

Green Scenes

Bringing Parks to the People



Cathy Schwartz
President, Springfield
Parks Foundation

A Letter from Cathy

Wow, what a year! We lost some great Board members and also gained others who will serve the Springfield Parks Foundation with enthusiasm. We have established a new committee structure and have begun planning for 2007. Our future includes developing planned giving, establishing committee structures, and encouraging new volunteers to assist in our current and new endeavors.

I want to thank everyone for their donations, in-kind gifts, contributions and advice. The Springfield Parks Foundation has accomplished a lot in its 15 years of service to the Springfield community. Some current successes are the Music in the Park Summer concert Series, Bocce Ball Tournament, Washington Park Playground Renovation, Lincoln Park Lagoon, and the Generations Tree Program.

In 2007 we hope to be instrumental in the fundraising and development of Edwin Watts Southwind Park and other Park District activities. Be sure to get out and enjoy the parks. In any season they refresh and rejuvenate our spirits. We wish you all the best in the new year.

Check our events calendar
on the back page for Movie
in the Park dates. A free
concert series this summer.
Movies begin at dusk.



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Mission Statement

The Springfield Parks Foundation is a not-for-profit fund raising organization dedicated to enhancing the use, growth and preservation of our community parks.

A Letter from Leslie Sgro



Leslie Sgro
Park Board
President

What a thrilling time to be President of the Park Board and part of the Springfield community! We continue to strive for excellence and in 2006 we achieved so much. From hiring a new Director, (welcome Mike!), to adding new open spaces, increasing programming and improving our older parks, we have been busy. However, rest assured, 2007 will outpace 2006. Look for the dedication of a new bike trail, construction at Southwind Park, new park plans for Barker Park and a commitment to upgrading our older flagship parks. North, South, East and West, Springfield will see physical

improvements to our facilities as well as a rededication to providing a range of programming. We will strengthen our partnerships with organizations, working to provide places to relax and play for all of Springfield's citizens.

We strive constantly to meet the changing needs of the community while providing safe, beautiful places in our neighborhoods. Our sincere thanks go out to all who work with us to achieve this goal. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of something special. May your 2007 be healthy, prosperous, and joyous.

A Letter from Mike Stratton



Michael D. Stratton
Executive
Director,
Springfield
Park District

As 2006 draws to a close, we recall the great work that was accomplished through joint efforts of the Springfield Parks Foundation and the Springfield Park District. With combined efforts for the Music in the Park and Movie in the Park Series in 2007, continuation of Phase II –Lincoln Park Lagoon Project, and continued discussion for fundraising events, we are looking forward to an active partnership. My hat goes off to the Foundation Board and its members! Special thanks to Butch Elzea and Diane Mathis for their commitment to the Southwind Park Development campaign! Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious and appreciated.

Four months into the new position as Executive Director of the Springfield Park District and we have already accomplished much. My appreciation goes to the dedicated maintenance crews in the clean-up efforts after three major storms. Their hard work and dedication to our parks is apparent.

It is my pleasure to announce that on January 27, 2007 at the annual IAPD/IPRA Conference, the District was presented with the "Most Distinguished

Agency" award for participation in the Worldwide Day of Play. We also received the "Best Promotional Practices Award" for the Youth License Plate initiative. Our third award was the "Distinguished Agency Award" for the program planning and awareness of childhood obesity initiatives. Thanks to our community partners and the IAPD! A special thank you goes to the dedicated recreation staff and department directors for making the Park District a leader in recreational services and events.

For 2007, the Springfield Park District is gearing up for another year of activities, projects, and events. The District Board will be announcing new program initiatives and related areas that impact the quality of life in our community at the beginning of the New Year. Be sure and visit the Springfield Park District website at www.springfieldparks.org for information on upcoming activities.

Wishing all well in the New Year!
Michael Stratton, Executive Director
Springfield Park District

Congratulations to Mike Stratton on passing the
Certified Parks & Recreation Professionals
(CPRP) exam.

Springfield Parks Foundation List of Donors

Below is a list of all Springfield Parks Foundation donors in 2006. Every attempt has been made to include all givers; it is possible that a name has been inadvertently omitted. If this is the case, please contact a Springfield Parks Foundation Board member or the Springfield Park District and a correction will be made in the spring newsletter. Thank you so much for your contributions throughout the year. Because of the generous donors listed below, the Springfield Park Foundation is able to provide many opportunities for community members to enjoy the parks.

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A note from Butch Elzea -

“Edwin Watts Southwind Park is exemplary in its functionality, special features, accessibility and inclusion for everyone!”

The Edwin Watts Southwind Park located south of Springfield at Second Street and Southwind Road is a multi – use 80 acre park designed to provide year round indoor and outdoor fun, education and recreation programs set amidst beautiful natural habitats, wide open green space, unique water features and cutting- edge recreational facilities. The park serves as a national model providing a new dimension of inclusion for all people “without boundaries” in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition to the Park District, the park project will be funded by partnerships and in kind donations, sponsorships, grants and financial donations. Several of the park features can be financed in turn for legacy naming rights.



The excavation work began Monday, November 27th. The groundbreaking ceremony was held November 27th at 11:00 am. The ceremony was held on the West side of the Second Street and Southwind Road intersection. Pictured from left to right are: Ryan Dodge, Mike Zahn, Steve Halverson, Ray Roland, Jim Fulgenzi-Park Board Trustee, Mike Stratton-Executive Director Spfld Park District, Cathy Schwartz-President Springfield Parks Foundation, Leslie Sgro - Springfield Park Board President , Bill Logan, Frank Lesko, Pete Cavanagh, Tara McAnarney- all Park Board Trustees , and Butch Elzea-Parks Foundation Trustee.

In spite of the challenges that Mother Nature has bestowed upon us, The Southwind Park Project is underway. Since the groundbreaking in late November, the earthmoving has begun, the lake is being dug, the architect’s plans for the pavilion are in review, numerous local businesses are partnering with our efforts with in kind and financial donations, and our donor team of individuals is growing daily!

As a Parks Foundation Trustee my commitment to use, grow and preserve our community parks has heightened with my involvement in the Southwind Park Project. This park goes beyond what we think of as a park in our town. This park is exemplary in its functionality, special features, accessibility

and inclusion for everyone! My devotion to spearhead the funding, building and completion of this unique and exciting park project is driven by the inspiration of our community coming together as a team and I am proud to be a member of the team!

We WILL build a park that everyone is proud to have as a feature destination of our City...

I hope you WILL help!



Above are the individuals who donated their time and machinery for the earthmoving and infrastructure of the new Edwin Watts Southwind Park. Pictured from left to right are: Ryan Dodge and Steve Halverson from Halverson Construction, Mike Zahn and Dave Laesch from the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 965 AFL-CIO and Ray Roland from Roland Machinery.

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Have you caught wind...

The Edwin Watts Southwind Park project has begun. One of the park's most compelling features is its complete accessibility for all ages and abilities with special emphasis and attention given to those with physical and cognitive disabilities. By visiting the Springfield Park District website at www.springfieldparks.org

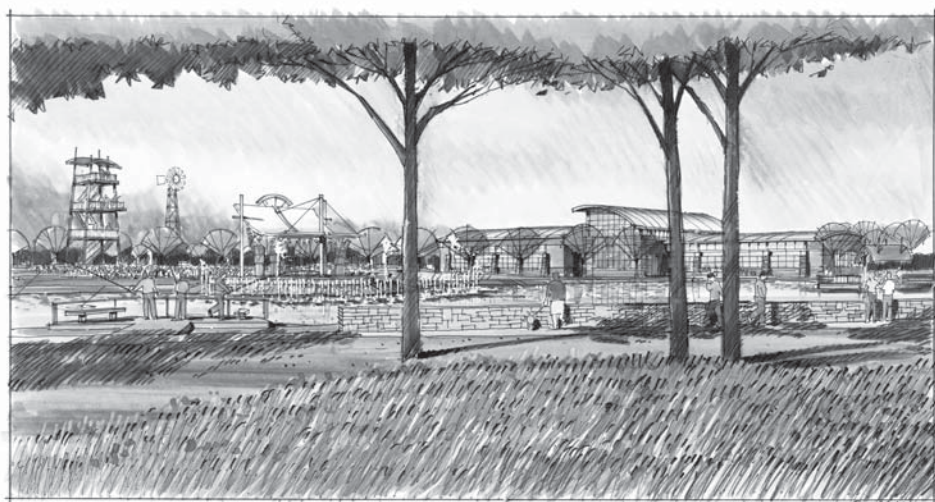


you can get an up-close look at the park plans, details and development.

You can assist in this exciting endeavor by funding items within Southwind Park. Some of the features that need financed are:

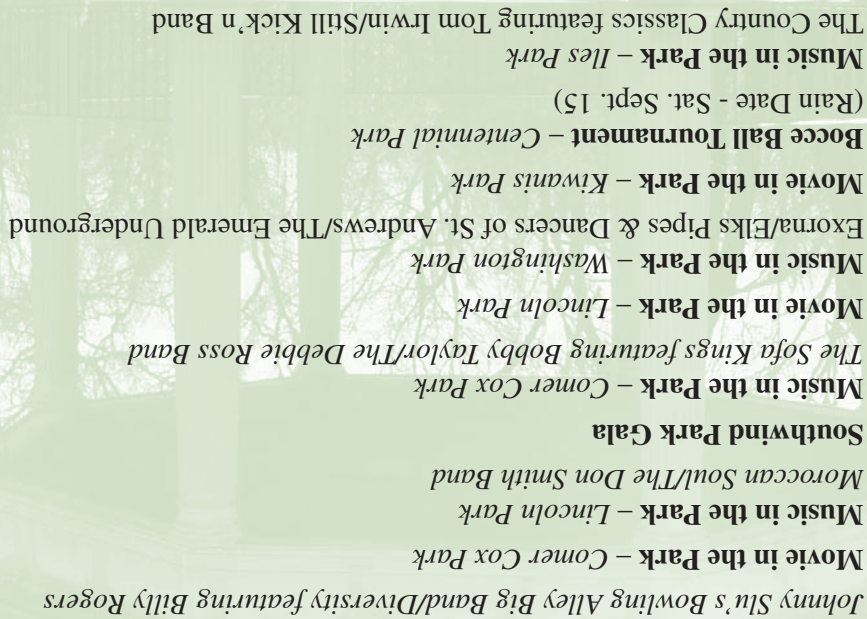
Playground Equipment	\$ 150,000	
Family Picnic Shelter Areas	\$ 75,000	
Sensory Garden (4)	\$ 25,000	
Fishing Pier (3)	\$ 10,000	each
Horseshoe Pit	\$ 4,000	
Grove of Trees	\$ 5,000	
Individual Trees	\$ 200	each

Several of the park features can be named after your family or loved ones through contributions to the park. Donations should be made payable to the Springfield Parks Foundation (SPF) Edwin Watts Southwind Park Project. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You can mail your donation to: 2500 South 11th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. If you have questions or would like to request a brochure, please contact the Springfield Park District Office, Diane Mathis, at 217-544-1751.



Upcoming Events

Sat., May 19	Movie in the Park – Centennial Park	Dusk
Sun., May 20	Music in the Park – Douglas Park	4-7 p.m.
Fri., June 15	Movie in the Park – Comer Cox Park	Dusk
Sun., June 17	Music in the Park – Lincoln Park	4-7 p.m.
Fri., June 22	Southwind Park Gala	
Sun., July 15	Music in the Park – Comer Cox Park	4-7 p.m.
Fri., July 20	Movie in the Park – Lincoln Park	Dusk
Sun., Aug. 19	Music in the Park – Washington Park	4-7 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 24	Movie in the Park – Kiwanis Park	Dusk
Sat., Sept. 8	Boce Ball Tournament – Centennial Park (Rain Date - Sat. Sept. 15)	
Sun., Sept. 16	Music in the Park – Iles Park	4-7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21	Movie in the Park – Rotary Park	Dusk
Sun., Oct. 14	Horseshoe Cook-off – Nelson Center	



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