Bowen Park Theatre Company Presents
*The Prisoner of Second Avenue*

**Waukegan, IL (March 19, 2009)** – The Bowen Park Theatre Company’s next production is Neil Simon’s, *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* first staged in New York in 1975, It will be performed on March 20, 21, 27, 28, and 29 and April 3 & 4, 2009 at the Lynn Schornick Theatre, 39 Jack Benny Drive. All performances have an 8pm curtain time except Sunday, March 29th when curtain time is 3pm. Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for seniors and military, and $10 for students with IDs. Visa, Master Card, and Discover are accepted. Tickets are also available at Ticketweb.com. For more information, call the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847/360-4740.

*The Prisoner of Second Avenue* is a story about Mel and Edna who are a middle-class, middle-aged, and middle-happy couple living in an apartment in a Manhattan high rise. It is discovered that Mel has lost his job. The neighbors are too loud, the garbage in the street stinks and they are robbed. Imagine the insult when Mel’s family visits to help him overcome his worsening mental and financial condition. You will find out how Mel and Edna finally cope with the battles life presents them by attending one of the performances.
*The Prisoner of Second Avenue* is considered one of Neil Simon’s darker comedies and was chosen by the Artistic Director, Jason Clark to stimulate an artistic discussion of our current economic times. This production is directed by Jason Clark and stars David Sweeney as Mel Edison and Erin Monahan as Edna Edison. Other cast members are Mark Kettner as Harry Edison, Julie M. Koerner as Pearl, Jennifer Peterson-Vehrs as Jessie and Laura Jansen as Pauline.

**About the Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, the Bowen Park Opera Company, and the Haines Historical Museum. Sixty-seven authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.