The Warrenville Park District Goes Greener

We take our goal of striving to be a leader in green practices and environmental awareness very seriously at the Warrenville Park District, and we've got several initiatives under way to help us reach our goal:

- Earth Action Committee members research opportunities to become more environmentally friendly and design plans and programs to implement them.
- We recycle cell phones, ink cartridges, shoes and prescription eye glasses in cooperation with the Lions Club. You may drop any of these items off at the Recreation Center and we'll see that they get recycled. In addition to being good for the environment and helping those in need, some of these programs provide the park district with a small monetary reward that we use to help fund our scholarship program.
- We have received a Green Audit from SCARCE, School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education. The SCARCE mission is to inspire people, through education, to preserve and care for the Earth's natural resources, while working to build sustainable communities. SCARCE will soon provide us a report with ideas about how to make the park district more environmentally



friendly. Our goal is to earn SCARCE's Earth Flag, which will recognize the park district for implementing practical, eco-friendly initiatives.

- We have worked with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to gain grants for some of our energy-saving projects, including installing new lights in the gym.
- We have worked with SEDAC (Smart Energy Design Assistance Center) for audits on our recreation center, community building and maintenance shop and are in the process of reviewing those items and scheduling improvements as our budget allows.

So stop in and donate your old shoes (even if they are no longer wearable!), your cell phone, your ink cartridges, or your glasses. We'll put them to good use and you can be more environmentally friendly, too!