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Spencer Odea of Willow Springs gives the new playground equipment a try at Pleasant Dale Park District's newest park. The playground, on 79th Street in front of the Savoy Club subdivision, will be dedicated Saturday morning.

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Christina Bianco of Willow Springs goes head first down a slide at Pleasant Dale Park District's newest park, which will be dedicated Saturday with a treasure hunt, a ribbon cutting and food from Whole Foods.

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Joshua Heath pushes his pal, Keaton Walsh, on a swing at the new park in Burr Ridge. The boys, both from Willow Springs, visited the park with the Pleasant Dale Park District day camp Tuesday.

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## Kid-designed Savoy Club playground ready for action

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There's a new place to play in Burr Ridge.

Pleasant Dale Park District will dedicate its newest park during a grand opening celebration from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, July 25.

Karla Olson, marketing communications coordinator for the park district, said the morning will be filled with activities for children and their families.

First, a formal ribbon cutting will be held and the name of the district's sixth park will be revealed.

"We did a naming contest," Olson said. Residents of all ages were invited to suggest names for the new park, located at the entrance to the new Savoy subdivision on 79th Street west of Wolf Road.

"We got a lot of cute, creative names," Olson said.

At 10:30 a.m., children will embark on a treasure hunt that will help them explore every corner of the .64-acre property. They'll use a treasure map and clues to find their way around. At 11 a.m., families will take part in a water balloon toss, sack races and other games that will make full use of the park's open space. Olson said participants will receive pirate-themed prizes.

The new park sits on land donated by the developer of Savoy Club and includes equipment chosen by last year's summer day campers. Among their must-haves was the "pointe and the pinnacle," a climbing apparatus that resembles a large rock.

"They thought that was really cool," Olson said.

The playground also includes a swing set with swings for children and babies, a tot-sized play area with slides and a pint-sized rock wall, as well as a larger play apparatus for older kids. The larger piece includes a rope climb, a twisting set of monkey bars and a very popular rolling slide, among other features.

"The playground is designed for kids 5 to 12 years old," Olson said.

Also included in the park is a handicap-accessible picnic table, a bench, and waste and recycling receptacles, all made from recycled material.

The completed playground came in just under budget, Olson said, at \$89,000.