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Bee Hives Thrive in Lisle Community Park

[Photo: Left – Beekeeper Margaret Trocki placing bee hives in Lisle Community Park, Right – Bee Island in Lisle Community Park](#)

Lisle, IL – In the spring of 2015 on March 31, Lisle Park District welcomed six honeybee hives and approximately 60,000 bees to Lisle Community Park. In only 17 short months, the bee population has grown to approximately 360,000 bees!

Although these furry insects sometimes get a bad wrap, honeybees provide many benefits to the greater Lisle community. They pollinate nearby plants and trees with a flying radius of approximately two to three miles, provide a wonderful source of local honey, and are fascinating creatures to observe. Honeybees are no more of a threat than any other flying insect. In fact, they are not aggressive insects and will only defend themselves when threatened.

Lisle Park District’s six honeybee hives are located at the north end of Lisle Community Park on what has been named “Bee Island.” Signs have been placed on either sides of the entrance to “Bee Island” and on the gate approaching the hives to alert passersby, as not to disturb the bees’ natural habitat.

According to Margaret Trocki, Lisle Park District’s resident beekeeper, eating local honey, which contains local pollen, can help allergen sufferers build immunity to the plants they are sensitive to. Although a lot of scientific evidence has not been gathered, there are plenty of testimonies to support this theory. Many people buy local honey for this reason alone, and several do at the recommendation of their doctors.

In 2015, a total of 270 pounds of honey was harvested during the summer and fall from the bee hives in Lisle Community Park. This summer, during the most recent harvest in August, another 270 pounds of honey was collected from the hives. Don’t wait too long to pick up your own jar, since supply is limited and quickly sold out last year. You can purchase Lisle Park District’s honey at the Lisle Recreation Center, 1925 Ohio Street in Lisle. A one-pound jar is \$10, and an eight-ounce jar is \$8.

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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