

# NATURE NEWSLETTER

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Living Alongside Nature

## THIS MONTH:

Welcome To  
Riverside Sports  
Complex



# Pastimes & Plants

## 1. Monarch Mania

The Park District has Planted hundreds of Butterfly Milkweed, which is the preferred host plant of the Monarch Butterfly.

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## 2. What's the Buzz?

Over 70 species of native flowering plants exist in the Soccer Complex and are important to helping pollinators including the 500+ species of bees that call Illinois home.

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## 3. A Snake in the Grass

The first harmless garter snake to be found in the complex is using the natural area as home (instead of your back yard).

## 4. Amphibian Explosion

Several different species of frogs have utilized the sensitive wetland habitat to reproduce and lay thousands of eggs.

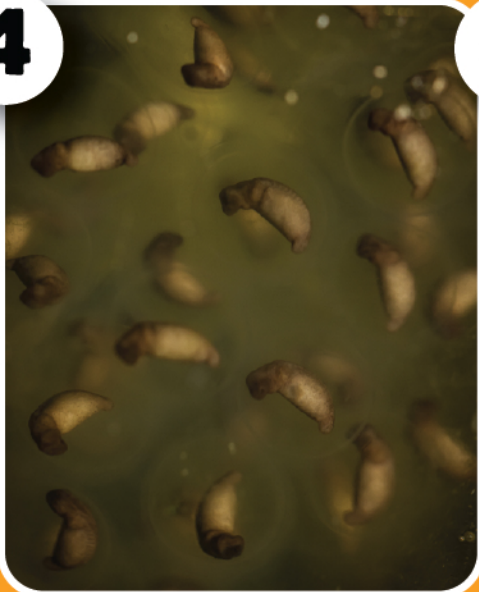
## 5. A Bountiful Buffet

Different bird species such as Dickcissel and Savannah Sparrow (pictured) use the habitat as both nesting and feeding areas.

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