

City of Loves Park Newsletter



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The Snow Park at Alpine Hills

The Snow Park at Alpine Hills offers mountains of fun in the heart Rockford!



This 5-acre snow park is divided into separate tubing and terrain park sections designed to accommodate riders of all abilities.

On-site snowmaking equipment will keep the snow park covered with fresh powder and the snow cat machines will help maintain perfectly-groomed hills. The handy surface lift will bring tubers and boarders to the top of the hill so more time is spent riding down and less time hiking up. Hot and cold beverages and snacks are available at The Lodge, and fire pits located at the top of the hill provide warm relief from the cold outdoors.

Affordable rates will keep visitors coming back to experience this awesome terrain park located 10 minutes from downtown Rockford.

Regular Hours Starting January 7, 2016

- Monday – Wednesday: closed for tubing and terrain park maintenance
- Thursday and Friday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission

- General: \$10 (\$13 non-resident)
- Lap Riders (36" - 42" tall): \$5 (\$7 non-resident)

Contact Information

Phone: 815-966-8737

Website: www.alpinehillsadventure.com (Updated snow reports)



The Rockford Park District is proud to present the 31st annual Illinois **Snow Sculpting Competition**, January 18–21, 2017.

Teams from around the state will compete in Rockford for the right to represent Illinois in the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition in 2018.

SCHEDULE

State Competition / January 25-28

High School Competition / January 26-28

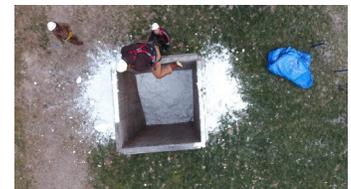
Awards Ceremony / January 28

ADMISSION

Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

VIEWING HOURS

Daily from sunrise until 10:30 pm. You may drive or walk through.



Hollywood Restaurant, 5518 N. Second St., will begin offering a senior dining menu approved by Lifescape Community Services Inc from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays beginning Jan. 16.

Lifescape staff will be on-site from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 16-17 to assist new diners with sign-up. Hollywood Restaurant replaces Spring Garden Family Restaurant as the Lifescape Loves Park senior dining site.

Lifescape senior dining sites offer nutritious meals and opportunities for socialization. The senior dining sites are Hollywood Restaurant; Ned's Family Diner, 2131 Business Route 20, Belvidere; and Benton Street Diner, 109 S. Benton St., Winnebago.

For information: 815-963-1609; lifescapeservices.org.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NEW AND IMPROVED DART BOARDS

Back in 1976, Arachnid Inc. set up shop in Loves Park and began manufacturing one electronic dartboard a week.

Last month, that same assembly line - now producing 30 boards a week - rolled out a new dartboard model unlike any other in the world.



"People are always on their phone, walking around looking for a wall socket," said Sam Zammuto, president of Arachnid. "I thought, well here's a dart game, the whole bottom base isn't being used for anything. Why not turn the bottom base of a dart machine into a charger unit?"

Available for sale this week, Arachnid has produced the first-ever soft-tip electronic dart game that can charge your cellphone.

This board features two dart heads and four charging slots - two slots for Android phones and two for Apple.

Similar to FaceTime on Apple's iPhone, a remote play feature allows the new Arachnid boards to connect to one another via a live video internet connection.

While there is no audio feature, the live video is accomplished by two "spy cameras," one pointing at the player and one pointed at the board to prevent cheating.

John Patch, owner of Allied Gaming in Loves Park, has already purchased three of the boards from Arachnid. They are installed at Scoreboard Bar & Grill and Dusty Boots Saloon in Rockford and at Jax Pub in Loves Park.

"Instead of people just plugging into a wall outlet, which you see a lot of, this gives them another option," he said. "Maybe some people who don't even play darts will use it."

Scheduled City Meetings

February 2017

- 01 Community Development Committee Meeting
- 06 City Council
- 13 City Council
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 20 City Council

City Council meetings are at 6:00 pm;
Community Development & Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Heart Boulevard.

All offices at City Hall in Loves Park will be closed Friday, December 23, 2016



Free Mulch Available at 13 sites

Free pine mulch is available, by arrangement of Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful, at 13 local sites, while supplies last through February. Locations in Belvidere, Cherry Valley, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Roscoe, Rockton, Rockford and Pecatonica are listed below and at www.knib.org/christmas-tree-recycling.

Mulch is self-serve; bring your own containers and shovels; sites are not staffed. The remainder will be cleared from parks and other sites by the end of February; availability varies by location. The tree drop-off ended January 15; additional trees are not accepted, since the contracted chipping has been completed.

2017 Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Free Mulch Locations:

Belvidere: City of Belvidere Street Department, 515 West Locust Street, Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Loves Park: Martin Park, north lot on Park Ridge Road.

Machesney Park: Machesney Town Center, 8750 North 2nd Street, southwest lot off South Mall Drive.

Rockford: Alpine Park, 950 South Alpine Road; Andrews Park, 800 North Central Ave; Don Schmid Youth Sports Center, Riverdahl Park off Sandy Hollow; Gambino Park, 4400 block of Pepper Drive west of North Alpine Road; Levings Lake Park, entrance off Johnston Avenue.

For maps and more information visit Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful's website, knib.org.