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Bolingbrook Park District, Village of Bolingbrook & Illinois DCFS Team Up to Promote Water Safety, Prevent Drowning

Public urged to supervise children in and near water

BOLINGBROOK, Ill. – As summer arrives, the Bolingbrook Park District, Village of Bolingbrook and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) are teaming up to remind all parents and caregivers to always supervise children when they are in and near water.

“This is the season to be safe outside,” said Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar. “Our priority is forming alliances that help us make 2018 the safest summer on record. This sentiment, underscored the impetus for the Village of Bolingbrook to collaborate with Illinois DCFS and the Bolingbrook Park District to promote water safety.”

“It is imperative that parents and caregivers watch children who are near and in water to prevent a tragedy,” said DCFS Acting Director B.J. Walker. “Let’s all work together to keep children safe this summer and all year round.”

In 2017, 20 Illinois children under the age of 18 lost their lives due to accidental drowning: 10 in pools, one in a water spring, five in bathtubs, one in a river, one in a lake and two in a pond. Drownings happen in seconds, in silence and in as little as one inch of water.

Audio versions of public service announcements aimed at promoting awareness about water safety are available in English or Spanish, click here: [Audio PSA](#) to download.

For more water safety tips, including posters and coloring books for children, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs>

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The Bolingbrook Park District The Bolingbrook Park District is a public parks and recreation agency that operates two community centers, an indoor/outdoor aquatic park, golf course, banquet hall and restaurant, two fitness centers, two outdoor skate parks, a sports complex, nature center and conservation area, and 48 parks along with their many playgrounds, picnic shelters and over 1087 acres of land. Pelican Harbor Indoor/Outdoor Aquatic Park is facility of the Bolingbrook Park District and provides year-round family fun. Whether you're celebrating your birthday, having group outings, or learning to swim, Pelican Harbor has something for every swimmer, no matter the age or ability. Featuring more fun attractions and family-friendly adventures, Pelican Harbor's indoor/outdoor set-up guarantees fun even in less-than-ideal weather.

Illinois DCFS receives, investigates and acts upon a report of child abuse or neglect every five minutes. Tens of thousands of children are safer thanks to those who call our Child Abuse hotline, 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) each year. Working together, we can ensure a safe, loving home and brighter future for every child.

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