



Medallion Hunt

The code featured in the puzzle pieces this year was the Pigpen Cipher. It is a geometric simple substitution cipher, which exchanges letters for symbols which are fragments of a grid.

Week #1 CLUE: Have we got some very good news
The hunt is back with a slew of new clues
Time to work off your quarantine paunch
Grab your bike or your shoes
You've got nothing to lose
Hit the trails! We are ready to Launch!

LOCATION: Saw Wee Kee Park

HINT: Saw Wee Kee is known for it's series of trails used for mountain biking, horses, and a series of runs on trails. There is also a canoe launch located along the river.

DECODED: Letters A A A



Week #2 CLUE: The hunt continues another week
A place with roots you shall seek
Here we add up the pounds
To share with our town
Volunteers keep it on fleek

LOCATION: Prairie Point Pantry Garden

HINT: The "roots" in the clue refer to all of the fresh produce grown in the Prairie Point Pantry Garden. This volunteer managed garden donates approximately 5000 pounds of fresh produce annually to as a member of the Northern Illinois Food Bank program.

DECODED: Letters E F G I

Week #3 CLUE: Back when our town first began
The clever settlers had a plan
To harness the Fox to ease their load
As they modified lumber from down the road

LOCATION: Troy Park

HINT: This historical hint refers to the sawmill that operated on this property in the second half of the 1800s.

DECODED: Letters K K L

Week #4 CLUE: You can find this place with ease
Thinking of resources gained from trees
A neighborhood site both plain and grand
The next puzzle piece is close at hand

LOCATION: Timber Wood Park

HINT: This neighborhood park is in the "Grand" Park area of "Plain"-field. We can get timber and/or wood from trees.

DECODED: Letters M N N

Week #5 CLUE: Put on your wellies and grab a reel
You can't keep it, it is not a meal
Look to the ground and have a blast
Discovering relics from ages past

LOCATION: Waubonsie Park

HINT: This park is perfect for some catch and release fishing, and the area is known for fossils!

DECODED: Letters O P S

Week #6 CLUE: Bricks and lanterns welcome you in
On each visit you end where you begin
Travel the route of a quarter's name
To have a picnic near gangster's fame

HINT: An ornate gate greets you at the entrance to this creekside park, accessed from Route 25. There only one way in and out of the park, which is located near a home believed to be the former residence of a doctor connected with nefarious Chicago gangsters.

LOCATION: Stonegate Park

DECODED: Letters R R T

Medallion's Location Farmington Lakes Park

With the sixth puzzle piece, we included a reference to "Charlie Brown's friend". Pigpen is featured along with Charlie Brown in the Peanuts comics. Once the Pigpen cipher is applied to all of the symbols, you have the letters aaa efgi kkl mnn ops rrt. They are all of the letters in the final location (Farmington Lakes Park) in alphabetical order.