



## **Park District News**

2013 has been a very rewarding year for the Phoenix Park District. We carried our “Yes We Can! Fight Childhood Obesity” campaign over into this year. All of our activities support this campaign.

The park district held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Fashion Show on Sunday, March 24th at the Multi-Purpose Center. The many family and friends were delighted as they watched their budding young models showcase their outfits in various scenes including, “sportswear”, “Easter best” and “black & white with a touch of red”. The fashion show was followed by a buffet of delicious healthy food offerings like salads, finger sandwiches and fruit. A great evening was had by all who attended.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car and Bike show was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The cars and bikes were shining, the music was playing and the grill was blazing. The visitors that came out to view the fancy cars and bikes were also able to purchase rib tips, burgers, hot dogs and italian sausages, along with items sold by other vendors that were on site. The day ended with a raffle and the presentation of trophies for the best car, the best bike, the best engine, the best paint job and the overall best in show. The weather was beautiful for the event.

The Park District hosted a summer food service program sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocese. Breakfast and lunch consisting of nutritious food items were served to individuals under the age of 18. The program was a huge success.

This year the Park District hosted a summer camp for school aged children. The camp began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and attracted families from not only Phoenix, but from surrounding communities also. Headed by Ms Bartholomew and staffed with three supervisors, the camp participants enjoyed movies, arts & crafts, dance, cheerleading, board games, puzzles and daily trips to the library. Each day, time was set aside for the campers to work on enhancing their reading and math skills by completing age appropriate reading and math worksheets. They also conducted various science projects and the main attraction was a project where campers tracked the life cycle of three caterpillars as they turned into beautiful butterflies.

The Phoenix Park District was once again the proud recipient of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Youth Recreation Corps grant. The Illinois Youth Recreation Corps was established for making grants to local sponsors to provide wages to youth operating and instructing in recreational and conservation programs for the benefit of other youth. Under the direction of Ms Debbie Bartholomew, the Park District was able to hire 4 Managing Supervisors and 34 youth who worked in our various recreation programs. Also, some of the young men performed maintenance work at the field house and the Broome Pavilion.

The Broome Pavilion is available for rental through mid September, weather permitting. For more information, please call 708-339-8443 or visit our website at [www.phoenixparkdistrict.com](http://www.phoenixparkdistrict.com).

The park district is always seeking volunteers. If you have a talent or a craft that you would like to share with others or would just like to assist with our programs, please come out and join us. Meetings are held at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the park district facility 155<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Please visit our website at [www.phoenixparkdistrict.com](http://www.phoenixparkdistrict.com) for park district news, events, photographs, etc.

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