



# north berwyn

park district...where the fun begins!

April 2023



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## ...exciting news

### North Berwyn Park District Opens New Indoor Playground!

On Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00 am, The North Berwyn Park District held the Grand Opening of our new Indoor Playground Space located inside the Studio at 6300 W 19th St. Berwyn, IL 60402.

This new Indoor Playground was created for children from crawlers to the age of 5 to have a safe area to release all their energy as well as a gathering place for families within the community to interact.

Joe Carmichael, 8th Ward Alderman stated, "I think programs like this give families in our community a variety of options to engage with their children and their neighbors. As a father with young children, I am looking forward to taking advantage of this program."



### North Berwyn Park District's former VFW building to become The Joseph C. Vallez Activity Center

On Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner's Board meeting the North Berwyn Park District Board of Commissioner's signed into effect a Proclamation renaming the former VFW building located at 1529 Harlem Ave. Berwyn, IL the Joseph C. Vallez Activity Center.

Mr. Vallez has served as the Executive Director of the North Berwyn Park District for 23 years. Mr. Vallez has implemented innovative programs and events during his tenure which include The Best of Berwyn Junior Citizen Recognition Program, the Fiesta Nuestras Raices Back to School Festival, the Corrida del Mariachi 5k, Club 55 Senior group, the 16th Street Theater, Class Clowns Comedy night and various programming to benefit the citizens of the North Berwyn community.

Robert J. Lovero, Mayor of the City of Berwyn stated, "The North Berwyn Park District and the City of Berwyn became community partners under the leadership of Joe Vallez. It has been an honor to work with Joe Vallez for the 14 years I have served as Mayor of the City of Berwyn."

**JOSEPH C. Vallez**  
**ACTIVITY CENTER**  
NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT

### PARK DISTRICT FACILITIES

**Administrative Office  
Community Center**  
1619 Wesley Avenue  
(708)749-4900  
nbpd4fun.org

**the Studio**  
19th & Cuyler Avenue

**Joseph C. Vallez Activity Center**  
1529 Harlem Avenue

**Berwyn Gardens**  
Between  
Grove-Wenonah Avenues,  
North of Cermak Road

**Jefferson Park Field**  
16th & Wenonah Avenue

**Prairie Oak School Gym**  
1427 Oak Park Avenue

**Kriz Skate Park**  
15th & Maple Avenue

**Ann Mackin Park**  
15th & Maple Avenue

**Hett Park**  
19th & Cuyler Avenue

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**Joseph C. Vallez**

# NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT 2.0



## What is NBPD 2.0?

NBPD 2.0 is a blueprint for the future of the North Berwyn community. The North Berwyn Park District will begin making plans for improvements in many areas of operations.

The improvements will include:

- New programs
- Upgraded maintenance
- Enhanced information technology
- Community-based marketing
- Facility upgrades
- Facility additions

This Park District Master Plan will incorporate projects that have been identified as future needs for North Berwyn residents.

Plans for a

- Fitness center
- Dog park
- Community garden program
- Renovated playgrounds
- Water parks

will be phased into the future planning.



NBPD 2.0 will also include:

- IT upgrades such as Online registration
- Innovative programs
- Infrastructure improvements.

The Park District will also begin replacing

- Outdated maintenance vehicles,
- Vans used for Before and After School programs B.A.S.E
- New up to date Senior bus to transport some of our most valuable park patrons.





# NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT 2.0

## Ann Mackin Park Project

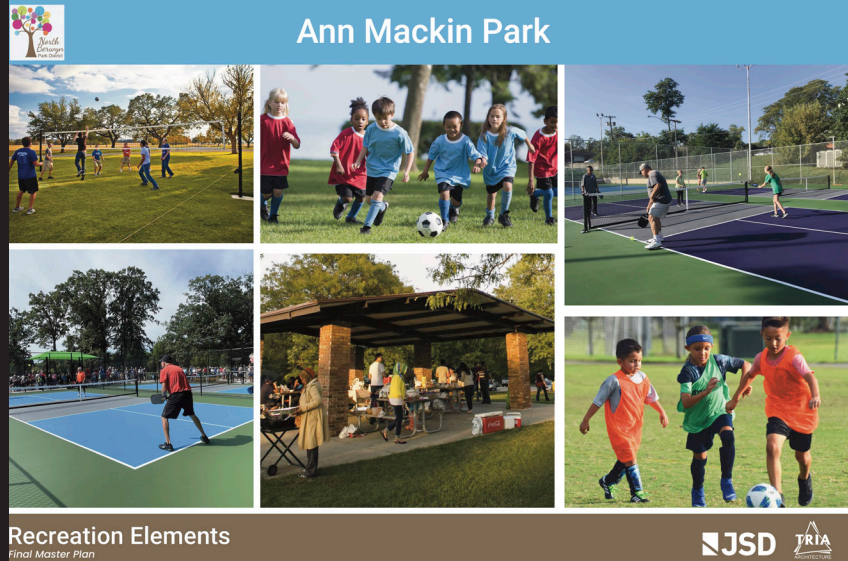
Under the umbrella of NBPD 2.0 is the **Ann Mackin Park Project** the largest recreational addition to the City of Berwyn in the past 30 years. This project could not have been possible without the support of the North Berwyn voters that approved the only referendum in the history of the North Berwyn Park District!

This project has been developed with the input of the residents that attended community planning meetings and gave their opinion of what the needs are for the community in the future.

Improvements and additions under consideration are

- The 1st dedicated Senior Center in Berwyn
- Deep water pool that would replace the current footprint of the old Maple pool. The facility would provide programs for residents, including swimming lessons, swim team, lap swimming, open swim, senior swim, swim fitness classes, life-guard training and various other swim programs.
- Water Park
- Two pickle ball courts
- Veterans Memorial
- Soccer field
- Future Art Center
- And other leisure and recreational amenities for Berwyn residents of all ages and interests.

These projects would improve virtually every aspect of the district's operations to benefit patrons of all ages.





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|       | sunday | monday  | tuesday                    | wednesday | thursday                                | friday                                       | saturday  |
|-------|--------|---|----------------------------|-----------|---|--|---|
|       |        |   |                            |           |   |  | 1 Author for the Day Special Event                |
| 2     |        | 3 Spring Break & Theater Camp                       | 4                          | 5         | 6 Board of Commissioner's Board Meeting | 7 St. Patty's Shamrock-Painting Workshop     | 8 Easter Events                                   |
| 9     |        | 10 When School's Out We're In Spring Session Begins | 11 Senior Gala Celebration | 12        | 13 Board of Commissioners Board Meeting | 14 Senior Movie in the Afternoon: Father Stu | 15  |
| 16    |        | 17 Non Berwyn Resident Registration Opens           | 18                         | 19        | 20                                      | 21 Ceramic Painting                          | 22 Recycle Earth Day a Different Way Fashion Show |
| 23/30 |        | 24  | 25                         | 26        | 27                                      | 28   | 29  |

Use this calendar to keep track of your favorite classes