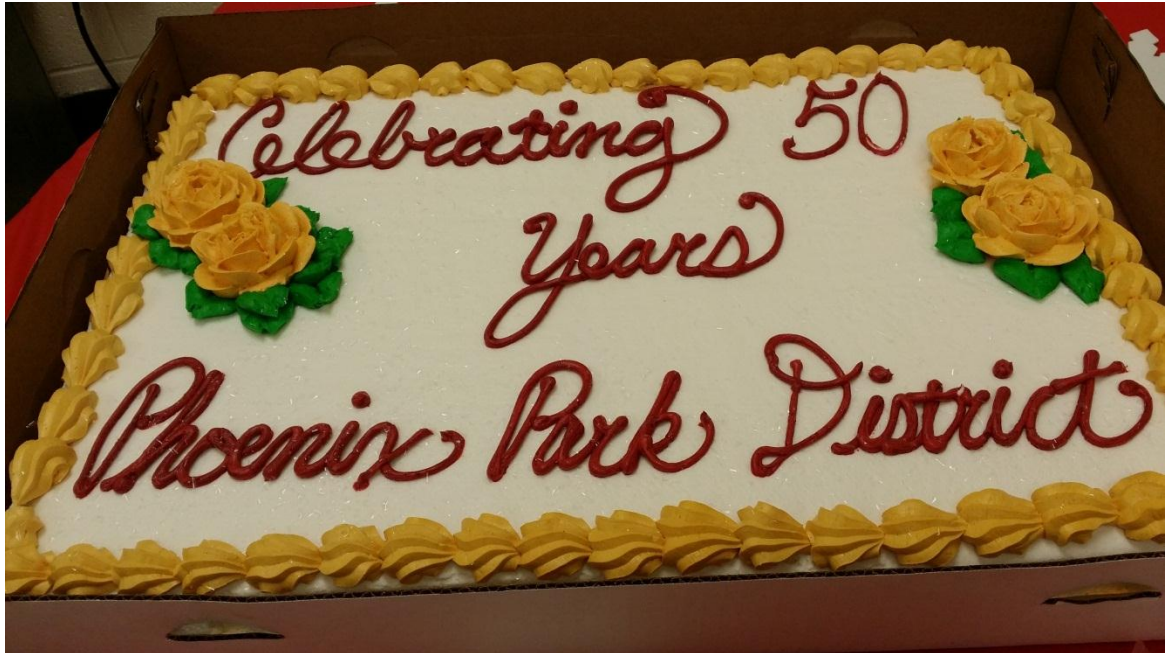


Once again, the Phoenix Park District was awarded the Youth Recreation Corps grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The 2014 grant allowed the Park District to employ 55 youth for the summer and as a result afforded the Park District the opportunity to implement another successful summer camp. The summer camp participants enjoyed indoor and outdoor recreational activities along with arts & crafts and educational exercises. Breakfast, lunch and snacks were provided. The summer youth workers also operated a concession stand from the field house, where the neighborhood kids and those utilizing the basketball courts were able to purchase a variety of snacks.



The year 2014 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Phoenix Park District. In recognition, the Park District hosted a holiday celebration on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the William Hawkins Multi-Purpose Center. The highlight of the celebration was a children's fashion show. The kids strutted their stuff on the runway, showing off their outfits. The finale featured a parade showcasing the kids all decked out in their Christmas holiday accessories. During the evening, there was also a jump rope demonstration by the park district's own Phoenix Phase, DJ music by Kelvin Smith, pictures with Santa by Juan and a raffle. The MC for the evening was Corey Holliday.

In a show of appreciation, the Park District presented plaques to their community partners and supporters. Among them were the Village of Phoenix, Phoenix Fire Department, Thornton Township Supervisor, Frank Zucarelli and School District 151. The evening culminated with the guests enjoying light food, punch and a special happy anniversary cake. There were many in attendance and the Park District would like to thank all who came out to help them celebrate this great milestone.



The Park District hosted a free children's anti-bullying, self-defense workshop on March 21, 2015. The workshop was presented by Shodan Damon Muhammad who holds a black belt in Jiu Jitsu. The main emphasis of the workshop was the importance of focusing, discipline and confidence.

In follow-up to the workshop, Shodan Muhammad also conducted a martial arts class at the park district this spring and is now presenting .....

Summer Martial Arts Program for ages 4 to 12. The program runs from June 10<sup>th</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 11 am to 12 noon at the Park District Field House.



The Park District is also hosting the following program

**Step Team Squad**  
**Boys and Girls Ages 9-13**  
\$\$ FREE \$\$  
7/1/15 - 8/7/15  
Friday 5:30p-7p and Saturday 12-1:30p

All activities are held at the Phoenix Park Field House  
155<sup>th</sup> St & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave

To Register Contact Debbie (708)527.2937 or [debbie@phoenixparkdistrict.com](mailto:debbie@phoenixparkdistrict.com)

The Phoenix Park District welcomes volunteers. If you have a talent that you would like to share or an idea for a program, please contact Debbie.

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