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Lisle Park District to Start Pesticide-Free Program

Photo: [Leask Lane Park will be one of four pilot sites, and host the program kick off](#)

Lisle, IL – In line with our goal to be an eco-friendly leader in the Lisle community, Lisle Park District is proud to begin a pilot pesticide-free program in four of our parks this spring.

In collaboration with the [IMP Institute of North America](#) and the [Midwest Pesticide Action Center](#), the park district has been working to develop a program to limit the use of potentially harmful pesticides and herbicides in our parks. To introduce the program, we've partnered with Chicago Grows Green Week to host an Organic Park Kickoff at Leask Lane Park (Leask Lane, Lisle) on Sunday, June 2, from 1-3pm. Attendees at this free event will have the opportunity to learn about pollinator protection and see demonstrations of the natural lawn care approach from Midwest Grows Green. Refreshments will be provided.

Four parks, spread throughout the park district, have been chosen to serve as pilot sites for this pesticide-free program: Abbeywood Park (2211 Abbeywood Drive, Lisle), Oak Hill Park (5460 Ranier Drive, Lisle), Leask Lane Park (45281 Leask Lane, Lisle), and Connelly Park (933 Lacey Avenue, Lisle). Beginning this spring, the Parks Department will utilize organic, all-natural methods to control invasive species and promote turf growth. While some weeds may still grow, turf and soil will become healthier in the long term. This program will result in more environmentally responsible methods to maintain parks within the Lisle Park District community.

Chicago Grows Green Week puts a spotlight on sustainable landscaping progress in the Greater Chicago area, to demonstrate that landscapes can be managed with limited use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. This year's theme is "Growing Pesticide-Free Lawns & Gardens for the Long-Term." Between June 1 and June 8, Midwest Grows Green will share tips on natural lawn care, organic gardening, and sustainable landscaping, and encourages others to do the same. To learn more about Midwest Grows Green and Chicago Grows Green Week, visit their website at midwestgrowsgreen.org.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit lisleparkdistrict.org.

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