

Quarry renovation project nearly complete



Backfilling the concrete wall.

The Batavia Park District commenced construction in fall 2011 to remedy the water loss issue at Hall Quarry Beach. The work is scheduled to wrap up in plenty of time for the 2012 season. The work included

installation of a geomembrane liner, which is intended to prevent water from leaking out of the Quarry and in turn help maintain a consistent water temperature.

Crews built a concrete wall and installed an underground drainage



system. After the geomembrane liner was installed, it was covered with a "geoweb", a four-inch thick layer of protection for the liner. Sand was then brought back in to cover the swimming area.

In the spring, Park District maintenance crews will begin the work of filling the Quarry and preparing it for opening day 2012. Filling the Quarry is a lengthy process since it holds more than a million gallons of water, which equates to a little over an acre of water surface once filled.

Throughout construction, a time lapse video captured images of the process. The video can now be viewed on the Park District's website at bataviaparks.org/parks-facilities.htm.

For more information please call 630-879-5235 or visit bataviaparks.org.

Installing the geomembrane.

New Horizons Preschool students get a taste of soldier's life



Sergeant Garrett Robinson, United States Marines, recently spoke to students at the New Horizons Preschool about being a soldier. Robinson displayed his gear and spoke about his time in Afghanistan and Iraq. Students got to see the gear Robinson used while overseas, including his helmet, goggles and a one-man tent with netting for protection against bugs. Students and teachers got to sample military issued food and asked Robinson questions about what it's like being a soldier. In addition to serving in the United States Marine Corps, Robinson is a member of the Batavia Park District staff as a park technician.

New Horizons students gathered items for the troops throughout December and shipped the items to the soldiers overseas for Christmas. A student in the 3 year old program currently has a father serving overseas. For more information please contact Gail Zwaska, Preschool Supervisor, at 630-406-5282 ext. 2157.

New Horizons Preschool is currently registering children for the 2012-2013 school year. See page 45 for more information.



Marilyn Robinson honored with memorial tree at Batavia Riverwalk



Batavia third graders and their teachers held a tree dedication in the honor of Marilyn Robinson, noted Batavia historian, on Tuesday, November 29 at the Batavia Depot Museum, 155 Houston St. The students and teachers raised funds for the memorial. According to the plaque, the tree is being dedicated to Marilyn Robinson who inspired countless third graders to love Batavia through her book "Little Town in a Big Woods".

Marilyn Robinson was the Batavia Depot Museum's historian for

more than 20 years. She spent countless hours in the Gustafson Research Center at the Museum. Shortly after Robinson's death, the Batavia Historical Society donated a room in the Research Center in her honor.

Marilyn enjoyed helping people with research inquiries, giving tours to third graders and helping with special events at the Depot Museum. "She dedicated her life to educating children and people



about the history of Batavia," said Carla Hill, Depot Museum Director, "She was always there."

For more information about the Marilyn Robinson memorial please contact Carla Hill at the Batavia Depot Museum at 630-406-5274.

Mark your calendars!

The Batavia Park District is offering a variety of events in 2012!

February

- 12—Daddy Daughter Date Night
- 19—Lincoln Dinner Theater
- 25—Toss for a Cause Bags Tournament

March

- 31—Easter Egg Hunt at Prairie Path Park
- 31—Doggy Egg Hunt at Batavia Bark Park

April

- 27—Spring Swing and Spaghetti Dinner

May

- 18—Touch a Truck Day

June

- 6—Super Savvy Senior Expo

July

- TBA—Windmill City Festival
- 20–22—Batavia Quilt & Textile Show

October

- TBA—Haunted Quarry

November

- 25—Celebration of Lights Festival



New Horizons Preschool registration is now open

Mission Statement/Philosophy:

The New Horizons Preschool program is designed to provide an opportunity for social and emotional growth as well as a beginning adjustment to a more formal school experience. The program is based on the philosophy that children learn more through play. Play

provides opportunities for children of all abilities to participate in common activities, yet allows for success and mastery. This is paramount in the foundation of self-esteem and self-confidence.

Program/Daily schedule:

Activities include manipulatives and sand/water tables, stories, music, finger plays, story writing, problem solving, and gross motor activities (outdoor play).

Registration deadlines and procedures for the 2012–2013 School Year:

Participants currently enrolled in New Horizons have first priority for registration. All other Batavia Park District residents need to bring in proof of residency, birth certificate, updated immunizations, and correct fees to the Eastside Community Center from January 3–20. On Monday, January 23, the lottery will take place for new students. Parents will be notified within a week regarding enrollment. Non-residents may enroll starting January 30. Parents must register their own children.

Classes: (Rates in effect for the 2012-2013 School Year)

Age	Day	Time	Fee
3 by 1/1/13	W	8:30–10:15am	\$69
3 by 1/1/13	W	10:30am–12:15pm	\$69
3 by 9/1/12	Tu/Th	9:30–11:30am	\$99
3 by 9/1/12	Tu/Th	12:30–2:30pm	\$99
4 by 9/1/12	M/W/F	9–11:30am	\$149
4 by 9/1/12	M/W/F	12:15–2:45pm	\$149
4 by 9/1/12	M/Tu/Th/F	9–11:30am	\$189
5 by 1/1/13	M/Tu/Th/F	12:15–3pm	\$209

Average class size: 12 students, 1 adult : 6 children

Fees: A \$20 non-refundable registration fee and the correct deposit is due to register.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rules at the Depot Pond

Cooperation from Area Residents—Please stay off thin, slushy ice and freshly sprayed ice. Snow, rain and warm weather spells may destroy many hours of work and make ice difficult to skate. When the red flag is flown, skating is prohibited!

Warming House—The Peg Bond Center will be open as an unsupervised warming house, weather permitting. Doors open at 8am and are locked at 5pm. Only the foyer and washrooms will be accessible. The Batavia Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The Peg Bond Center will be closed for rental use from January 1–February 14.

Below Zero Weather—The temperature must be below zero for several days for the ice to become thick enough for safe skating and 8" or greater of ice is required before pond is cleared for skating.

