



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lisle Park District Invites Residents to Public Workshops for Cost Recovery Study**

Lisle, IL – Lisle Park District residents are invited to participate in public workshops that will enable the park district to allocate the taxes it receives to the services valued most by its constituents. These workshops will be conducted on Tuesday, November 18, and Wednesday, November 19, at the Recreation Center, 1925 Ohio Street in Lisle.

The Lisle Park District has engaged the services of GreenPlay, a nationally renowned parks and recreation management consulting firm, to conduct the workshops that will assist in developing an approach to sustainable operations through a Cost Recovery, Resource Allocation & Revenue Enhancement Study. This study utilizes what is called the Pyramid Methodology, a philosophy built by residents placing each category of the park district's services into a pyramid based on how the service is valued. Examples of some of the services the Lisle Park District offers include open space provision & maintenance, youth general interest programs, senior citizen programs, adult programs, food & beverage operations, teen programs, trips, youth sports leagues, programs & inclusion services for individuals with disabilities, field & facility rentals, preschool, special events, camps, and support service.

If a given service provides more of a community benefit, it is likely to be valued higher than a service that provides more of an individual benefit. An example of a service with a higher community benefit could be providing and maintaining open space. An example of a service having a strong individual benefit could be food & beverage operations, like a meal at a restaurant. Although these are two rather extreme examples, the Lisle Park District provides several services to its constituents, and determining how the community values each of the services will help the park district develop different levels of cost recovery, or subsidy expectations, for each category.

GreenPlay will be conducting a series of workshops to complete this exercise, at which they will explain the Pyramid Methodology and ask for resident participation in helping to identify where programs and other inter-related core services fit within the pyramid. Residents of the Lisle Park District are invited to partake in one of the sessions, which will be held at the Recreation Center, 1925 Ohio Street, in Multipurpose Rooms 1 & 2. Since space is limited, Lisle Park District residents must RSVP to Wendy Nadeau at 630-353-4303 or [wnadeau@lisleparkdistrict.org](mailto:wnadeau@lisleparkdistrict.org). The dates and times of the workshops are as follows.

- Tuesday, November 18, 9:15 – 11:45am
- Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 – 9:00pm
- Wednesday, November 19, 9:15 – 11:45am
- Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 – 9:00pm

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](http://lisleparkdistrict.org).

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