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Armstrong Park, Other Facilities Take in Heavy Rain During Fourth of July Weekend Storms



Looking northeast, the Armstrong Park Reservoir in Carol Stream is nearly at capacity. DuPage Stormwater began to dewater on July 7 following multiple storms. The two-reservoir system takes in excess water naturally from Klein Creek, which runs along the east end of the park. Once the first reservoir fills to a certain height, it is pumped into the larger reservoir. Once creek levels recede, water is pumped back into the creek through a pipe located on the southwest end of the reservoir.

The Fourth of July weekend started with a bang for SWM staff, as intense rain beginning on Thursday, July 2nd prompted the overnight operation of the Elmhurst Quarry and Armstrong Park Reservoir. Rain continued to pour over the weekend, requiring full operation of all DuPage County flood control facilities. The amount of rainfall varied greatly across the county, ranging from about 3.75 inches to more than 7.5 inches. The Department estimates that the regional facilities diverted or detained more than 654 million gallons of water during this event. From Friday through Monday, SWM field crews and office staff mobilized to support the most heavily impacted areas. SWM's drainage division responded to reports of localized flooding throughout the county, and continues to investigate these reports.

Filming Takes Place at Elmhurst Quarry Amidst Stabilization Project

Around Town

Each summer, SWM staff assists the Illinois EPA with monitoring and sampling for harmful algal blooms in DuPage County. Algal blooms are caused by high levels of nutrients, which can



SWM Committee Chair Jim Zay and Director Sarah Hunn stopped by the Elmhurst Quarry while film crews were setting up for a shoot later that night. Hard hats are essential when you're under the keyway!

SWM recently welcomed a major film company to the Elmhurst Quarry to shoot scenes for an as-yet-unannounced project. Filming was able to take place with minimal interruption to the ongoing High Wall Stabilization Project. For this project, the contractor continues to install rock bolts and high-strength mesh along the walls of the keyway and adjacent east and west lobes. Work is expected to continue through Thanksgiving. Stormwater Committee Chair Jim Zay stopped by on the day of filming to check out the set up and also progress on the stabilization work.

[Watch a guided tour of the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility.](#)

Registration for Hydric Soils ID Course Ends August 1st

There is still time to register for the Illinois Soil Classifiers Association's "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils", a two-day training course sponsored in part by DuPage Stormwater Management. The course is taking place at Lake County's Stormwater Management Commission Headquarters and various field locations across the County's forest preserves. All levels of background and experience are welcome. The class is limited to 50 participants, so reserve your place today!

[Register Here](#)

be found in lawn fertilizer and pet waste. These nutrients are carried to waterways via stormwater runoff. As some algae blooms grow, they can produce toxins that are harmful to people, pets and wildlife. Residents may report algae or other water quality concerns to SWM through the online [Citizen Reporter App](#). However, not all algae is toxic! Harmful blooms typically look like spilled bright green paint or pea soup.



Upcoming Events

Roselle Senior Expo

Thursday, July 30, 2026, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SWM will be tabling at this event for seniors hosted by Illinois Representative Jennifer Sanalidro and Senator Seth Lewis. Attendees will be able to engage a wide variety of organizations offering services for seniors, including everything from health screenings to advice from a master gardener.

[More Info](#)

Heroes & Helicopters Community Showcase

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The heroes in our community of course begin with our first responders but there are so many other organizations that serve our community and are heroes as well.

Join us for a day of exploration hosted by Illinois Senator Laura Ellman and Representative Janet Yang Rohr, beginning with the medical helicopter scheduled to land at 10AM. Enjoy a close up view of trucks and equipment used by our first responders. Engage with all of the organizations that are participating in our event and sharing how they are serving our community.

[More Info](#)

Bloomingtondale Children's Safety Expo

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SWM will be tabling at this free family event at Erickson Elementary School in Bloomingtondale! Tons of trucks will be there from all kinds of government services for kids to play on, along with plenty of activities and giveaways. Sponsored by State Senator Seth Lewis and Representatives Amy Grant and Jennifer Sanalidro.

[More Info](#)



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