covered with plants and grasses native to the area and three miles of walking trails give a great opportunity for people to get back to nature.



## **Christmas At Willoughby**

*All Ages*

**1-4p, Sunday, December 7 at**

**Willoughby Farm**

Get into the holiday spirit at Willoughby farm while it is decorated for the Christmas season. Visitors will sip hot cider or hot chocolate and nibble on holiday sweet treats while visiting with Santa Claus in the farm house. Remember to bring your camera to snap a photo of Santa with your little one. Gather in the Bank Barn for a holiday sing-a-long while guests make ornaments to take home.

# Arlington Wetlands

Visit the Wetlands website at <http://arlingtonwetlands.org>



## **Arlington Wetlands**

*8 Acre Conservation Project*

Collinsville Area Recreation District purchased eight acres of land near Arlington Golf Course in 2009 and transformed the soy bean and horseradish fields into a wetland observation and interpretive center.

Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation and Development originally purchased 144 acres and later partnered with the Madison County government and CARD to create the wetlands they have today.

Arlington Wetland is an 83 acre remnant of the Mississippi River and its preservation. Over a three year period, the organizations worked on ecosystem restoration as well as creating an information center with educational materials and parking, developing trails with interpretive signs and an overlook area, and creating a 600-foot-long floating boardwalk leading from the wetland upland habitat across a lake to the wetland prairie. **This area is open to the public and is a self guided tour with signs to help along the way.**

Having a wetland in the community has many benefits. Storms can cause pollution to run off of roads and pollute our drinking water. Wetlands can catch the polluted water and give nature a chance to clean it out.

There are a variety of wildlife at Arlington Wetlands including an American woodcock, a rusty blackbird and a willow flycatcher.

Currently there are no restrooms or running water, but do not let that prevent you from enjoying the latest addition to improving the local ecosystem, and come prepared. Check the CARD website regularly for possible educational opportunities to take place in the near future.

**GREENS FEES**

Arlington Greens Golf Course is an 18 hole, public golf course open daily from 7am to dusk. Arlington Greens welcomes leagues, tournaments and outings. Call 618-931-5232 for more information and to schedule your tee time.

CATEGORY	WEEKDAY		WEEKEND	
	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID	GENERAL	with BENEFIT ID
18 HOLES W/CART	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$39.00	\$29.00
SR. 18 HOLES W/CART (55+)	\$25.00	\$20.00		
9 HOLES W/CART	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
SR. 9 HOLES W/CART (55+)	\$20.00	\$15.00		
TWILIGHT W/CART (AFTER 3P)	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$21.00
JUNIOR SUMMER PASS	\$200.00	\$150.00		

OTHER FEES	
GOLF CART	\$13.00
LEAGUE FEE	\$18.00
SM BUCKET OF BALLS	\$5.00
LRG BUCKET OF BALLS	\$7.00

**SENIOR SCRAMBLE**

*Every Tuesday morning (weather permitting)*

For two-person teams who are 50 years old and over. \$25 per person with a portion going toward prizes. Registration begins at 6:30a, scramble starts at 8a.

**COUPLES GOLF SCRABBLE**

*Tee time: 5:30p, Friday, September 26,* This very popular Jack and Jill scramble includes nine holes of golf with dinner afterward. Prizes are awarded in each flight (three flights based on a full field). \$70 per couple. Call 618-931-5232 to register.

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

- Arlington Greens originally opened in 1962 as Arlington Golf Course
- The longest putt EVER is 375 feet.
- The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.
- 80% of all golfers will never achieve a handicap of less than 18.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- 3 shots over par on a hole is called a Triple bogey.

**F.A.T.S. Tournament**

*\$50 per person*

**Friday, November 28 at Arlington Greens Golf Course**

This four person scramble provides area golfers with a chance to work off some of the extra pounds added by those yummy Thanksgiving Day dinners. The tournaments starts at 8:30am. Please remember, this is a cash only event. Prizes will be provided, as well as a lunch of chili and hot dogs. Contact the golf course at 618-931-5232 if you have questions.

**Arlington 3-Man Scramble**

*\$450 per team*

**Saturday October 18-Sunday October 19 at Arlington Greens Golf Course**

This three man scramble has a shot-gun start at 10am. With a 40 year history at Arlington, this tournament draws players from across the United States. There will be a Calcutta on Sunday. If you have questions or concerns or are ready to register your team, Call 618-931-5232 and speak with Mark or Chad for more information. So get your best buddies together and enjoy a beautiful-fun-filled-fall day at Arlington Greens.

**Twilight**

*See arlingtongreens.com for rates*

**Twilight Rates are seven days a week starting at 1pm**

The early bird does not always get the worm. Join the professionals at Arlington Greens after 1pm and you can perfect your golfing skills at a discounted rate. Grab your clubs and come enjoy the greens and clubhouse.

**Gatherings With Class**

*Arlington Banquet Room*

Arlington Greens is not only home to 7,200 yards of golf and a slope rating of 125, but also houses an approximately 5,738 square foot clubhouse, a banquet facility and a meeting room. The banquet hall and meeting room provide an excellent environment for a business reception, retreat, meeting or working day at the golf course.

The banquet room facilities also are available for wedding parties and family reunions. The room provides an excellent space for gatherings of 100 or more for a seated dinner.

The banquet room is available daily from 11am to 4pm for private parties and from 6pm to 11pm for wedding receptions

For more information about the facilities, contact Arlington Greens by calling (618) 931-5232 or by emailing [mmarcuzzo@collinsvillerec.com](mailto:mmarcuzzo@collinsvillerec.com)

# PROGRAMS

Register and pay for programs online at [rec.collinsvillerec.com](http://rec.collinsvillerec.com)



## DYNAMIC DANCE Activity #510101 (Level I) #510102 (Level II)

With Alyssa in Level I and Kaitlin in Level II

\$35 / \$30 with Benefit ID

From tap to ballet, your little dancer will be ready to hit the dance floor.

**Level I:** For children ages three to five, this level covers the fundamentals of dance and movement with ballet and tap.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
W	09/10-10/15	6-7P	1A
W	11/05-12/10	6-7P	1B

**Level II: (no class 11/27)** For children ages five to nine, students continue to learn new dance steps and routines.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
TH	9/11-10/16	6-7p	2A
TH	11/6-12/18	6-7p	2B



## BEGINNING TUMBLING Activity #510401

With Shelby

\$35 / \$30 with Benefit ID

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. Prerequisite: Children must be able to participate without parental help.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
W	9/10-10/15	6:30-7:30p	1A
W	11/5-12/10	6:30-7:30p	1B

## TOTALLY TOTS PLAYTIME Drop In Class

\$2 per child, per visit

Ages 1-4 years

### 9:30-11a, Thursdays 8/7-12/18 (no class 11/27)

Bring your toddler to enjoy all of our equipment, including tumbling mats, oversized foam blocks, slide, tunnels, playhouse, hoops and more. This playtime provides a great opportunity for social interaction and motor skill development.

## Stay Active and Involved Year Around With CARD!

### Registering is Easier Than Ever!

Getting involved and staying active throughout the year has become easier than ever before. Registering for karate or dynamic dance classes can be done in a quick and easy manner now. Not only can you register for programs at the CARD office or by phone, but online as well. Just follow the links on our website at [www.collinsvillerec.com](http://www.collinsvillerec.com) or go to [rec.collinsvillerec.com](http://rec.collinsvillerec.com).

### Breakfast with Santa

Bring the whole family to enjoy a delicious hot breakfast buffet with the man in the big red suit. Children receive a gift and have a free photo taken with Santa Claus. The cost is \$11 per child, \$10 per child with CARD Benefit ID; \$9 per adult. This event is open to those of all ages at **Ravanelli's Restaurant, 26 Collingsport Drive in Collinsville on Saturday, December 13 from 9-10:30a.**

Call 618-346-7529 or visit our website to register. This event sells out every year.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

When you are done celebrating, help CARD stay green and leave your live Christmas tree at one of the locations below. Trees will be accepted until January 15, 2015. Lights, ornaments and artificial materials must be removed. Holiday wreaths and garland are not accepted. Drop-off sites: Woodland Park Maintenance Building on Oliver Road, Jaycee Sports Complex at 198 Complex Drive, City Garage at 850 South Morrison, Township Highway Garage at 1407 North Bluff.

### Snow On the Ground? Grab a Sled!

Yes, it is hard to think about snow right now, but winter is just around the corner. The sled hill at Glidden Park is open when the ground is frozen and there are more than two inches of snow. Families are welcome to bring their own plastic sleds or inner tubes. The sled hill is located near the Junior Service Pavilion. Sled participants assume full risk and responsibility when sledding. Wooden sleds and those with metal runners are prohibited.

All make-up sessions are incorporated into the class dates.

# PROGRAMS



## LIFE IS ART *Activity #510301*

With Erin

\$49 / \$42 with Benefit ID

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	SESSION
W	09/10-10/15	6-7p	1A
W	11/05-12/10	6-7p	4B

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

- A drop in class requires no registration. Just pay when you arrive for the class and come to sessions that fit your schedule
- All classes are held at the CARD Activity Center unless otherwise indicated.

## TENNIS *Activity #411001*

With Tom

\$31/\$26 with Benefit ID

Ages 5-14

### Glidden Park Tennis Courts

Work on improving your back hand with CARD's newest program. Join fellow tennis lovers at Glidden Park's tennis courts and see if your little one could become the next big pro.

**Level I:** For any level of student aged 5 through 9.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
T	09/09-09/30	5:30-6:30p	01

**Level II:** For any level of student aged 10 through 14

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
TH	09/04-09/25	5:30-6:30p	02



## KARATE *Activity #510201 (Level 1) #510202 (Level II)*

with Kevin

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 aged 6 through 9. (**No class 10/13**)

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
M	09/08-10/20	6-7p	1A
M	11/03-12/08	6-7p	1B

\$49 / \$42 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

**Level II:** Returning students under 9 years old with instructors permission and all levels 10 years and older. Adults welcome. Just a reminder, Level II is an eight week program. (**No class 9/1 & 10/13**)

DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION
M/W	08/25-10/27	7-8p	2A
M/W	10/29-12/22	7-8p	2B

For one class (either Monday or Wednesday): \$65 / \$56 with Benefit ID

For both Monday and Wednesday class: \$85 / \$76 with Benefit ID

Location: CARD Activity Center

## HATHA YOGA *Drop In Class*

with Wendy

\$5 per person, per visit, pay at the desk (**No class 11/27**)

Ages 16 and up

**6-7p, Thursdays 09/11-12/18 (No Class 11/27)**

Yoga is a wonderful combination of mind, body and breath. The practice itself will help bring these elements together. Some of the benefits include increased strength and flexibility, improved balance and a more peaceful mind. All levels of practice are encouraged. Please bring a mat or towel. No registration required.



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## GENERAL INFO

Register online for CARD programs at [rec.collinsvillerec.com/](http://rec.collinsvillerec.com/)

### WHAT IS A BENEFIT ID?

A Benefit ID is a free card available to CARD residents providing discounts with rentals, in registering for CARD programs and when using CARD facilities like Splash City and Arlington Greens Golf Course. 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. Find out if you are in district by checking your property tax bill, voter registration card or by calling CARD at 618-346-7529.

**It does not matter if you live in Collinsville, Granite City, Troy, St. Louis or are visiting from out of town; anyone can participate in CARD programs and visit CARD facilities. All are welcome at CARD.**

### PARK INFORMATION & FACILITY RENTAL

Looking for a place to hold a celebration? The Collinsville Area Recreation District has a variety of locations available for rentals.

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, trash cans and all are within walking distance from playground areas. Rates for the park pavilions vary depending on residency, pavilion location and pavilion size. Call 618-346-7529 for details. Pavilions are available for rental 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 5p, Monday through Friday, 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 Bank Barn and Carl Schultz Pavilion at **Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve** are available to rent. They are great for special events. Visit the farm's website at [collinsvillerec.com/farmrent.html](http://collinsvillerec.com/farmrent.html), or call 618-346-7529 for more information.

CARD 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.

### 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.
- Bago 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. Photo ID required.

### REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Registration deadlines are one hour prior to the start of a class. Registration deadlines are generally five days prior to the start of a program. All programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes not meeting the minimum enrollment are canceled. All registered participants will be notified by telephone and/or email 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 the Unit 10 school district facilities will not meet when classes are canceled due to inclement weather and holidays. Drop in classes require no registration. Pay upon arrival.

- Register over the telephone by calling 618-346-7529. Registration by telephone must be paid for with a credit or debit card featuring the VISA or MasterCard logo.
- Register online at [www.CollinsvilleRec.com](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com) and follow instructions.
- Stop by the CARD Activity Center and Administrative Offices, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville. The office is open 8:30a-5p, Monday-Friday with the exception of when classes are scheduled at the CARD Activity Center.
- Registration forms can be printed at [www.CollinsvilleRec.com](http://www.CollinsvilleRec.com) and dropped off at CARD or mailed 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 do not have access to a computer:** call 618-346-7529 and someone will mail a registration form to you.

### REFUND/TRANSFER POLICY

You may transfer to another program if space is available and before the second class of a session is held. A 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 videos at various CARD events, programs and facilities for promotional purposes. If you do not wish to be a CARD Star, please tell the staff member.