



FALL 2026

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Committed to enhancing the quality of life of our residents by offering the best in recreational and leisure services.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month. Meetings take place at Bulger Park Community Center, 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park.

VPD ADMINISTRATION

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Gladys Ortega ..... Early Childhood Coordinator

Other dedicated staff are listed on their respective program pages.

Program Guide Abbreviations

R Resident N Nonresident

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Grant Park Recreation Center

44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake IL 60164

Phone: (708) 343-5270

Office Hours:
M-F 8 AM-6 PM
Sa & Su Closed

Registration:
Walk-in • Phone • Fax • Facility rentals

Building open in evenings for programs and rentals.

George A. Leoni Complex

800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Phone: (708) 716-4822

Office Hours: M-F 8 AM-6 PM,
May-August: M-F 8 AM-4 PM
Sa & Su Closed

Registration: Walk-in • Phone (no fax registration, George A. Leoni Complex facility rentals only)

Turf and batting cages rentals available: call (708) 716-4822.

Building open in evenings and weekends for programs, walking track and rentals. After hours turf rentals available – call (708) 716-4822 for details.

Cimbalo Fitness Center

1203 N. 24th, Melrose Park

Phone: (708) 343-5151

Office Hours:
M-F: 6 AM-8 PM
Sa & Su: 8 AM-2 PM

Registration: Walk-in • Phone (Program registration only, we do not take hall rentals at this facility)

EVENING & WEEKEND REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER

Step Into Swim And Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation Grant

Veterans Park District is proud to announce it has been awarded a $2,500 Step Into Swim grant, supported by the Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation. This grant is part of the Step Into Swim/Every Child a Swimmer initiative, which is dedicated to providing high-quality, multi-level learn-to-swim programs. The goal is to expand access to swim education for children-an essential step in helping prevent drowning and saving young lives.

Thanks to this funding, Veterans Park District was able to offer free swim lessons to participants in our Summer Fun Day Camp program. This initiative has made a meaningful impact in our community, giving children the opportunity to build life-saving skills and confidence in the water.







Facility Improvements at Grant Park Recreation Center

As part of our continued commitment to providing quality recreational opportunities for our residents, Veterans Park District has recently completed renovations at Grant Park Recreation Center. Improvements include updates to Trevino Hall, Glick Hall, and the facility's hallways, creating a refreshed and welcoming environment for our community to enjoy.

Celebrate the End of Summer with Live Music in the Park

music in the park

CHICAGO SKYLINERS BIG BAND



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 • 7-9 PM

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
1800 Riverwoods Dr., Melrose Park
(in the back of the complex by the forest)

TRABUCO SALSA



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 • 7-9:30 PM

Bulger Park Community Center
1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park

BUILDING BLOCKS PRESCHOOL 2026-2027



PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN YEAR-ROUND FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 AND UP

BULGER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSROOMS
1601 HIRSCH, MELROSE PARK

TIME: 9 AM-12 PM

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY & GOALS

Our preschool program for children ages 3–5 supports physical, social, intellectual, and creative growth through play-based learning. Guided by the Illinois Early Learning Standards, our curriculum blends free play with teacher-led activities that introduce letters, numbers, colors, and shapes.

Our goal is to create a fun, safe, and positive environment where children build social skills, confidence, and early reading readiness. Objectives include encouraging respect and sharing, establishing routines, developing problem-solving skills, and promoting responsibility for materials and their surroundings.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

To register, parents must complete a registration packet, available at our facilities or download it at vpdpark.org.

The following documents are required at registration:

- Completed Registration Packet
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Current Physical and Medical Requirements (found in the registration packet)
- A picture ID and utility bill with name and current address
- Child must be 3 years old before starting and potty trained
- Non-refundable $100 registration fee

2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR PRICING

(NEW SCHOOL YEAR PACKETS AVAILABLE NOW)

Class Schedule & Fees

Day	Time	R/N Fee
M W F	9 AM-12 PM	$203/233
Tu Th	9 AM-12 PM	$141/171

For questions or assistance with scheduling a classroom tour, please contact Greg Stanczyk, Program Director, at (708) 731-5290.



Register at any of our facilities (see hours of operation on the inside front cover).

Click for more preschool info:

For more information please call the preschool office at (708) 731-5290 or contact us via e-mail at gregstanczyk@vpdpark.org.

El preescolar Building Blocks del Distrito de Parques de Veteranos 2026-2027

EDADES 3-5

El preescolar Building Blocks del Distrito de Parques de Veteranos es un programa basado en recreación diseñado para satisfacer las necesidades físicas, sociales, intelectuales y creativas de niños de 3 a 5 años. Se basa en la premisa de que los niños aprenden a través del juego. Los niños aprenden a comunicarse con palabras, expresar sentimientos, explorar, crear, resolver problemas, tomar decisiones y mucho más. Nuestro plan de estudios, basado en los Estándares de "Early Learning" de Illinois, balancea jugar creativo con actividades guiadas por maestros. Presentando a los niños letras, números, colores y formas.

Requisitos

Los padres deben completar un paquete de registro antes de que se permita que un niño se registre. Los paquetes están disponibles en nuestras locaciones de Bulger Park, Grant Park y George A. Leoni Complex. También puede encontrar nuestro paquete para padres en vpdpark.org.

Lo siguiente se debe de entregar al tiempo de registro

- Paquete de registro completo
- Acta de Nacimiento
- Requisitos físicos y médicos corrientes (se encuentra en el paquete de registración)
- Identificación de fotografía y correo de servicios públicos con nombre y dirección corriente
- El(la) niño(a) debe de tener 3 años de edad desde el primer día de participación y entrenado(a) a usar el baño solo(a)
- Un depósito de 100 dólares se debe al tiempo de registro, este depósito no se regrese

Locaciones de Registración preescolar

Grant Park, 44 W. Golfview Dr., Northlake
George A. Leoni Complex, 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park

Precios para el año preescolar 2026/2027

Por favor nota: la matrícula es basado en un programa de 9 meses, pero es dividido en pagos por mes. Clases corren dependiendo en requisitos mínimos de registración.
Todos niños reciban una botana durante la clase, esto es incluido en la matricula.
La matrícula se debe de pagar antes del día 19 de cada mes de participación. Pagos se entregan un mes antes para el próximo mes de clase. Si hay diferencias, están notadas en el manual de padres.

Días	Horario	Precios Res/Fuera de Distrito
Lun, Mié, Vie	9 AM-12 PM	$203/233
Mar, Jue	9 AM-12 PM	$141/171

Registración para el año escolar 2026-2027 está abierto.

Para preguntas o para programar un recorrido de salón, comuníquese con Greg Stanczyk, Director del Programa al (708) 731-5290 o por correo electrónico a gregstanczyk@vpdpark.org.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Alphabet Adventures



Join us on an Alphabet Adventure! Each week children are introduced to different groups of letters in the alphabet, their sounds and shapes. They will learn through books, flashcards, hands-on activities and crafts. By the end of the program, each child will have created their very own ABC book to take home and enjoy for years to come.
Note: 2- & 3-year-olds must be accompanied by parent.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
2-5	Sep 15-Oct 20	Tu	10-11 AM	$60/70

Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Hops & Hoops



Join us for a high-energy introduction to basketball for kids ages 4 to 6. This 6-week program focuses on building basic skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and footwork through fun games and age-appropriate activities. Each 45-minute class promotes teamwork, coordination, and confidence in a supportive setting. Parents can sit back, relax, and enjoy the memories in the making.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
4-6	Sep 14-Oct 26*	M	4:45-5:30 PM	$60/70

* No class Oct 12

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

NEW! Wiggle & Giggle Gym

This fun introductory PE style class includes inspired games to help prepare your tiny tot for elementary school PE! From basketball and soccer to the iconic colorful parachute, your littles are guaranteed to have a blast! ** Wiggling and giggling encouraged!
Note: 2- & 3-year-olds must be accompanied by parent.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
2-6	Oct 15-Nov 19	Th	4:45-5:30 PM	$60/70

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

Little Chefs Pop-Up: "Halloween Treats"

No tricks, just treats at this hands-on Halloween workshop. We'll show you and your littles how to create salty and sweet bites that have a Halloween twist. Little Chefs and parents will work together to create delicious snacks perfect for enjoying at home during the Spooky season.
Note: 2- & 3-year-olds must be accompanied by parent.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
2-5	Oct 1	Th	4:30-5:30 PM	$30/40

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

Little Chefs Pop-Up: "Christmas Creations"

Get in the Holiday spirit with this hands-on cooking experience! Parents and little ones will work together to make yummy snacks, decorate Christmas treats, and create lasting memories. Come have fun with food and let us handle the clean-up!
Note: 2- & 3-year-olds must be accompanied by parent.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
2-5	Dec 10	Th	4:30-5:30 PM	$30/40

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

NEW! Ballet 1

Leap into the magical world of ballet! No experience required. Young dancers learn basic ballet positions and simple steps through fun movement, music, and imagination. Each class includes warm-ups, across-the-floor practice, and playful dance combinations that help build confidence, coordination, and creativity in a supportive environment.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
4-7	Oct 27-Nov 17	Tu	4:45-5:30 PM	$45/55
4-7	Nov 24-Dec 15	Tu	4:45-5:30 PM	$45/55

Location: George A. Leoni Complex



Early Explorers

Get ready to explore the world and beyond! In this exciting 4-week adventure, young explorers journey through outer space, dive into the deep ocean, trail through lush jungles, and discover new environments each week. This program includes hands-on activities, creative crafts, interactive games, and imaginative play. Children will learn about different habitats, animals, and natural wonders. Join us in encouraging curiosity, teamwork, and a love for discovery while building social, motor, and problem-solving skills!
Note: 2- & 3-year-olds must be accompanied by parent.



Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee
2-5	Oct 28-Nov 25*	W	12:15-1 PM	$40/50

* No class Nov 11

Location: Bulger Park Community Center

BIG IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS!

OUR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS NOW OFFERS:

- **Longer Sessions**
- **Lower Fees**
- **New Times**
- **No Out-of-District Fees**



It's our way of making sports more accessible and more fun for every family.

Tee Ball

Perfect for beginners, our Tee Ball class introduces boys and girls to the fundamentals of baseball in a fun, supportive, and non-competitive environment. Kids will learn how to hit off a tee, throw, catch, and run bases.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
4-7	Sep 9-Oct 7	W	4-5 PM	$50	393928
4-7	Oct 21-Nov 25*	W	4-5 PM	$50	393928

* No class Nov 11

Location: Grant Park Field Min/Max: 6/12

Soccer

VPD staff will lead players in specific drills while they improve their overall understanding of the game while having a blast! Each class lasts for one hour and players will rotate through different stations and drills.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-12	Sep 9-Oct 7	W	6-7 PM	$50	393928
8-12	Oct 21-Nov 25*	W	6-7 PM	$50	393928

* No class Nov 11

Location: Bulger Park Field Min/Max: 6/12

Baseball

This class will cover the basic skills in drills in baseball. A slow-paced class that will cover Throwing, Catching, Fielding, and Hitting. Please bring a baseball bat and glove.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-12	Sep 9-Oct 7	W	5-6 PM	$50	393928
8-12	Oct 21-Nov 25*	W	5-6 PM	$50	393928

* No class Nov 11

Location: Bulger Park Baseball Field Min/Max: 6/12

Fall Basketball Clinics

These clinics will run through warm ups and go right into scrimmage games.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-12	Sep 8-Oct 6	Tu	5-6:15 PM	$50	393928
8-12	Oct 27-Nov 24	Tu	5-6:15 PM	$50	393928

Location: Grant Park Gym Min/Max: 6/12

NEW!

Veterans Park District has joined the

Leyden Youth Basketball & Youth Volleyball Leagues

This collaborative league brings together the **Leyden Recreation Department, Park District of Franklin Park, Schiller Park Recreation Department, Rosemont Park District,** and **Norridge Park District** to create a fun, community-focused basketball experience.

Teams from each community will play weekly games at rotating locations, giving families the chance to visit and enjoy different facilities throughout the season. Practices will be held once per week, and the league places a strong emphasis on equal playing time to ensure a positive, balanced, and development-focused experience for every participant. Teams will be made based on registration dates.

Call Nico Urbinati at (708) 716-4822 for more information.

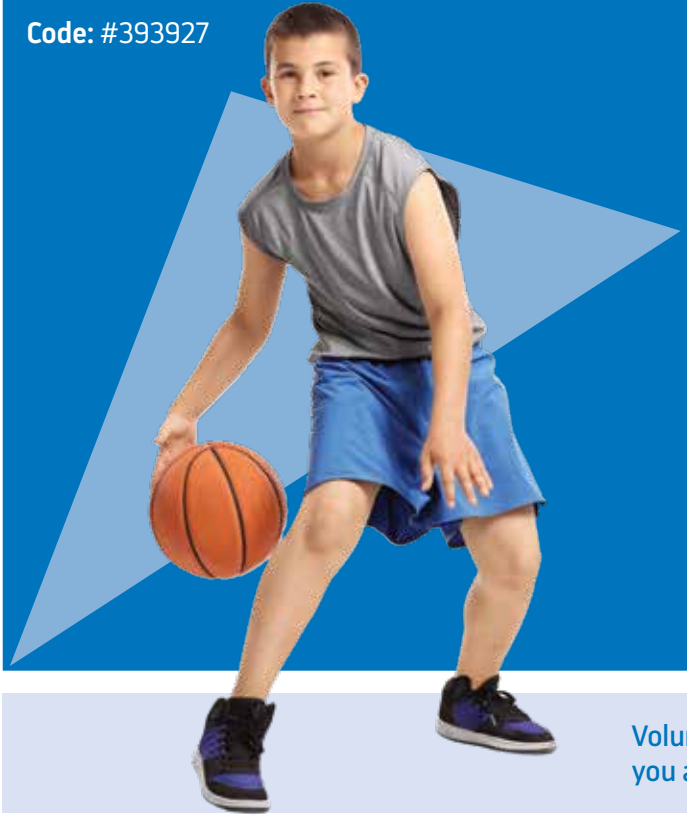
BASKETBALL LEAGUE Grades 1st-8th

Dates: Feb 6- Mar 27
Practice date and time – TBD
Games: Saturdays – times and location TBD

R/N Fee: $110/$120 (1st and 2nd grade)
$135/$145 (3rd through 8th grade)

Registration begins September 28th

Code: #393927





VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE Grades 5th-8th

Dates: Oct 24-Dec 12
Practice date and time – TBD
Games: Saturdays – times and location TBD

R/N Fee: $120/$130

Registration ends September 21st

Code: #393927

Volunteer Coaches are needed for this league to be successful. If you are interested in coaching, please call Nico at (708) 716-4822.

YOUTH FITNESS

Youth Fit (Fitness for Kids)

Start them on a healthy path as early as possible! Basic exercise techniques will be taught. Obstacle courses and other activities will create a healthy, competitive atmosphere.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-15	Aug 26-Sep 23	W	6 PM	$40/55	555555-46
8-15	Oct 7-Nov 4	W	6 PM	$40/55	555555-47

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Youth Boxing

Learn the basics of boxing. Participants will practice how to throw a variety of punches, footwork, and timing, as well as the strategy involved with the sport of boxing.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
12-18	Aug 25-Sep 22	Tu	6 PM	$40/55	555006-25
12-18	Oct 6-Nov 3	Tu	6 PM	$40/55	555006-26

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 5/12



LEYDEN BEARS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

For information go to leydenbears.com

CORONA TAEKWONDO CLUB CTC

REGISTER FOR THE CORONA TAEKWONDO CLUB

KAHL PARK
255 PALMER AVE., NORTHLAKE

CONTACT TO REGISTER:
PHONE: (630) 430-3993
EMAIL: CORONACTC7@GMAIL.COM

Our instructors are:
- *Highly experienced*
- *Highly skilled*
- *Highly trained by world renowned masters*
- *Members of the Illinois State Fight Team*
- *State Champions*

Corona Taekwondo Club is a proud member of the following:
- *United States National Taekwondo Federation*
- *Illinois State Fight Team (IFT)*
- *Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)*

Don't Rush the Pickup—We've Got After School Covered

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT GRANT PARK, NORTHLAKE

Registration is ongoing for the 2026-2027 school year.

Grades: K-5 (full or afternoon kindergarten only)
Day: 2, 3, 4 or 5 day options **Code #** 500022
Time: After school-6 PM
Facility: Grant Park (Northlake)
School transportation available for:
District 83: Roy, Scott, Westdale /District 87: Whittier, Riley
Early dismissal care available – reservation required
(pick up not available before noon, additional fee required).
Registration Fee: $60 (non-refundable)
Monthly Fees:
2 days: $136/month 3 days: $184/month
4 days: $232/month 5 days: $280/month
Early Dismissal Additional Fee: $30

For more information please call (708) 343-5270
or contact us via e-mail at jranieri@vpdpark.org

CUIDADO DESPUÉS DE LA ESCUELA GRANT PARK, NORTHLAKE

La inscripción está en curso para el año escolar 2026-2027.

Grados: K-5 (kindergarten completo o por la tarde solamente)
Días: opciones de 2, 3, 4 o 5 días **Code #** 500022
Hora: Después de la escuela - 6 PM
Lugar: Grant Park (Northlake)
Transporte escolar disponible para:
Distrito 83: Roy, Scott, Westdale /Distrito 87: Whittier, Riley
Atención de salida anticipada disponible: se requiere reserva
(la recogida no está disponible antes del mediodía, se requiere una tarifa adicional).
Cuota de inscripción: $60 (no reembolsable)
Cargos mensuales:
2 días: $136/mes 3 días: $184/mes
4 días: $232/mes 5 días: $280/mes
Cargo adicional por salida anticipada: $30

Para obtener más información, llame a (708) 343-5270 o por correo electrónico a jranieri@vpdpark.org

POWERPLAY!
energizing today's youth through health, nutrition & fitness

FREE
after-school meal provided by School District 87

BERKELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 87





Real-Life Skills Workshop

This interactive experience introduces kids to practical skills they can use in everyday life. Participants will learn how to safely use common household tools, understand basic home repairs, and solve simple problems through guided projects. Each week will focus on a different skill area including tool safety, plumbing basics, woodworking, and beginner power tool use. Kids will build confidence, independence, and problem-solving abilities in a safe and engaging environment!

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
8+	Aug 22-Sep 19*	Sa	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	$50/$60

*No class Sep 5

Location: George A. Leoni Complex



Cartoon/Anime Drawing

Learn how to draw your own cartoon and anime-style characters in this fun, beginner-friendly class! Participants will explore facial features, expressions, hair, body basics, and outfit design, while creating their very own unique character over the course of the program.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
8+	Sep 17-Oct 22	Th	6:30-7:30 PM	$75/85

Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Glam Makeover Spa Party

Kids will enjoy a fun, interactive spa experience! Participants will receive a mini makeover, decorate and personalize their own hairbrushes, create DIY lip scrubs, and play glam makeover–inspired games for a chance to win prizes. Wear your favorite pajamas for a cozy and glamorous evening with friends!

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
6+	Sep 18	F	6-7:30p	$35/$45

Location: Grant Park Recreation Center



Hip Hop

Get ready to move, groove, and dance to today's pop hits! This high-energy class introduces dancers to the basics of hip hop and pop-style choreography in a fun and encouraging environment. Participants will learn cool moves, rhythm, and short dance combinations while building confidence, coordination, and performance skills.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
6-8	Sep 23-Nov 18*	W	5-6 PM	$110/125
9-12	Sep 23-Nov 18*	W	6-7 PM	$110/125

* No class Nov 11

Saturday, November 21 – Dance Recital at Bulger Hall

Location: George A. Leoni Complex



Little Campers

Parents, give your children the chance to experience the magic of camping without the stress of planning. Little campers will play lawn games, tie dye a T-shirt to take home, learn how to pitch a tent, and end the night with a classic camping treat ... s'mores!

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
6+	Oct 9	F	6:30-8 PM	$30/$35

Location: Bulger Park Community Center

Art Mix

Explore, create, and get messy! In this mixed media class, young artists experiment with a variety of art materials and techniques, including painting, collage, clay, and drawing. Participants will have the opportunity to express their creativity while making unique take home projects and learning something new each week.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee
6+	Oct 26-Nov 30	M	6:30-7:30PM	$75/85

Location: George A. Leoni Complex

CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER AND MUSEUM

MOVE BETTER. LIVE BETTER.

FITNESS STUDIO

Variety of group fitness classes held in our newly renovated studio, led by certified instructors.

GOLF SIMULATOR FEES

Tee times need to be reserved in advance.

September–April: 1/2 hour. . . . $20 1 hour. . . . $40

May–August: 1/2 hour. . . . . $10 1 hour. . . . $20

PICKLEBALL /RACQUETBALL/ HANDBALL COURT FEES

Non-Prime Time (9 AM to 5:30 PM) $7

Prime Time (6 PM to close and weekends). $9

GUEST COURT FEE

When accompanied by a member. $4

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES*

When purchasing a membership, proof of residency must be a driver's license or a State ID and two utility bills.

Annual Membership	Resident	Nonresident
Adult (18 and up)	$160	$200
Youth (14-17)	$150	$180
Family* (4 members, same household)	$240	$300
Senior (60 and older)	$85	$110
College Break Pass	$50	$60

* Family membership requires proof of residency for each family member to be included in the membership.

Fitness Center members receive 25% off on fitness classes!

Fitness Center Daily Pass . . . . . $7 per visit

Locker Rentals . . . . . $60 per year

Corporate Memberships available.
Call (708) 343-5151 for more information.

No joining fees!



CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER

1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park

Email: cimbalo@vpdpark.org

(708) 343-5151

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FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday • 6 AM-8 PM

Saturday-Sunday • 8 AM-2 PM



PICKLEBALL — ADULT LESSONS

All lessons will be taught by Mel Phillips, RSPA Certified Pro at Bataan Park Pickleball Courts, 1220 N 9th Ave., Melrose Park.

FREE 15-minute evaluation to determine your level and appropriate class. For appointment text Coach Mel at (708) 692-8852.

BEGINNER

For students with little to no experience or limited mobility. Emphasis on injury prevention and developing a consistent dink, drive, volley, serve and return. Introduction to scoring and point play.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
17+	Aug 18-Sep 22	Tu	6:15-7:15 PM	$70/95	555300-A17

Min/Max: 4/8

ADVANCED BEGINNER

For students with little to moderate experience. Emphasis on injury prevention and incorporating the right combination of power and touch. Developing a more consistent serve, return, overhead and improved "kitchen" play. Point play with strategy.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
17+	Aug 20-Sep 24	Th	5-6 PM	$70/95	555300-B20

Min/Max: 4/8

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
55+	Aug 19-Sep 23	W	3:30-4:30 PM	$60/90	555300-SR14

Min/Max: 4/8

INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL

For qualified experienced players that already have placement and control on a consistent level. Emphasis on more advanced techniques/strategies including slice, spins, 3rd shot drop, stacking and "kitchen firefights". Point play with standard and rally scoring.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
17+	Aug 20-Sep 24	Th	6-7 PM	$70/95	555300-C6

Min/Max: 4/8

PICKLEBALL — YOUTH LESSONS

Learn the basics of one of America's fastest growing sports! Pickleball combines the many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Simple rules make it easy for beginners to pick up the game fast and get in on the fun. Our instructor will teach participants everything they need to know about the basic rules, procedures and equipment involved with this enjoyable sport.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
11-16	Aug 18-Sep 22	Tu	4:45-5:45 PM	$60/80	555300-Y12

Min/Max: 4/8

NEW EXPANDED OPEN PLAY OPTIONS — ADULT (16+)

Instructor supervised adult doubles open play – advanced beginner and intermediate levels only. Weather dependent No make-ups until October. ***(Must register in advance. Each option is a separate fee.)***

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Sep 8-22	Tu	7:15-8:45 PM	$24/36	555333-Sept1
16+	Sep 9-23	W	7:15-8:45 PM	$24/36	555333-Sept2
16+	Sep 10-24	Th	7:15-8:45 PM	$24/36	555333-Sept3

Instructor: Mel Phillips – RSPA Certified Pro
Location: Bataan Park
Min/Max: 8/12

CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

Cimbalo Fitness Center will be holding an open house on Saturday, October 3rd from 8 AM-2 PM.

This is an opportunity to try out our fitness center!

Free day-long access to the fitness center as well as a full slate of free fitness classes, open court play for Racquetball/ Handball/Pickleball (non-regulation court), free golf simulator access (time limited per person), complimentary refreshments, giveaways and a RAFFLE with a chance to win Fitness class passes, Gouin Pool season passes, golf simulator vouchers, and a free 1-year fitness club membership.

We will also have promotional tables from several of the area's local health-related businesses. Come stop by and see everything Cimbalo Fitness Center has to offer!



Fitness Center Members Receive 25% Off Classes

Zumba®

This dance-inspired total body workout combines all elements of fitness: cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility. Latin music and easy to follow moves provide a fun, energetic class that will make you forget you're even exercising!

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 17-Sep 21	M	6:30 PM	$40/55	555666-88
16+	Oct 5- Nov 9	M	6:30 PM	$40/55	555666-89

* No class Sep 7, Oct 12

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 5/12

Pump and Sculpt

Offering the challenge of adding resistance by using light weights, this class helps you focus on specific muscle groups so you can stay engaged and firm up.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 26-Sep 23	W	6:30 PM	$40/55	557000-49
16+	Oct 7-Nov 4	W	6:30 PM	$40/55	557000-50

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Middle Eastern Belly Dancing

This dance form has been used for centuries for exercise, fun, and fitness. This class will strengthen your inner core muscles and improve flexibility. Please bring a hip scarf if you have one.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 25-Sep 22	Tu	6:45 PM	$40/55	555777-49
16+	Oct 6-Nov 3	Tu	6:45 PM	$40/55	555777-50

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Strong 30/CIRCL 30

This new split class offers a taste of both Strong Nation™ and CIRCL Mobility™. Class starts off with body weight, muscle conditioning, cardio and plyometric training moves synced to original music that has been specifically designed to match every single move.

The second half of class focuses on flexibility, breathwork, and mobility exercises to help you move better and longer. Set to a soundtrack of healing tones+ sound frequencies to help your mind focus and release stress.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 27-Sep 24	Th	6:30 PM	$40/55	555444-53
16+	Oct 8-Nov 5	Th	6:30 PM	$40/55	555444-54

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Yoga For Actively Aging (Chair Yoga)

Please check page 16.

Yoga

Whether you're new to yoga or returning to your mat after time away, this series will help you develop confidence, body awareness, and inner calm. Each week builds upon the last with simple movement, breath work, and mindfulness. You'll learn foundational poses, breathing techniques, and relaxation practices to support strength, balance, and flexibility.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 23-Sep 27*	Su	11 AM	$40/55	555100-25
16+	Oct 11-Nov 15	Su	11 AM	$40/55	555100-26

* No class Sep 9

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Total Body Resistance

This class will use resistance bands and weights to train your body with agility, high intensity, and strength-based exercises to build and tone muscles while providing a fun, challenging workout.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
16+	Aug 29-Sep 26	Sa	9 AM	$40/55	555222-46
16+	Oct 10-Nov 7	Sa	9 AM	$40/55	555222-47

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Youth Fit (Fitness for Kids)

Start them on a healthy path as early as possible! Basic exercise techniques will be taught. Obstacle courses and other activities will create a healthy, competitive atmosphere.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
8-15	Aug 26-Sep 23	W	6 PM	$40/55	555555-46
8-15	Oct 7-Nov 4	W	6 PM	$40/55	555555-47

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 4/12

Youth Boxing

Learn the basics of boxing. Participants will practice how to throw a variety of punches, footwork, and timing, as well as the strategy involved with the sport of boxing.

Age	Date	Day	Time	R/N Fee	Code #
12-18	Aug 25-Sep 22	Tu	6 PM	$40/55	555006-25
12-18	Oct 6-Nov 3	Tu	6 PM	$40/55	555006-26

Location: Cimbalo Fitness Center Min/Max: 5/12

A Veterans Park District Active Adult is Anyone Age 55 and better, residing either within or outside our district boundaries. Call (708) 343-5270 or register in person at Grant Park Recreation Center, George A. Leoni Complex or Cimbalo Fitness Center.

These events are not affiliated with senior clubs; they are park district programs open to all.

Registration is required in advance for all VPD Active Adult Events. Call (708) 343-5270to register.

Games Galore

If you enjoy card games, Bunco, or board games, this program is perfect for you! Designed for those who love socializing, you can join in the games or simply chat with friends. Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be provided.

Dates: September 21, October 26, November 16, December 21
Day: Monday
Time: 11 AM-1 PM
Fee: $8 per person for each Bunco event
Location: George A. Leoni Complex

Bingo with Lunch

Visit with friends, and play Bingo! Lunch meal and 1 Bingo card included. Prizes for winners.

Dates: September 16, 30, October 7, November 4, 18, December 16
Day: Wednesday
Fee: $10 per person for each Bingo event
Time: 11 AM-2 PM (lunch is served at 12 PM)
Location: Grant Park Recreation Center

Registration for Bingo Lunches is required by 12 PM on the Friday prior.

Breakfast Club

Enjoy a light continental breakfast buffet while socializing with friends, then take part in a fun mix of Bingo and large-scale games such as bowling, Plinko, cornhole "bags" and Wheel of Fortune, all played for prizes. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before.

Dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11
Day: Friday
Fee: $7
Time: 10 AM-12 PM
Location: Trevino Hall, Grant Park Recreation Center

Crafts & Coffee

Enjoy coffee and sweet rolls, while you create and socialize with your friends. New, easy to follow crafting projects each month. All materials supplied by Veterans Park District.

Dates: October 1, November 5, December 3
Day: Thursday
Time: 9 AM
Fee: $15
Location: George A. Leoni Complex
Min/Max: 5/15

Films with Friends

Enjoy some hot freshly popped popcorn, light snacks and beverages, while watching a film with your friends.

Dates: September 18, October 23, November 20, December 18
Day: Friday
Show time: 11:30 AM
Fee: FREE for residents of Veterans Park District
$5 Non-Resident
Location: Bulger Park Community Center
Min/Max: 5/15

Halloween Costume Lunch Party

Wednesday, October 21
11 AM-2 PM
Bulger Park, Melrose Park

- **Tricks**
- **Treats**
- **Costume Contest**
- **Fun Magic Show!**

$20 per person

Featuring the Magic by Marshall Brodien, Jr.

Wear a costume for a chance to win a prize!



WOW
Women on Wednesdays
SUPPORT GROUP

Research shows that support groups can have a positive impact on mental health, emotional well-being, and overall quality of life. By joining our monthly support group, you can reduce feelings of isolation, build a sense of community, and foster new friendships that can last a lifetime. Our WOW support group provides a safe and nurturing space for you to share your thoughts, feelings, and fears with others who can offer empathy and support. Engage in meaningful conversations, learn coping strategies, and gain valuable insights from fellow members.

Join us and discover the power of connection and support in this wonderful stage of life. This will take place on the third Wednesday of each month. Participants should be able to commit to attending monthly.

Facilitators: Pam Mauro and Peggy Markey
Age: 55+
Time & Date: 10-11:30 AM
Group meets on the following Wednesdays at 10 AM:
September 16
October 14
November 18
December 16
R/N Fee: $5 for all 4 sessions.
Location: Grant Park Recreation Center Trevino Hall
Min/Max: 6/25
Registration in advance is required.

Refreshments will be served.

Veterans Park District Senior Clubs

It's never too late to join a Senior Club near you!

Senior Clubs are a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get together with old friends. Enjoy laughs and good times, that will keep you feeling young. Senior clubs offer parties, luncheons, songs, community information and Bingo! Some clubs even offer outings. Veterans Park District supports both clubs. For more information on being a member and filling your time with fun, call Veterans Park District at (708) 343-5270.

Veterans Park Bulger Park Seniors

Located at 1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park

Bulger Park Senior Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, 12-2 PM. If you are in the district and would like to be a Bulger Senior club member, stop by on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The annual fee is $12 (January–December). The club charges extra for monthly lunch and Bingo cards. The President is Patty McDonnell.

Veterans Park Grant Park Seniors

Located at 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

Northlake Seniors meet twice a month, on the first and third Thursday of each month, 12-3 PM. The fee is $5 with separate charges for parties and outings. Dee Stewart is the President.



Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Lunch Party

Wednesday, December 9
11 AM-2 PM
Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

• Raffles • Photo booth • A Visit by Santa •

$20 per person

Live Performance by The Sting Rays
Enjoy an afternoon of festive and rockin' Christmas classics everyone knows and loves!

Making Memories Together - Travel with VPD • To register call 708-343-5270

Chicago Botanic Gardens
Tour & Lunch



Date: September 10
Day: Thursday
Fee: $105 (fee includes coach bus, admission, tram ride and lunch)
Location: Glencoe, IL
Departure: 9 AM from Grant Park Recreation Center
Return: After 4 PM
Registration deadline: September 1

Explore at your own pace! Stroll through the beautiful gardens, or take a seat on one of the many benches to relax and enjoy the peaceful scenery. Whether you walk a little or a lot, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Enjoy a catered lunch in the private Pullman Room, featuring an assortment of fresh wraps, house-made chips, a homemade cookie, and refreshing lemonade. After lunch, take time to browse the Garden Gift Shop for unique plants, books, jewelry, ad garden-inspired treasures, and explore the gardens. Whether you're an avid gardener or simply appreciate the beauty of nature, this trip offers something for everyone.

OktoberFest German Fun, Beer & Buffet

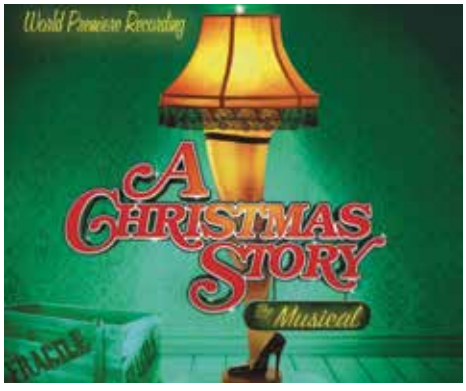


Date: October 19
Day: Monday
Fee: $95
Location: Utica, IL
Departure: 9 AM from Grant Park Recreation Center
Return: after 4 PM
Registration deadline: October 1

Back by popular demand – a celebration of Germany at Starved Rock Dinner Theatre! Food, beer, wine and music. Sample German wines and beers. Everyone takes home a souvenir beer stein!

Enjoy a buffet of German foods and listen to authentic German music by the Dusseldorfers German Band.

A Christmas Story: The musical
Fireside Theatre & Lunch



Date: December 2
Day: Wednesday
Fee: $125
Location: Fort Atkinson, WI
Departure: 8:15 AM from Grant Park Recreation Center
Return: 6 PM
Registration deadline: October 27

A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect gift ends up under his tree. Based on the classic 1983 movie, the musical features a funny and heartfelt score. **A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical** captures holiday wonder with such deliciously wicked wit that it is sure to delight children and grown-ups alike!

Delicious Lunch features : Cream of Lobster Soup, your choice of Chicken Parmesan, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin, or Vegetarian Puff Pastry Pot pie, with Black Forest Cake, coffee & tea.

- MINIMAL WALKING
- SOME WALKING REQUIRED
- MODERATE WALKING REQUIRED
- STRENUOUS WALKING REQUIRED

CANCELLATIONS: If the park district cancels a trip due to low enrollment, participants are notified and can get a refund or transfer the money to a credit or another trip. Cancellations for personal reasons can be made up to 10 days prior to the date of the trip. If a cancellation is made after this date the participant must find a replacement or will be charged a 50% surcharge.

League and Tournament Updates!
Visit our Adult Leagues and Tournaments Page: quickscores.com/vpd

Softball B League Men's 16"

Ages: 18+
Start Date: September 14
Day: Mondays
Time: 7 PM / 8 PM / 9 PM
Location: Bulger Park
Registration Deadline: August 14
Entry Fee: $750 Per team, paid in full, due on or before August 14.

Fall Co-ed 14" Mushball Softball League

Ages: 18+
Date: September 11
Day: Fridays
Time: 7 PM / 8 PM / 9 PM
Location: Bulger Park
Registration Deadline: August 14
Entry Fee: $650 Per team, paid in full, due on or before August 14.

Melrose Park Bocce League

Ages: 18+
Date: September 17-November 19
Day: Thursdays (possibly Wednesdays as well, depending on number of teams)
Time: 6-9 PM
Code #26FALLBOCCE
Location: Bulger Park Bocce Court
R/N Fee: $100



YOGA FOR THE ACTIVELY AGING

Chair Yoga

A gentle yoga class that is designed to maintain healthy joints, muscular flexibility, strength, balance, and coordination. Poses can be done using a chair or free-standing according to your abilities.

55 & Older — pay $2 drop-in fee, no registration needed
Under 55 — register and pay $40 R/$55 N (5-week session)

Every Tuesday • 11 AM
Every Thursday • 12 PM
Location: Now at Grant Park Recreation Center both days
Code: 555222-1 / 555222-2



RAIN OR SHINE!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
11 AM-3 PM
GOUIN PARK, 2400 SCOTT STREET
FRANKLIN PARK

$20 WRISTBAND FOR **UNLIMITED** USE INCLUDES:

- NEW! Ballistic Swings
- NEW! Adrenalator
- NEW! Mechanical Pig
- Trackless Train
- Pony Rides
- Petting Zoo
- Bumper Cars
- Rock Wall
- Autumn-Themed Inflatables
- Free Pumpkin for Each Family* (*while supplies last)

Individual tickets for sale. Tickets prices vary for each attraction.

New Food Vendors!
Little Joey's/ Bacci Pizza
The Roasted Cob

Vendor Lane is Back!
Calling all Makers, Crafters and Small Businesses.

$25 per space

Call (708) 343-5270 for an application.

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COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN COSTUME!



HAUNT
ON HIRSCH STREET
FAMILY BLOCK PARTY

Friday, October 16 • 6-8:30 PM
Bulger Park
1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park
Rain or Shine!

A free family block party on Hirsch Street brought to you by Veterans Park District and the Melrose Park Youth Commission. Visit our gallery of haunted spooky displays and take a selfie.

- Creepy Corridor of Halloween Displays
- Haunted Trackless Train Ride
- Ghostly Inflatables
- Monster Mash DJ
- Spooktacular Games
- Fang-tastic Costume Contest

Additional Food Available for Purchase Provided by Windy City Catering Food Truck

Free hot dog, chips & juice box for children 12 and under (while supplies last).

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FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY



Ages 3 and up

Friday, October 23 • 5:30-8 PM

Bulger Park Community Center • 1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park

Fee (2 options):

$10 (includes pumpkin, carving tools, pizza, punch & treats) OR

$7 (includes pizza, punch & treats)

We provide the pumpkin and carving tools. You carve, we clean.

Dress in a costume!

Register before October 19. Space is limited.









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Veterans Day OBSERVANCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
BULGER PARK
MELROSE PARK

CEREMONY STARTS AT 10 AM

Veterans Park District observes Veterans Day with a ceremony attended by community members, friends, employees, local schools, churches, and war heroes.

Everyone is invited to honor our veterans and remember our veterans during this moving ceremony.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT
ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Food & Toy Drive

NOVEMBER 2–DECEMBER 18

Help provide food and toys for those in need! Join us in supporting hungry families and children this season. Please bring nutritious, non-perishable canned or packaged foods (no glass containers, please) or NEW toys or games for children to the following locations:

- Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake
- George A. Leoni Complex, Melrose Park

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



In Partnership with The City of Northlake and Participating Organizations:

Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 4 • 5-8 PM
Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

Holiday fun! Visit Santa Claus!
Free family event with inflatables, holiday-themed crafts, family bingo, free hot dogs* and sleigh rides!

* While supplies last.



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Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 10 AM-12:30 PM
BULGER HALL, MELROSE PARK

INCLUDES:

- Visit with Santa
- Hot Breakfast
- Gift from Santa for Each Child
- Gingerbread House*
- Hot Cocoa Table
- Special Holiday Mug for Children

* One per family, $20 extra fee for each additional house



REGISTRATION OPENS: R Oct 1 / **N** Nov 2

FEE:

R	N	
$25	$30	Ages: 3-10
$30	$35	Ages: 11-Adult

Children under 3 are admitted free, but still need to be registered for the gift count. Max 125 people. Registration Deadline Dec 1st.

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INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR

AT THE CIMBALO FITNESS CENTER

RATES: SEPTEMBER-APRIL

30 MINUTES $20

60 MINUTES $40



RESERVE A TEE TIME!
CALL (708) 343-5151

TURF AND BATTING CAGE RENTALS

AT GEORGE A. LEONI COMPLEX

CALL (708) 716-4822 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RESERVE THE TURF.

TURF RENTAL RATES *	
September – May Full Turf	$250/hr
September – May Half Turf	$200/hr
June – August Full Turf	$150/hr
June – August Half Turf	$125/hr

* Batting Cages are included in the turf rental fees.



OUTDOOR EXERCISE TRACKS

GOUIN PARK
2400 Scott St.
Franklin Park

1 ¾ laps around the track equals one mile

GRANT PARK
44 W. Golfview Dr.
Northlake

2 ¼ laps around the track equals one mile

BULGER PARK
1601 Hirsch St.
Melrose Park

3 ¼ laps around the track equals one mile



INDOOR WALKING TRACKS

GRANT PARK RECREATION CENTER
44 W. Golfview Drive
Northlake

14 laps around the track equals one mile

GEORGE A. LEONI COMPLEX
800 N. 17th Street
Melrose Park

9 laps around the track equals one mile

CORPORATE ROOM RENTAL FEES 8 AM-5 PM

Corporate room rentals are available at Grant Park Recreation Center, George A. Leoni Complex, and Bulger Park Community Center. These multi-purpose rooms are the ideal space to accommodate your meeting/training needs. Chairs can be setup in classroom style or into banquet style with rectangular tables. Seating capacity varies depending on setup.

Rentals are reserved from Monday-Friday with rental options for full day (8 AM-5 PM) or half day (8 AM-12 PM or 1-5 PM).

CORPORATE ROOM RENTALS

HOLIDAY PARTIES, TEAM TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

Grant Park Recreation Center
44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

- **GLICK HALL** (250 person max)
  $400 full day / $250 half day
- **TREVINO HALL** (80 person max)
  $150 full day / $75 half day
- **FULL COURT GYM** (500 person max. Full court gym that can be converted into two courts, for recreational use only)
  $50 per hr full court / $25 per hr half court

George A. Leoni Complex
800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park

- **LEONI HALL** (100 person max. Room can be converted into two rooms)
  $200 full day / $100 half day
- **TURF RENTAL**
  $135 hr full turf / $75 hr half turf

Bulger Park Community Center
1601 Hirsch St., Melrose Park

- **BULGER HALL** (300 person max)
  $400 full day / $250 half day

Cimbalo Fitness Center
1203 N. 24th Ave, Melrose Park

- **MUSEUM ROOM** (25 person max)

Each facility is equipped with the following:

- Full kitchen, coat room, Wi-Fi, parking.
- Amenities available to reserve in advance: microphone, screen, projector.

Wheelchair accessibility. Food and drinks allowed.

Rentals require a $100 deposit fee. A valid current state photo ID and completed rental contract are due at the time of reservation. Rentals must be paid in full ten business days before the event. Please see contract for further guidelines. Rental contracts can be filled at the Cimbalo Fitness Center.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS
AT GRANT PARK RECREATION CENTER GYMNASIUM

AVAILABLE FOR OPEN PLAY
MONDAY- FRIDAY 8 AM-1 PM

REGISTER AND PAY AT THE FRONT DESK
(708) 343-5270.

FEE PER HOUR R/N: $5/8
(PADDLES AND BALL INCLUDED).

CALL AHEAD FOR AVAILABILITY.



TO RESERVE YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION, CALL (708) 343-5270.

Bulger Park Community Center Bulger Park Hall



1601 Hirsch Street, Melrose Park 60160

Bulger Park Hall

Capacity	R	N	Deposit
0-300	$300/hr	$500/hr	$500

George A. Leoni Complex Leoni Hall



800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160

Leoni Hall

Capacity	R	N	Deposit
0-100	$200/hr	$350/hr	$500

Grant Park Recreation Center Glick Hall



Grant Park Recreation Center Trevino Hall



44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake, IL 60164

Glick Hall

Capacity	R	N	Deposit
0-250	$300/hr	$500/hr	$500

Trevino Hall

Capacity	R	N	Deposit
0-80	$200/hr	$350/hr	$500

Gym Rental Fees for Sports & Recreational Purposes Only

	R	N
Half Court	$35/hr	$100/hr
Full Court	$60/hr	$200/hr

Volleyball net rental — $100 deposit

(Must be reserved at least one day in advance.)

Gym Rental for After Hours Recreational Purposes

	R	N
Half Court	$50/hr	$150/hr
Full Court	$100/hr	$300/hr

(Hours after 6 PM Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday are considered after hours. Must be reserved at least one day in advance.)

Celebrating a wedding, shower, birthday or any special occasion? We are committed to making your experience a memorable one. Veterans Park District offers a variety of rental at our three facilities. Rental fees include table and chair set up and take down, accessible kitchen and ample parking.

A deposit fee, a valid current state photo ID and a completed rental contract are due at the time of reservation. Hall rentals require a three hour minimum. Rentals must be paid in full ten business days prior to the event. Please refer to our rental contract for further guidelines.

POLICIES

Accident Policy

Veterans Park District DOES NOT provide insurance coverage for any injuries sustained while participating in park district programs or activities, or while using park facilities. Therefore, any cost related to such injuries should be presented to your personal hospitalization insurance carrier.

Cancellations

1. The park district reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient registration or causes beyond its control.
2. If a program is cancelled, we will make every effort to contact you by phone.

Loss of Privileges

Anyone found falsifying information on the registration form or any park district application will immediately lose all program, pool or other park district privileges.

Park Rules

Alcohol is not allowed in the parks. No exceptions! Pets are not allowed in the parks. Parks close at dusk.

Photo / Video Release

When you register for a VPD program, or attend a park district event, please know that you also consent to the use of any photographs in the Veterans Park District brochures, publications, presentations, VPD social media, etc. We appreciate your enjoyment of our programs and look forward to sharing your excitement and your child's happiness with others!

Proof of Residency

It is impossible to always know all of our residents. Therefore, do not be offended if we ask for an ID and proof of residency when you register. It is our goal to give our residents the best possible service.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY items needed as follows:

- A VALID CURRENT state ID
- TWO (2) CURRENT utility bills with NAME & ADDRESS

If proof of residency is not available at the time of registration, the participant must be prepared to pay out of district rates.

Fee Information

Residents living within the shared communities Veterans Park District serves, may receive in-district fees for a variety of programs.

Refund Policy

Request for refunds must be made prior to the start of a program. No refunds will be allowed once the program begins.

Avoid Cancellation

Most classes require a set minimum number of participants.

Register at least a week prior to the start to avoid cancellation.

VPD AFFILIATIONS

Village Halls

- Franklin Park: (847) 671-4800
- Leyden Township: (847) 455-8616
- Melrose Park: (708) 343-4000
- Northlake: (708) 343-8700
- River Grove: (708) 453-8000

Athletic Organizations

- Franklin Park Vipers: (847) 553-5129
- Leyden Bears Football and Cheerleading: (708) 343-5270
- Leyden Girls Softball: (847) 455-1965
- Melrose Park Little League: (708) 450-0555
- Northlake Baseball/Softball: (708) 268-9633
- River Grove Little League: (708) 453-8718

Organizations Meeting at Bulger Park Community Center

Bulger Park Senior Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month, 12-3 PM.
No meetings in July and August

Organizations Meeting at Grant Park Recreation Center

Northlake Senior Citizens meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12-4 PM.
Senior Citizens Live It Up Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 11 AM-4 PM.

REGISTRATION

Veterans Park District Registration Policy

Participants are required to pre-register at least two (2) business days in advance or by the program registration deadline date. Programs might be cancelled if pre-registration minimums have not been met. Registration and payment may be completed over the phone at (708) 343-5270 or online on our website: vpdpark.org. Any unpaid balances must be paid in full before you can register for additional programs.

Wait List Policy:

If a participant is wait-listed and a space opens in a program, the first person on the wait list will be contacted. That participant will have 24 hours to respond and provide payment. If a response and payment is not received within 24 hours of enrollment, the next person on the wait list will be contacted. Veterans Park District will notify the participant and payment will be due at that time.

Five Ways to Register!

1. To register online, go to vpdpark.org and click Online Registration under Registration menu. Call us for your username and password (708) 343-5270.
2. Walk-in during operating hours listed below.
3. Over the phone through the Veterans Park District Grant Park Recreation Center located at 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake, with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, AmEx or Discover).
4. Via fax by downloading the Veterans Park District Registration Form and faxing to (708) 492-1801.
5. Mail by downloading the Veterans Park District Registration Form and sending it to 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake IL 60164.

Grant Park Recreation Center – 44 W. Golfview Drive, Northlake

Registration: Walk-in • Phone • Fax • Facility rentals
Phone: (708) 343-5270, Fax: (708) 492-1801
Office Registration Hours: M-F: 8 AM-6 PM | Sa-Su: closed*

Building open in evenings and weekends for programs and rentals.

Cimbalo Fitness Center & Museum – 1203 N. 24th Ave., Melrose Park

Registration: Walk-in • Phone (no fax registration or facility rentals)
Phone: (708) 343-5151
Hours: M-F: 6 AM-8 PM | Sa-Su: 8 AM-2 PM*

** Saturday and Sunday Cimbalo Fitness Center is open for calls and program registration.*

George A. Leoni Complex – 800 N. 17th Ave., Melrose Park

Registration: Walk-in • Phone (no fax registration, Leoni Complex facility rentals only)
Phone: (708) 716-4822, Fax: (708) 343-3638
Office Registration Hours: M-F 8 AM-4 PM / Sa-Su closed*
Summer Hours: May–August: M-F 8 AM-4 PM / Sa-Su closed

Building open in evenings and weekends for programs and rentals. After hours turf rentals available. Turf payment and reservations must be made in advance. Call (708) 716-4822 for details.

Online Registration

vpdpark.org/registration-methods/

Veterans Park District is encouraging our patrons to register for numerous classes and activities online. To use online registration, patrons must have a Household ID number, which will be your user name and password. The benefits of online registration include searching for programs, updating household information, viewing shopping history and more.

Registrations will be processed immediately using your Visa, MasterCard, AmEx or Discover. Currently, over 80 percent of the classes and activities offered by Veterans Park District are eligible for online registration. Classes that require filling out paperwork are not eligible for online registration (i.e. Camps, Preschool, After School Care, and Break Camps).

Call us today at (708) 343-5270 to request your Household ID number.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT RULES OF CONDUCT

I. Equal Access

No eligible participant shall be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage or opportunity on the basis of race, sex, creed, national origin, activities, services, or benefits.

II. Behavior

Participants are expected to exhibit positive behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to help make park district programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs and athletic leagues as deemed necessary by staff.

Participants shall:

1. Show respect to all participants and staff.
2. Take directions from staff.
3. Refrain from using abusive or foul language.
4. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other participants, or staff.
5. Show respect to equipment, supplies, and facilities.

III. Discipline

A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Staff will periodically review rules with participants during the program session. If inappropriate behavior occurs, prompt resolution will be sought specific to each situation. The park district reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of himself/herself or others.

IV. Procedure

Upon registration or entry into the program, the parent/guardian is required to provide any information regarding special accommodation needed. For example, if the registration form asks to describe accommodation needed for the participant's enjoyment of a particular program, and the parent response indicates "a positive role model for behavior," or another response of that nature, the parent will be contacted for information about any behavior modification programs in place at school or home. Attempts will be made to utilize these in the program.

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

In case of extreme weather conditions, please check ahead for building closings or program cancellations on our Facebook page or vpdpark.org.

Preschool	(708) 731-5290
George A. Leoni Complex	(708) 716-4822
Grant Park Rec. Center	(708) 343-5270
Cimbalo Fitness Center	(708) 343-5151

DIGITAL RESOURCES

VPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media: Veterans Park District on Facebook (@vpdparks); Cimbalo Fitness Center on Facebook (@vpdfitness); VPD Preschool on Facebook (@vpdpreschool); VPD on Instagram (@vpdpark); VPD on Pinterest (@vpdpark); VPD on YouTube (search VPD Fitness and Veterans Park District Preschool).

eNEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive VPD newsletters and updates via email, please call our front desk at (708) 343-5270 or sign up at vpdpark.org.

SAVE YOUR PROGRAM GUIDE

The Parks and Recreation Department has a limited amount of Program Guides available for public distribution. Please remember to hang on to your book. You may want to look at it again. Each Program Guide covers four to six months of programs, events and activities. Please recycle when finished.

CREATE-A-CLASS

Do you have a special talent or skill and would like to be an instructor for the Recreation Department? We are always looking for new people, programs and ideas. Please call or come into the office.

STOP THE VANDALISM!

Abuse and vandalism of your community neighborhood parks and facilities is a serious problem. Problems concerning vandalism can be costly and a time-consuming process to correct. If you witness acts of vandalism or the results of such acts, please contact us at (708) 343-5270 or contact your local police department. Have pride in your parks and facilities, and please show community support to prevent vandalism.

FLYERS! NEWSPAPERS!

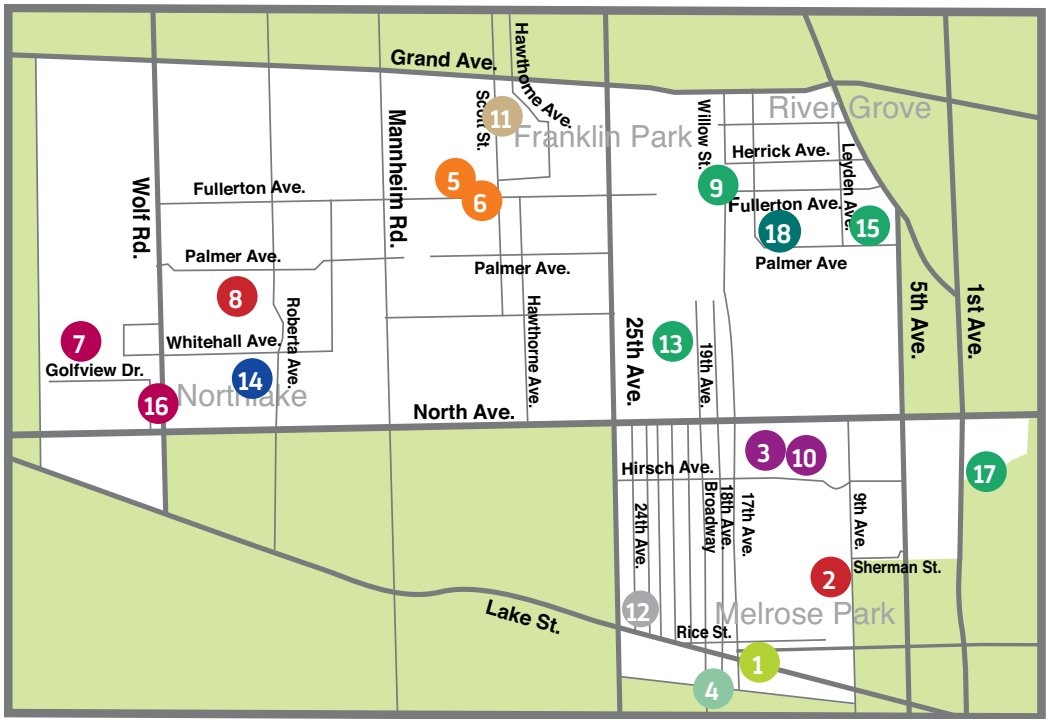
To help keep you informed about special events, trips, programs and activities, flyers will be available at the Administration Building and all park district facilities. Also, look for announcements in local publications.

YOU SNOOZE – YOU LOSE!

Nothing kills a program quicker than waiting until the last minute to register for it! If there are not enough registrant's five (5) days prior to the start of the program, it will be cancelled. Registering late will not guarantee a program will run.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Use these guidelines with the map to determine whether you reside within the boundaries of Veterans Park District.



Franklin Park
All areas south of Grand Avenue.

Leyden Township (Unincorporated)
Any area south of Grand Avenue.

Melrose Park
All areas east of 25th Avenue.

Northlake
All of Northlake is within boundaries, except those areas south of North Avenue and east of Wolf Road.

River Grove
Areas south of Grand Avenue and west of Des Plaines River Road.

VETERANS PARK DISTRICT FACILITY RESOURCE GUIDE	Average Size in Acres	Hall Rentals/Meeting Rooms	Accessible Public Washrooms	Baseball Diamonds	Softball Diamonds	Multi-Use Playgrounds	Jogging/Walking Area/Track	Drinking Fountains	Outdoor/Wading Pool	Picnic Area	Aerobics/Exercise Room	Dry Sauna and Steam-room	Bocce Ball Courts	Concession Stand	Indoor Court Sport	Lighted Tennis Courts	Skate Board Park	Gazebo	Gym	Museum	Outdoor Volleyball	Water Slides	Batting Cages	Preschool	Splash Fountain	Football Field	Memorial Gardens	Indoor Turf	Outdoor Fitness Park	Indoor Golf	Pickleball Courts	Community Gardens
1. George A. Leoni Complex 800 N. 17th Ave. Melrose Park	1.5	•					•								•								4					•				
2. Bataan Park 1220 N. Ninth Ave. Melrose Park	4.5		•	2		•	•	•		•						2		•					•						•		•	•
3. Bulger Park 1601 Hirsch Street Melrose Park	8	•	•		2	•	•	•		•			2	•				•						•	•		•		•			
4. Juan A. Montoya Park 135 N. 18th Ave. Melrose Park	.25					•		•		•								•														
5. Gouin Park 2400 Scott Street Franklin Park	15		•	•	•	•	•	•		•						3											•		•		•	
6. Gouin Pool and Water Slide 2400 Scott Street Franklin Park	1.5							•	•	•				•							•	2										
7. Grant Park Recreation Center 44 W. Golfview Drive Northlake	14	•	•	4		•	•			•				•	•			•	•						•	•	•				•	
8. Kahl Park 255 Palmer Northlake	2.3		•	2		•		•		•			2												•				•			
9. Latoria Park Willow and Herrick Street Franklin Park	2					•		•		•			•																			
10. Maintenance Garage 1601 Hirsch Street Melrose Park	1.5																															
11. Manheim Park 2766 Hawthorne Ave. Franklin Park	.5							•										•									•					
12. Cimbalo Fitness Center and Museum 1203 N. 24th Ave. Melrose Park	1.5	•									•	•			•					•										•	•	
13. Olsen Park 2009 Broadway (19th) Melrose Park	.5					•		•		•								•									•					
14. Posphalla Park 338 E. Whitehall Northlake	.8					•	•	•		•							•	•							•				•			
15. Trumbull Park 2311 N. Leyden River Grove	2.5		•	•		•		•		•			•			2		•							•						•	
16. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park 1800 Riverwoods Drive Melrose Park	.33																										•					
17. Veterans Memorial Park 2212 Elm Street River Grove	.14																										•					

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3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER



1. ONLINE

Visit vpdpark.org to register online.

2. WALK IN

Register in person at:

Grant Park Recreation Center
George A. Leoni Complex
Cimbalo Fitness Center

(See page 27 for addresses and hours of operation)

3. PHONE IN

Register by phone calling
(708) 343-5270, Monday–Friday 8 AM-6 PM or
(708) 343-5151, Monday–Friday 6 AM-8 PM / Saturday & Sunday 8 AM-2 PM
using a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover credit card.

When you have finished with the Program Guide, please recycle it.