



Press Release West Bloomfield Parks

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West Bloomfield Parks teams up with Bloomfield Hills Schools to turn a former elementary school site into a park

The two groups have entered into a 20-year lease agreement to add a public park on the east side of West Bloomfield Township.

West Bloomfield, MI: West Bloomfield Parks (WB Parks) will take over operations of the former Pine Lake Elementary property located at 3333 W. Long Lake Road, beginning October 1, 2023. The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission and the Bloomfield Hills School Board of Education have entered into a 20-year lease agreement where the 21 acre plot will be maintained and improved by WB Parks while the School District will still hold ownership over the property.

WB Parks has sought out the opportunity to have additional public parkland on the east side of the Township for several years. Bloomfield Hills Schools has made preservation of its lands for public use a top priority.

“This partnership serves as a win-win for both the District and WB Parks,” said Kelly Hyer, executive director for WB Parks. “We will revitalize current amenities and add community requested enhancements to transform the property into a public park that benefits the entire community while conserving natural greenspace in the Township.”

Investments into Pine Lake Park will include parking lot repairs, updated tennis courts, a basketball court, pickleball courts, new playground equipment, trail enhancements and more. These improvements will begin in 2024 and will be implemented over a 3-5 year period.

WB Parks will take over operations of the park beginning October 1, 2023. A park dedication will be held on October 11, 2023 at 5:45 pm with local dignitaries, residents and representatives from both WB Parks and the School District.

For additional information or to attend the park dedication, contact:

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About WB Parks - WB Parks, established by voter mandate in 1970, manages nearly 600 acres, 13 parks and facilities and offers hundreds of recreational programs annually. WB Parks' seeks to continuously imagine the future of recreation, wellness and green spaces that will encourage its diverse community to develop connections with nature and one another, ultimately contributing to the vibrancy of life in West Bloomfield. More information can be found at www.wbparks.org.

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