

Medallion Hunt

The code used on the site clues this year was the Dancing Men Cipher. It is a cipher used in Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventures of the Dancing Men" story with the famous detective Sherlock Holmes cracking the code. In this code, each dancing man represents a different letter of the English alphabet.

Week #1 CLUE: An anniversary celebration is close at hand with fun, food, friends and even a band. You'll find there is fun for one or for all something for big, something for small. To serve the community, partnering is best When scoring a goal or hosting a fest.

HINT: There is a hint toward this park in noting the anniversary celebration this year of PrairieFest and highlighting all that can be enjoyed at the Fest. The park location is a partnership between the Oswegoland Park District and SD308 and when not used for PrairieFest is often the home of soccer and flag football games.

LOCATION: PrairieFest Park

DECODED: Thirty years has been this fest



Week #2 CLUE: Although this name is all about boating – Ducks, leaves and small fish are all you'll see floating. If hiking and biking are what you love most – Trails and a bridge will serve as your guidepost. As far as your hidden clue is concerned – Locating it will be a treasure you surely will earn.

HINT: There is a hint in the name of this park with the reference to boating (marina), the bridge that leads over the river and the path that is a favorite of hikers and bikers along the Fox River.

LOCATION: Marina Woods Park

DECODED: Each year bigger than the rest

Week #3

- CLUE:** Relax by the lake and cast out a line.
Splash around in the summer – the water’s just fine.
Or sit and admire the garden up close
As cold rain falls and spring blooms boast.
You might be surprised when you hear
There’s something to do every month of the year.
- HINT:** Highlighted in this clue are the many things that can be enjoyed at this location throughout all seasons of the year: fishing, swimming in the pool, admiring the rain garden and the subsequent spring blooms that abound on all parts of this park.
- LOCATION:** Winrock Park
- DECODED:** Celebrate with us in style

Week #4

- CLUE:** A civic group helped to develop this land
Digging and building through both dirt and sand
Creating a space to picnic or play,
Grill, swing or see a cardinal or jay
Travel the streets of this neighborhood
Where once a stock farm and playhouse once stood
- HINT:** Some of the clues to this location include the civic group responsible for helping to develop the land – the Oswego Jaycees, the tie to the community where once the Boulder Hill Playhouse was located and the amenities found at the park: playground, picnic area, and grill.
- LOCATION:** Jaycee Park
- DECODED:** Sample food or run a mile

Week #5

- CLUE:** The Old Chief was a mighty warrior, proud and tall –
His village was made up of creeks, lakes and ponds great and small.
The Pottawatomie tribe enjoyed fish as part of their daily diet –
You might too, but won’t be able to try it.
Those who came after tilled crops from the ground
By the “break of day” your clue can be found.
- HINT:** The references to this location include a nod to the historic Native Americans that once lived in the area, the various bodies of water found there along with a subtle clue to farming in the line “those who came after tilled crops from the ground”
- LOCATION:** Farmington Lakes Park
- DECODED:** See old friends and make some new

Week #6

- CLUE: You've gone to so much trouble,
But now it looks like you're seeing double.
Pull out your clues; this is no time to fret
Pluck a few strings as you watch the sunset.
The late 1800's and settlers brought this which was odd
Native to Europe and Asia it quickly took hold
- HINT: A reference to the tennis courts at this park – "seeing double", bluegrass music "pluck a few strings" and an historic note to the bluegrass "The late 1800's and settlers brought this..." are clues to this location.
- LOCATION: Blue Grass Park
- DECODED: At this event, which welcomes you

At the 6th location, Blue Grass Park, an additional clue was located there, noting if you plotted each park location on a map and connected them together, the shape of a heart would be found. This is a reference to PrairieFest – "The Festival You Know By Heart". A final nod to the destination could be found in the reference to a compass direction and the line "where neighbors meet to sow by May".

Medallion's Location South Point Community Gardens

Decoding the dancing men at each location, putting the lines together creates the poem in its entirety:

Thirty years has been this fest
Each year bigger than the rest
Celebrate with us in style
Sample food or run a mile
See old friends and make some new
At this event, which welcomes you