

2024 Year in Review & Exciting Things Ahead!



Hello Harvey Community!

As we wrap up an incredible 2024, let's take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together this past year. From community events that brought us closer, to new programs and enhancements that made Harvey Park District even more enjoyable, it's certainly been a memorable year. We are truly grateful for all the support, energy, and enthusiasm you've shown throughout.



In this special edition of our newsletter, we'll revisit the highlights of 2024 and offer a sneak peek at the exciting plans we have for 2025. Whether you participated in our summer festivals, regularly attended our community programs, or simply enjoyed our green spaces, we have much to be celebrated—and even more to look forward to!

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- A message from our Director
- A message from our Commissioners
- 2024 in Review – Key events, programs, and achievements.
- Looking Ahead to 2025 – Programs, events, and exciting plans.

Stay tuned, stay involved, and let's make the upcoming year even better!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



DR. KISHA MCCASKILL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ON BEHALF OF THE HARVEY PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF, I AM THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT 2024 WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS! WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING A WEALTH OF ENGAGING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES ACROSS THE CITY OF HARVEY. FROM EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND HEALTH INITIATIVES TO PARK RENOVATIONS AND FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS, THERE WAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! OUR COMMUNITY CAME ALIVE WITH MUSIC FESTIVALS, HOLIDAY EVENTS, YOUTH WORK PROGRAMS, A HOST OF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, INCLUDING HOW TO START YOUR OWN NON-FOR-PROFIT, VARIOUS DANCE CLASSES, COMEDY SHOWS, FITNESS AND NUTRITION, AND EVEN A MECHANICAL REINDEER AT OUR BELOVED LUNCH-N-FUN WITH SANTA EVENT!

IT HAS BEEN OUR ABSOLUTE JOY TO SERVE OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, JOIN US IN THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE EACH MOMENT AT THE HARVEY PARK DISTRICT UNFORGETTABLE!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMISSIONERS

AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE HARVEY PARK DISTRICT, WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE AND OUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS WORK TIRELESSLY ON YOUR BEHALF. WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK BEING DONE TO ENSURE HARVEY RESIDENTS HAVE QUALITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

THE DIRECTOR, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND EVERY DAY TO PROVIDE QUALITY PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IN 2024, WE SUCCESSFULLY UTILIZED OUR GRANT FUNDS TO ENHANCE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART FIRE SYSTEM IN THE GLORIA TAYLOR BANQUET HALL. THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT, AND OUR TEAM HANDLED IT EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

WE ALSO COMPLETED MAJOR RENOVATIONS AT BRIGGS AND ELLIS PARK, WHICH WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF. ADDITIONALLY, WE EXPANDED THE PARKING LOT AT OUR HOLMES PARK FACILITY AND WILL BE REPLACING THE BASKETBALL COURT THERE THIS SPRING. IF YOU'VE PARTICIPATED IN OUR PROGRAMS, YOU KNOW FIRSTHAND THE HIGH QUALITY THAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK. IN FACT, OUR PROGRAMS HAVE ATTRACTED INCREASED PARTICIPATION FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

IT WARMS OUR HEART TO SEE CHILDREN ENJOYING THE PLAYGROUND AND ENGAGING IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. OUR PARKS AND FACILITIES HAVE FACED VANDALISM, WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR AND ISSUES LIKE ILLEGAL DUMPING PERSISTING. WE ASK FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN ENSURING THAT OUR PARKS ARE RESPECTED AND UTILIZED PROPERLY. THESE ARE YOUR PARKS—LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THEM EVEN BETTER!

FLOYD COLEMAN, PRESIDENT
AARON MCCASKILL, VICE PRESIDENT



Why is Summer Fun Summer Camp the Best?



SUMMER FUN SUMMER CAMP

RESERVATION FEE: \$25 **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**
\$250 per child if registered by March 31

AGES 6-13
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:30PM

Session 1
JUNE 9 - JULY 3

Session 2
JULY 7 - AUGUST 1

Cost per session:
\$300/Child

Activities

- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Sports/Outside Play
- ✓ Arts N Craft
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team building Games

Holmes Recreation Center
 16001 Woodbridge Ave
 Harvey, IL 60426

*DCFS, Childcare, Initiative, and CEDA payments accepted

FOR MORE INFO: (708) 331-3857 info@harveyparkdistrict.org

REGISTER NOW FOR \$50 OFF!!!



Do the Math....

Daily Cost: \$15/day that's ONLY \$1.88 an hour!

Early Bird Special Discount: \$50 off

Registration Fee: \$25 per session

Benefits for Children

- Encourages physical activity
- Enhances social skills and teamwork
- Enhances imagination and critical-thinking skills
- Provides a safe and structured environment
- Builds lifelong friendships and memories

What we offer....

- Outdoor adventures including field trips, swimming, and sports
- Creative arts and crafts sessions
- Lunch and Snack included

Here's how to Register....

Visit the Harvey Park District office and Please bring the following:

- \$25 registration fee (cash or card)
- A valid ID
- Medical card for the camper
- Spaces are limited, so sign up today!

For more information visit us on Facebook, harveyparkdistrict.org , or call (708) 331-3857

Reflecting on a Year of Growth



Highlighting Our Most Memorable Moments

Our Annual Father's Day event brought the community together for a day of music, food, and fun! With over 1200 people in attendance, it was one of our largest festivals yet. Thank you to all the volunteers, local businesses, and participants who made it a success!

Our youth programs, including the Divine Dancers, Basketball, and Martial Arts have been very resourceful to our youth. We love seeing so many kids stay active, make new friends, and build teamwork skills.

From our Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon to the Lunch N Fun with Santa , 2024 was full of holiday cheer. The excitement was contagious, with kids and adults alike participating in the fun and creating lasting memories together.



Exciting Things Ahead in 2025

Engaging Programs for Every Age and Interest



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
YOUTH & ADULT YOGA

1st & 3rd Saturdays
9:30AM - 10:30AM
@KINGS PARK 234 W. 150TH ST HARVEY, IL 60426

FREE FOR HARVEY RESIDENTS
\$5 FOR NON-RESIDENTS

*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING A YOGA MAT, WATER, AND TOWEL

(708) 331-3857

Youth/Adult Yoga

Our Yoga program caters to both beginners and advanced practitioners, offering a supportive environment to enhance relaxation, flexibility, and strength. Our classes are designed to help you improve both physically and mentally.



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
CARDIO DRUMMING
» Music, Rhythm, & Movement

JOIN US AND LET COACH YVETTE TAKE YOU THROUGH A FUN AND FULL BODY WORKOUT!

Harvey Residents: Free
Non-Residents: \$5

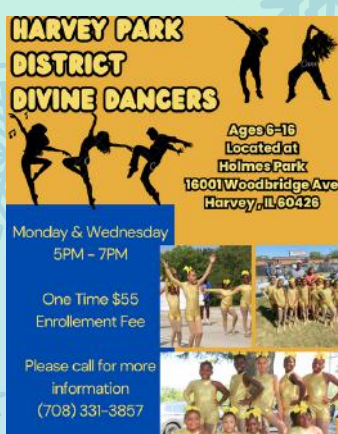
EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:00PM - 6:00PM
GLORIA TAYLOR HALL
14821 BROADWAY AVE HARVEY, IL 60426

AGES 18+ BUILD POWER, FOCUS, AND ENDURANCE WHILE GETTING IN A GOOD CARDIO WORKOUT. ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS ENCOURAGED. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW AND HIGH IMPACT LEVELS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CALL (708) 331-3857 TO SIGN UP. SPACES ARE LIMITED.
TIPS: BRING A TOWEL, WATER, AND HAND SANITIZER. TELL A FRIEND. MAKE SURE TO REGISTER!

Cardio Drumming

Cardio Drumming is an energizing full-body workout where participants drum to music using exercise balls and drumsticks. It's a fun way to build strength, burn calories, and de-stress.



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
DIVINE DANCERS

Ages 6-16
Located at Holmes Park
16001 Woodbridge Ave
Harvey, IL 60426

Monday & Wednesday
5PM - 7PM

One Time \$55
Enrollment Fee

Please call for more information
(708) 331-3857

Divine Dancers

The Divine Dancers provides a fun and energetic environment where young dancers can develop their performance skills. With a focus on rhythm, coordination, and team spirit, participants have the opportunity to showcase their talent at various community events throughout the year.



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

TIME & LOCATION:
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
5PM - 8PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10AM - 2PM

@KING PARK
234 W 150th St
Harvey, IL 60426

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (708) 331-3857

Basketball Open Gym

Looking for an Open Gym that runs scrimmages or looking to put up a couple shots? This is the perfect program!



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
MARTIAL ARTS & KUNG FU

TRAINING BASED ON DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL AND COMPETITION POSSIBILITY

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
5:30 - 7:30 PM PM

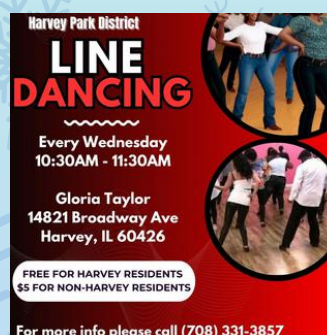
AGES 5+
ADULTS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL

@KING PARK @234 W 150TH ST HARVEY, IL 60426

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT SENSEI TOLD NAA (708) 733-8383

Martial Arts

Our Martial Arts and Kung Fu program offers classes for Adults & Youth of all Skill level. It combines self-defense with physical fitness, helping participants gain discipline, strength, and focus.



Harvey Park District
LINE DANCING

Every Wednesday
10:30AM - 11:30AM

Gloria Taylor
14821 Broadway Ave
Harvey, IL 60426

FREE FOR HARVEY RESIDENTS
\$5 FOR NON-HARVEY RESIDENTS

For more info please call (708) 331-3857

Line Dancing

Line Dancing brings together fitness and fun. With dance routines set to country, pop, and oldies music, it's a great way to stay active while learning new steps.

As we reflect on the successes and memories from 2024, we're excited about the new opportunities and experiences that 2025 has in store for our community at the Harvey Park District. Whether you're continuing with us or joining for the first time, we look forward to another year of growth, fun, and connection. Thank you for being part of our journey—here's to making this year even more memorable. Stay engaged, stay active, and we can't wait to see you at our programs and events!



HARVEY PARK DISTRICT
Senior Luncheon & BINGO

SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BRING 2 OR MORE NEW PLAYERS AND RECEIVE A PRIZE!
FREE FOR HARVEY RESIDENTS
\$5 FOR NON-HARVEY RESIDENTS

11AM-2PM

@GLORIA TAYLOR
14821 BROADWAY AVE.
HARVEY, IL 60426
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Exciting Things Ahead in 2025



Casino Club

Take a fun trip to the casino with our Casino Club! This program offers a great opportunity to socialize, try your luck, and enjoy a day out with members of the community.



Lunch on the Run

Explore new flavors with Lunch on the Run! Each month, we visit a different restaurant, giving you a chance to enjoy great food and great company.



Movie Day

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show with Movie Day! Every month, we head out to see a different movie, making it the perfect outing for film lovers.

Steppers Club

Join the fun and stay active with our Steppers Club! This program combines dance, fitness, and community as you learn step routines to upbeat music in a lively group setting.



Fitness Class

Get moving and achieve your health goals with our energizing Fitness Class. Led by an experienced instructor.

Great things are happening at the Harvey Park District and I am proud to share the good news with you.

Thanks to Dr. McCaskill's dedication and persistence to bring new funding to the HPD; and the help of State Senator Napoleon Harris, we have been awarded a one million dollar grant.

While the funds have NOT yet been released, we are confident funds will be released in the Spring.

The funds will be used specifically to breathe new life into the King Park Facility (Cooper). A new gym? How about a weight room? Or maybe an indoor pool?

Whatever is done will be remarkable and much needed. Glad I was able to share.

Aaron McCaskill, Vice President

