Foxcroft:

- GEPD to create sustainable park landscape plan.
- COD provides free academic expertise & student involvement to implement small projects.

Native Ornamental garden:
  - GEPD budget $1,500 for site prep and plantings
  - COD provides free teacher/student design + labor to install.
  - Approx 10X20 ft. plot. Staff to recommend Lake Foxcroft location.
  - Target installation summer 2012
- COD Teacher, Roy Diblik. Designed Shedd Aquarium and Millennium Park gardens.
- Community involvement. Foxcroft Homeowners Assoc.
- Continuing education/learning lab:
  - COD curriculum attached. Cross promote class/program offerings.
  - New program: Sustainable Landscaping certification. One night/wk
  - PD sends program to 35,000 residents; 10,000+ opt-in E-Blast; 15-20,000 unique visitors to web site every month.

New Co-op internship program:

- Intern as project leader with staff guidance to achieve defined goals.
- Job description Horticulturist/Landscaping Technician attached.
- COD curriculum requires 225 hours of work experience for graduation
- Budget: $2,500.
- Student profile: adults, 30+, career change. Some from high school. 25-mile radius of COD
- Feb 2012 Career Fair: GEPD to attend and interview candidates

COD Landscape Learning Lab:

- Explore new partnership w/ COD Greenhouse for lower cost park plantings
- Plant propagation; experimentation w/ rare species; GEPD provides seeds
- Opportunity for staff education
- New grant opportunities

Intern – Horticulturist/Landscaping Technician

With summer quickly approaching we have started our search for summer interns. We will have at least one Horticulture/Landscaping Technician position for the summer. Below is the description for that opportunity:

Qualifications: Individual must be age 18 years of age or older with a valid IL driver’s license. Knowledge of the Glen Ellyn Park District area preferred. Individual must be able to lift 50 lbs. and work outdoors in all weather conditions. Successful candidate should be familiar with woodland, prairie, wetland natural areas, flowers/shrubs, tree trimming/pruning, and landscape bed maintenance. Preference may be given to candidates with a Pesticide license. Experience with power tools is a plus. Candidate must pass a drug and/or alcohol screening.

Duties: Under the supervision of the Parks Foreman, the Horticulturist/Landscaping Technician crew member is responsible for on-going restoration and maintenance projects. While this individual must be able to work well independently with little supervision and as a team member on a crew, this intern will mainly work alongside park district staff to support the needs of the Glen Ellyn Park District’s horticulture and landscaping needs. Projects will include: chipping brush, tree pruning, seasonal tree planting, landscape bed maintenance, planting of flowers/trees/shrubs, and other duties as assigned by supervisor. Typical work week is 40 hours and the intern position will be for the months of June, July and August. This is an at-will position.
Roy Diblik, Landscape Design/consultant

- Perennial plant expert, designer, educator and author.
- 31 years of experience growing perennials and developing compatible plant communities relating to aesthetic and quality maintenance programs.
- Gives regional talks on reduced maintenance gardening, contributes to Illinois Landscape Contractor and Chicagoland Gardening Magazine; Author of Small Perennial Gardens, The Know Maintenance Approach.
- Brings new ideas to public/private landscapes; combines perennials and grasses to develop naturalistic and contemporary plant communities with known levels of maintenance.
- Extensive experience and knowledge of plant habit, cultural needs, landscape projects, promotes scheduled maintenance levels and sustainability.

Background/Experience

The Lurie Garden, Millennium Park, Chicago, IL, 2004. (Piet Oudolf, Kathryn Gustafson, Robert Israel, designers; Terry Guen Design Associates, Landscape Architects) Regional perennial expert, growing and installing 15,000 plants.

The Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, IL, June 2011. He recently finished a new contemporary meadow and in 2006-2007, he was the designer and grower for the rooftop gardens and Lake Michigan bike path perennial gardens.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2009. Roy designed and installed the garden surrounding the Lewis Sullivan Arch at the Art Institute of Chicago. This Garden won the Mayor’s award in 2010. Roy’s inspiration was a painting called Earthly Paradise by Pierre Bonnard. This painting inspired his selection of plants that reflected perfect tonal changes of color mixed with shades of green.

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI, 2005-2006. Designed, grew and installed a 5,000 plant perennial garden in the newly renovated main entryway to the hotel and spa.

Wisconsin State Hwy. 67 Renovation Project, Fontana, WI, 2007. Designed, grew and installed the highway plantings.


Boerner Botanic Gardens, Hales Corners, WI, June 2010. He designed a perennial garden to showcase the outdoor sculptures. He selected a low growing mix of grasses and perennials that would complement not detract from the sculptures and created a tapestry of textures and colors that changes with the seasons.

The Gary Comer Youth Center, Chicago, IL. Designer and grower for an interactive rooftop garden consisting of perennial plant communities, vegetables, annuals and herbs. He is currently helping them develop a perennial nursery. He is teaching them the Northwind Production Process so that they can grow 6000-10,000 perennials per year which they can sell locally.

Green Leaf Inn, Delavan, WI, Summer 2011. This inn is dedicated to upholding the highest standards for sustainable building and materials, renewable energy and wise use of resources while providing guests with a luxurious inn experience. He is developing lush gardens and landscaping to minimize water use.
College of DuPage Horticulture Curriculum  http://www.cod.edu/horticulture/

Seven specialized certificates and Associate in Applied Science in Horticulture; 32 classes

- Sustainable Landscapes
- Horticulture
- Floral Shop Management
- Landscape Design and Construction
- Greenhouse Management
- Landscape and Turf Management
- Nursery and Garden Center Management

Julia Fitzpatrick-Cooper, Professor/Advisor: (630) 942-2526 fitzpatr@cod.edu

- Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Master of Science in Agricultural Education from Ohio State University.
- Horticultural industry experience arboretum, wholesale nurseries, retail garden centers, horticultural therapy programs, community education programs and high school horticulture programs.
- Full-time faculty member in the Horticulture department at College of DuPage since 1986
- Teaches HORT 1100 Introduction to Horticulture, HORT 1110 Plant Taxonomy, HORT 2241 Landscape Plants I, HORT 2242 Landscape Plants II, HORT 2243 Ornamental Grasses, HORT 2244 Herbaceous Perennials, and Special Topics courses.
- Member Perennial Plant Assoc; Illinois Green Industry Assoc; Illinois Landscape Contractor’s Assoc.
- Serves as secretary of Perennials in Focus, a research and evaluation team dedicated to evaluating new or underused perennial plants for Chicagoland gardens and landscapes.

Elizabeth Britt (630) 942-3806 britte@cod.edu

- Department Manager since 1986
- Greenhouse crop production, special events, and sales.
- B.S. in Agriculture, Ohio State University, Masters in Education National-Louis University.
- Horticulture therapy, floral design, nursery sales, greenhouse, landscape design.

Jae Granrath 942-3807 or e-mail at granrath@cod.edu

- COD Horticulture graduate. Greenhouse Lab Technician since 1985
- Crop care and maintenance, sales and marketing of specialty crops.

Related Horticulture Websites and Industry Organizations:
http://www.ilca.net/index.aspx
http://www.nres.uiuc.edu/outreach/
http://www.ina-online.org/
http://www.chicago-botanic.org/
http://www.landcarenetwork.org/cms/home.html
http://www.harb society.org/
http://www.mortonarb.org
http://www.gardenforever.com/

Plant Varieties and Combinations:
http://www.plantbyname.com/
http://www.euroamprop.com
http://www.pwfourstar.com/combinations/
http://www.burpee.com/
http://www.ballhort.com/
MEMO

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Dave Scarmardo, Superintendent of Parks & Planning
Cc: Dave Harris, Executive Director

RE: Maryknoll ADA Path

As part of the platform tennis hut project, two new ADA accessible paths were added to the westside of the Maryknoll paddle hut where the accessible entrance will be located at. The existing steel ramp on the eastside of the courts will be removed and recycled. The original plan calls for the paths to be left limestone screenings, which is acceptable for the minimal design of the ADA code. It was discussed recently that if the paths were upgraded and paved, over time there would be less maintenance, and the abrasive limestone granules would not migrate onto the decking/courts. An additional maintenance benefit would be the ease of snow removal, and ice control resulting in a safer ingress/egress to the facilities. This path will also allow all park patrons a paved walkway through the park versus walking along Rte. 53 to access the sidewalk on Pershing Avenue.

By having these paths paved while other paving work is being completed onsite is cost efficient. Additionally, paving the paths would be aesthetically appealing and consistent with other areas of the park. Paving both ADA paths will cost $5,000, ADA funding is available to use for this project. Attached is the highlighted plan for the Boards perusal.

Staff will be available for questions and comments.
October 18, 2011

MEMO

TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Dave Harris, Executive Director  
RE: Village Green Field #2  
CC: Commissioner Kinzler

Commissioner Kinzler and I recently met with Glenbard School District #87 Superintendent Dr. Meissen and Assistant Superintendent Molek. District #87 has expressed concern about the baseball field conditions of Village Green field #2 over the past several years. The Park District is in agreement that the condition is less than desirable. The challenge of finding a solution has been the disconnect between the two agencies. District #87 has contributed $500,000 over the past ten years. This, per the intergovernmental agreement, has gone towards the overall improvement of Village Green including the parking lot, lights, and concession facility. However, the school district believes the Park District should have maintained the field at a minimum standard.

In a recent meeting, Commissioner Kinzler reviewed the current agreement specific to Village Green and discussed the other IGA’s between #87 and the Park District. Commissioner Kinzler further identified all of the services the Park District provides for #87 (Village Green, Ackerman Park, and Newton). The Memorial Field agreement was completely separate. Superintendent Meissen and Assistant Superintendent Molek were appreciative and acknowledged that #87 and the Park District should work towards combining all agreements that are fair and equitable to both groups. In regards to the baseball field, Commissioner Kinzler agreed to discuss with the Park Board the following:

a) Park District will get quote on repairing and/or modifying existing irrigation system. GBW minimally wants the ability to have access to a quick connect.

b) Park District will discuss the costs and proposed improvements at Tuesday, October 18 Park Board meeting.
c) If the Park District repairs/improves irrigation, GBW will make the necessary improvements to
the field using the suggested items below:
  - Reduce radius on infield
  - Remove lips & laser grade infield
  - Amend ball field mix
  - Provide drainage behind backstop
  - Repair/replace irrigation heads, and quick couplers
  - Re-shape pitchers’ mound/install clay bricks
  - Work on batters boxes and clay bricks
  - Remove turf from pitcher’s mound to home plate 6’ wide to eliminate worn turf area
  - Repairs to warning track
  - Add limestone screenings to all areas
  - Topdress/overseed & fertilize all turf especially outfields to remediate football damage to turf
  - Re-do bull pen warm up areas

  Total $35,500

d) Park District will move youth football off of the outfield area of Field 2 beginning fall, 2012. Any
assistance to finding practice areas for three football teams would be helpful!
e) GBW would maintain Field 2. If not, the agencies/staff will coordinate efforts.

It is our recommendation for the Park District to provide adequate irrigation for Village Green field #2
not to exceed $15,000. In return, District #87 will perform all other improvements. This not only satisfies
the agreement while providing our community with an improved high school field but also creates a more
constructive relationship with #87 as we move towards renegotiating a Village Green agreement (current
agreement expires in 2012) as well as combining all IGA agreements.

Commissioner Kinzler and staff will be available for questions and comments.