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Village of Glenwood Residents Cooperate to Beautify Local Parks
June 27th is 4th Annual Park Pride Day

Glenwood, IL - Residents throughout the Village of Glenwood will come together to beautify and clean up neighborhood parks at the Department of Parks and Recreation's *4th Annual Park Pride Day* Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Community-wide volunteers will help spread new sand and mulch, rake leaves and pick up debris in Estates Park, Arquilla Park, Callahan Strand Park, Veterans Park and Hickory Glen Park.

"Everyone has fond memories of playing at the park with their parents and their friends. Our Park Pride Day ensures that our children growing up here now form those same wonderful memories. Our Glenwood residents have great community spirit and truly care about their neighborhoods," explains Katie Schranz, Department of Parks and Recreation. "Year after year, they enthusiastically join forces to improve our parks so their children and families have a comfortable place to gather for fun and recreation."

Volunteers will meet at their nearest park location at 10 a.m.; the village will supply tools, sand, mulch and garbage bags at each location. "Everyone wins when we take care of our community parks," Schranz added.

In fact, according to the National Recreation and Park Association, community parks offer numerous health, economic, environmental and community benefits to residents. Parks protect and conserve the local environment and provide open green space while keeping air and water clean. The closer a home is to a quality park, the higher its property value. Meeting and gathering at parks helps neighbors truly get acquainted, strengthens community ties, and brings diverse populations together through new understanding and respect. "Parks are good for your health too," says Schranz. "Residents who exercise and play in our parks boost their immune systems, fight disease, control obesity and increase life expectancy."

"Great parks build a stronger community by connecting individuals, families and groups through the power of play," Schranz stated. "On Park Pride Day, our Glenwood residents come together to support and continually improve their neighborhoods and our village."

For more information, please contact the Village of Glenwood Department of Parks & Recreation at 708-757-2318 or email: parkprograms@villageofglenwood.com

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