



## **Memorandum**

### **March 11, 2026 Agenda Items**

To: Riverwalk Commission

From: Tiffani Picco, Riverwalk Operations Manager, 630-848-3590

Date: March 4, 2026

**Re: Naperville Park District's Monthly Field Report for the Riverwalk Commission Regular Meeting**

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### **Field Report for February, 2026:**

- All of the shepherd crook lights east of Main Street have been converted to warm white LED bulbs
- The walls and floors of the Fredenhagen restrooms have been painted
- Staff took advantage of warmer days to pressure wash the Grand Pavilion floor and picnic tables
- Staff identified several small locations where pavers were uneven/sinking and were able to reset them. More will continue throughout the year.
- Staff removed invasive buckthorn from the island in the river in section 8 and also removed invasive tree-of-heaven along the river behind Burger King
- We prepared for the return of several seasonal staff members who will start at the beginning of March

### **Carillon Update – (NPD)**

- Tours will resume for the summer starting in May

### **Other points of interest:**

- Warmer weather allowed staff to take down the hockey boards from the Centennial ice rinks and return them to storage
- Centennial Beach spring cleaning is scheduled to begin around Monday, March 23 depending on the weather
- The sled hill fencing on Rotary Hill is scheduled to be taken down by the end of March



The Park District intends to install signs at lower walk access points informing users that the lower walks are closed during flooding or when ice or snow is present. Historically during high water events when the river level is over the lower walks, staff have been expected to put caution tape across the lower walk entry points. Even the heavy-duty caution tape stretches in windy conditions and rips easily if users try to pull it or go under it, and we often find that users will rip it shortly after it is put in place. In addition, Park District park maintenance staff only work 8 hours per day Monday through Friday, and typically 4 hours each morning on weekends. If we get a heavy rain in the morning and the river level comes up later in the day, we don't have anyone available to put caution tape across the entry points. The intent is to install these signs to reduce the need to use caution tape during a normal high-water event, and also make a warning present at all times, not just when Parks staff is on duty. During times of extreme flooding when the river level reaches higher points, caution tape would still be used in those instances.

For safety reasons, the lower walks along the river are not cleared of snow in the winter. We do clear the upper paver paths that allow users to safely walk the Riverwalk from end to end throughout the winter.



