

Students compete for parking



Indian Hill Station, one of the \$500 spots a senior can pay for | Scherman

Demand for parking drives rental price of driveways up

by Cammy Wray and Anna Ferguson

Parking at New Trier has always been a prominent issue, often causing fights over who will get the better spot and arguments with the person selling the spot to get the best price.

Due to intense competition for spots, students have already started applying for spots for next year. "Time is too short to get into a bidding war, we take the first three cars. We only have two spots left for next school year," Angela O'Keefe, a driveway owner, said.

Demand for parking spots is so high that driveway renters do not need to advertise. "We don't advertise the spots, demand is pretty high," O'Keefe said, "we charge \$3,400 [per spot]."

As you get farther away from campus, the price of the spot decreases but the demand is still high. A family who wishes to remain anonymous leases a spot further from the school. "We charge \$2,000 to park for the entire year, \$1,000 per semester," they said.

Junior Amanda Stiffler is one

of the students who has been trying to apply for a spot for next year already. "The spot I'm trying to get next year I have to compete for, and I have been."

The driveway spots are typically closer than the school provided train station and Elder Beach spots. Additionally, only seniors can purchase one of the school's spots, so for many families, the driveway spots are the best choice.

Students often find out about the spots through connections to the driveway seller's family. Most of the time, the student's family pulls strings to be able to get them a spot close to school in someone's driveway before anyone else even has a shot at trying to get the spot.

Randy Lauer, the father of junior Jack Lauer, found the spot for his son easily because of the owner of the spot was a close family friend. "Jack is lucky enough to have access to a car, and leasing a parking spot from a family we know was very convenient and easy," Lauer said.

"I think right now we will look into both parking options, though I think leasing the same spot from someone in the neighborhood is probably the easiest option," Lauer said.

Getting these spots might seem uncommon and like a luxury

only a few students get to have, but that isn't the case for most of the students here. "Most of my friends do," Stiffler said.

These spots seem to be a necessity for the students who can't be dropped off by their parents or find another way to get to school. "To try to get my parents to drive me, that'd be a no go," senior Tristan Jacobs said. Many students' parents work, so finding rides every day to school can be difficult.

"We charge \$3,400 [per spot]," O'Keefe said of her three spots directly across the street from the school.

An alternate option to buying a driveway spot is buying one of the spots at the Indian Hill train station. Junior Maggie Desmond chose to park at the station instead of buying a driveway spot.

"I park at the train station because it's way cheaper than finding a driveway," Desmond said. One of the main factors that goes into choosing a spot at the train station over a spot in a driveway is cost; it is much more expensive to rent a spot in a driveway.

The longer walk, however, is enough for some to rent a driveway spot instead, but many students would rather walk than pay more for a closer spot. "I'm not going to buy a driveway spot next year because it is too expensive and the train station is close enough," Desmond said.

Getting a spot at the train station may be less expensive, but it's more complicated than buying one in a driveway. Director of student life Athena Aravantis is one of the directors of the process of getting a spot.

"We have an application, students will fill it out and apply for a spot, then we put all the applications in a lottery, and contact the people who were chosen and let them know we have a spot for them," Aravantis said.

The spots also might be less expensive, but they definitely aren't free either. "We charge \$500 for the spot," Aravantis said.

"[Parking] is a huge issue here, I think if there was a bigger parking lot, or a lot closer to school it wouldn't be as much of an issue," Stiffler said.

Heroin continued

drug is, how available and how cheap the drug is, to help anyone—it would be worth it."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse heroin can be injected, inhaled by snorting or sniffing, or smoked. All three routes of administration deliver the drug to the brain very rapidly.

Heroin is an inexpensive drug, ranging from \$8 to \$10 dollars for

a small bag. It is easy to obtain in the Chicago area, seeing as it is ranked by Northshore Secret Heroin Problem as the, 'worst in the nation for heroin related problems.'

In 2010, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reported over 10,000 primary drug abuse episodes related to heroin abuse in Illinois, surpassing the use of all other drugs.

Return of Kings continued

from the country before scheduled meet-ups in Glasgow, Edinburgh, London and Cardiff has surpassed 50,000 signatures, even though he is not expected to be present at those meetings."

Despite the intention of creating a safe place for members of this organization to meet, in an ironic turn, the event was eventually canceled due to members feeling unsafe and threatened.

Not only was the whole organization targeted for their views, but according to The Guardian, "The online vigilante group Anonymous circulated [Valizadeh's] address and phone number, and the Daily Mail published photos of him in

the doorway of a house in the Washington D.C. area, where the supposed globetrotter apparently lives with his mother."

Even though the group is insistent on not being shamed or punished for their beliefs, and coming out of the shadows of the Internet, the uproar from countries around the world put a stop to the meet ups on Feb. 6.

Valizadeh announced, in a post on the ROK website on Feb. 3, "I can no longer guarantee the safety or privacy of the men who want to attend on February 6, especially since most of the meet ups can not be made private in time."

New athletic director continued

July 1 2016, Fontanetta plans to bring change to the department with the help of the New Trier community.

Dubravec said, "Right now, he's meeting with Mr. Oberembt and some other key stakeholders within the institution. I think once he gets here he'll talk to coaches and students and come up with his plan of what he sees as important issues to take on."

Fontanetta said, "I believe the combination of my teaching and coaching experience at New Trier and my administrative experience in District 211 will be a benefit to [New Trier's] athletic program. I am particularly looking forward to improving our athletic facilities."

Fontanetta said it's, "Probably a little early to identify specific changes at this point, but I am excited about creating and enhancing our

facilities."

Oberembt said, "I think he has some big plans for the things that he'd like to see done. He's got some really concrete ideas about what he'd like to add."

Bob Spagnoli, teacher and the girls track and field coach, has known Fontanetta since 1987 when he began coaching him on the Notre Dame Dons football team in Niles.

Spagnoli said on the football team, "He was a leader, hard-worker, dedicated to his team, showed compassion towards his teammates, and was really an asset to the program. He was a funny kid, he had a good nature about him, and everything I remember about him from high school is nothing but fantastic."

Referendum fails to address athletic facilities

Space continues to be an issue for the athletic department

by Alex Levine

New Trier's recently passed referendum is making renovations to the 115 year old East campus including a new Fine Arts building, 25 new classrooms, a new library and a new cafeteria.

What is not included is anything regarding the New Trier Athletic Department.

The 2010 proposal included a new gym, field house and other fitness facilities, but those upgrades are not included in this year's referendum.

"Those decisions are the responsibility of the Board of Education. They do get a lot of input from school administration and the community," New Trier Athletic Director Randy Oberembt said.

Oberembt went on to explain that the referendum that did not pass a few years ago included a new field house and gym, but the cost and scope of the project was too much to convince voters to pass it.

In order to address different athletic needs, "the school district created a Master Athletic Facilities Planning Committee. The job of that committee would be to identify and prioritize the needs of different athletic facilities," Oberembt said. "Certainly [the] Gates Gym, a field house, 400 meter track are all gonna be somewhere on that list."

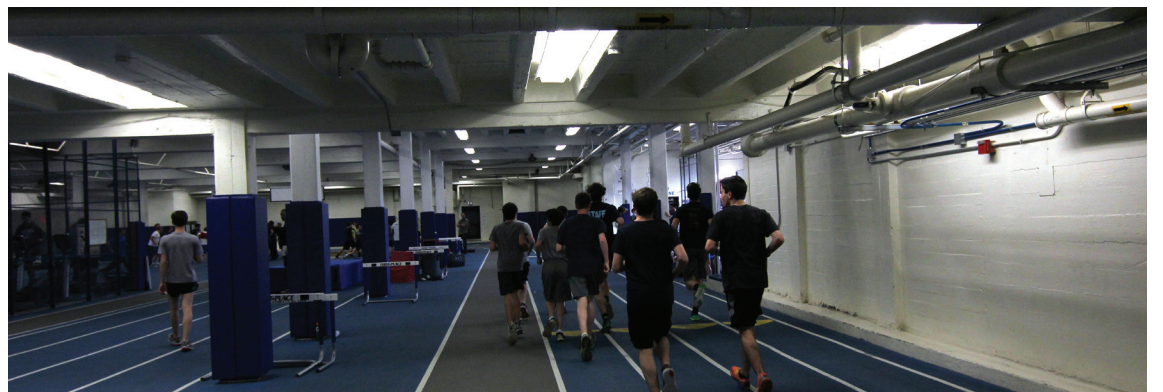
Gates Gym was built in 1928 and besides the upkeep of the wood floor, there have not been many renovations to the 88 year old building. Oberembt explained that one possible reason for this is to preserve the gym's history.

"We need to find a balance between the desire to keep those memories and that place alive, which are very important to the community, against the improvement for future generations," Oberembt said.

The field house, also presents some challenges to the Track-and-Field teams. The indoor track is only about 130 meters long, significantly shorter than the typical 200 meters.

And, with over 180 athletes on the boys and girls teams, space becomes a serious problem.

The coaches have recognized these challenges to their athletes.



Athletes continue to feel cramped as facilities, such as the field house, remain short on practice space | Scherman

Boys Track-and-Field Coach Mark Wukas said, "Given that we share the field house with the girls track team, it is challenging to hold practice there. Through give and take and compromise we can fit all of our athletes into that sardine can."

A new field house could solve some of these problems. "We have the oldest facility [In the CSL conference]. New Trier must plan to build a field house on the North athletic fields. It would help every sport and provide a recreation facility for the community. Total win-win," said Wukas.

The Fly Solo room, the schools

main weight-lifting room, also presents a challenge for students space-wise.

Junior Daniel McNerney, a former football player, said "at the end of each work out in the Fly Solo room we'd do core workouts and sometimes it was so cramped in there that there wasn't enough space for everyone to do it."

The tennis courts at the Winnetka campus are also not up to par for New Trier's tennis players. Senior Scott Bickel said, "The tennis courts at the East Campus are pretty pathetic... They don't even have doubles alleys on a few of the courts."

In Bickel's opinion, the bad condition of the courts affects more than just the tennis players. "We need to get some real, legitimate courts that are with in walking distance of the school. They're killing our fan base too, because nobody wants to drive to courts off campus."

A brand new field house, Gates Gym renovation, and new tennis courts would be an expensive project. However, Oberembt justified that cost.

"In the long run there is a cost benefit to a new facility in terms of utilities, maintenance, and safety."