



Master Vision 2018-2028



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Dear Resident:

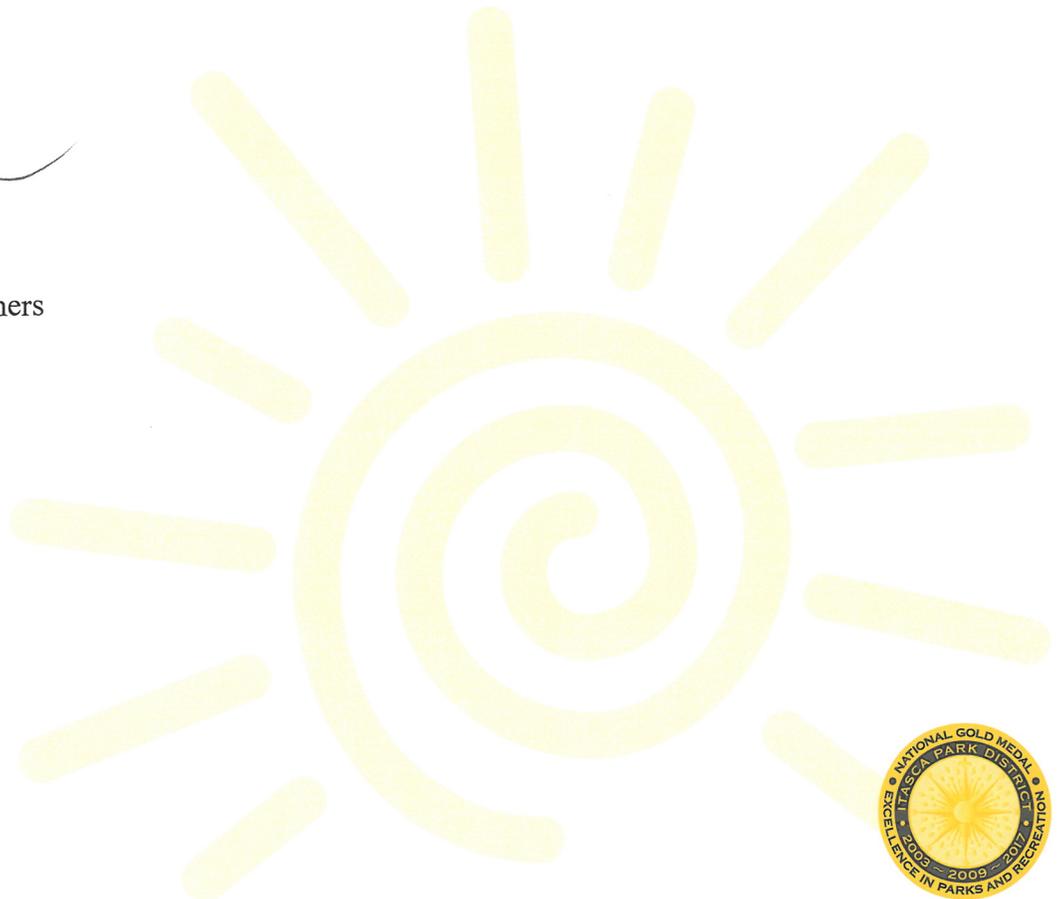
On behalf of the Park Board of Commissioners, it is my pleasure to present the 2018-2028 Master Vision of the Itasca Park District. The Park District began the concept of long-range planning with the first Master Plan in 1978. An updating process occurs within the four-year Strategic Plan every year. With each revision, the Master Plan improves as a working document.

The 2018-2028 Master Vision is a vision of the Park District over the next 10-year period. The Vision is designed to encompass all aspects of the Park District's operations, including finance, personnel, parks, land acquisition and development, facilities, and programs.

Thank you for taking the time to be an involved and interested citizen of the Itasca community.

Sincerely,

Linda Aianni
President
Board of Commissioners



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Itasca Park District is to efficiently and economically provide education, recreation, facilities and open space that are designed to provide health and wellness, social equity and conservation experiences that benefit the community.





Itasca

**Park District
Itasca, IL**

STRATEGIC GOALS FRAMEWORK

Aligned with the District Mission

Mission: To efficiently and economically provide education, recreation, facilities, and open space designed to deliver health and wellness, social equity, and conservation experiences that benefit the community.

GOAL 1



Health & Wellness for All

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Expand multigenerational recreation and fitness offerings
- ✓ Enhance parks, trails, and active spaces
- ✓ Increase participation through outreach and partnerships

Measures of Success

- ✓ Annual participation growth
- ✓ Increased utilization of parks and facilities
- ✓ Positive community satisfaction ratings

GOAL 2



Equity, Inclusion & Community Connection

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Strengthen scholarship and financial assistance programs
- ✓ Expand adaptive and inclusive recreation opportunities
- ✓ Conduct targeted outreach to underserved populations

Measures of Success

- ✓ Increased program access across demographics
- ✓ Scholarship utilization rates
- ✓ Community feedback reflecting inclusivity

GOAL 3



Environmental Stewardship & Conservation

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Implement sustainable operational practices
- ✓ Protect and enhance open space and habitats

Measures of Success

- ✓ Reduced energy and resource consumption
- ✓ Acres of preserved or improved natural areas
- ✓ Participation in environmental programming

GOAL 4



Exceptional Facilities & Infrastructure

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Execute a proactive Capital Improvement Plan
- ✓ Improve accessibility and ADA compliance.
- ✓ Utilize asset management best practices

Measures of Success

- ✓ Completion of CIP projects on schedule and budget
- ✓ Facility condition index improvements
- ✓ Grant funding secured annually

GOAL 5



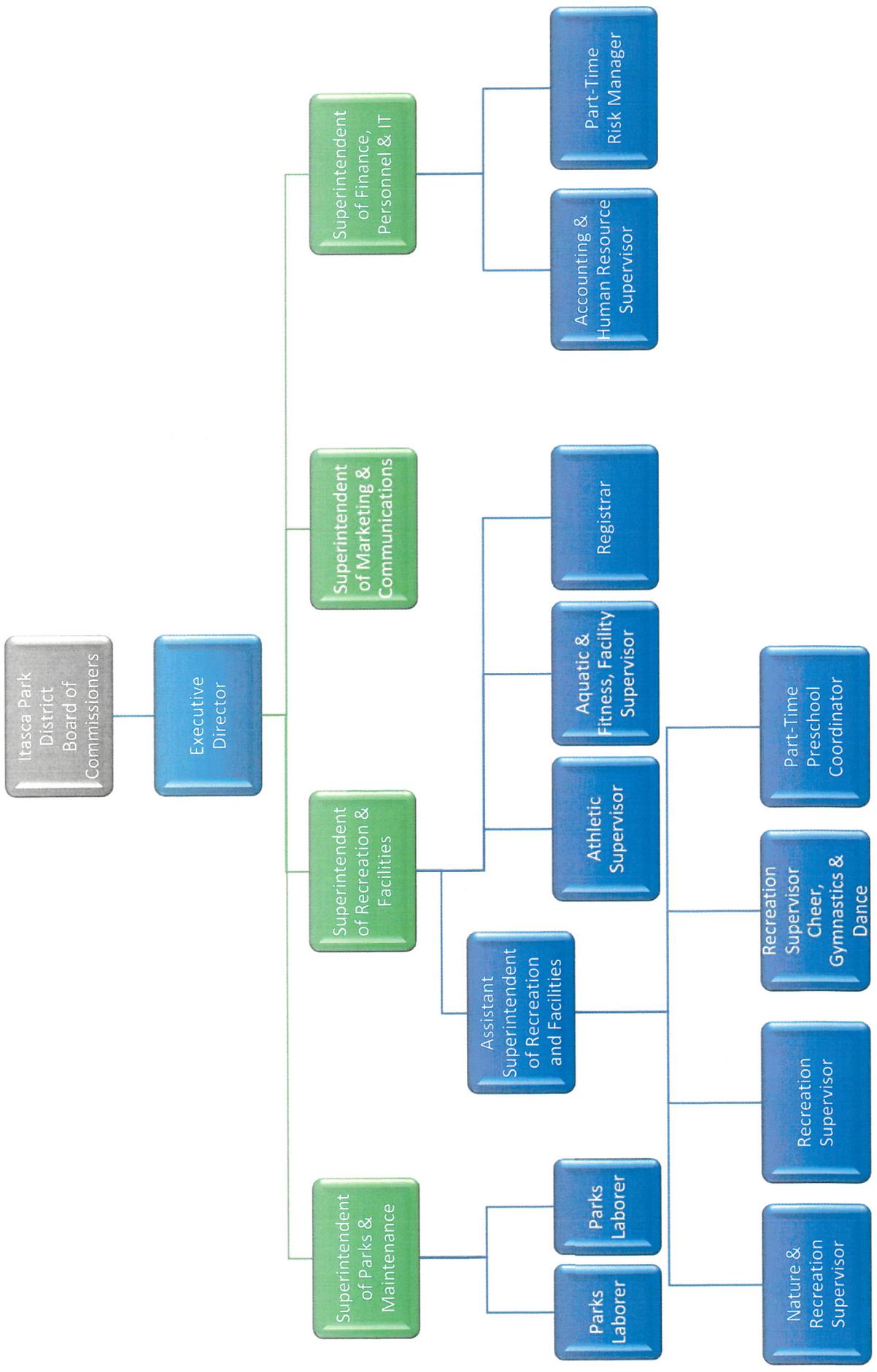
Fiscal Responsibility & Organizational Excellence

Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Maintain balanced budgets and strong reserves
- ✓ Improve operational efficiencies
- ✓ Invest in program development and leadership training
- ✓ Strengthen communication and transparency with stakeholders

Measures of Success

- ✓ Annual clean audit
- ✓ Grant acquisition
- ✓ Alternative Revenue Sources (sponsorships, donations, collaborations)
- ✓ Employee retention and engagement rates
- ✓ Community trust and satisfaction metrics



Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Park Metrics
Amenity Benchmark Comparison



Existing Population 2026

Itasca Park District		Park Metrics Facility Median	Comparison	
Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median	Above / Below Median	Highest to Lowest

OUTDOOR DAY USE FACILITIES					
Playgrounds	8	7	5.59	1.4	13
Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations	3	3	1.11	1.9	15
Dog Park	1	1	0.73	0.3	10
Skate Park	1	1	0.98	0.0	8
Golf Course - 18-holes	0	0	ISD	ISD	ISD
Golf Course - 9-holes	0	0	1.28	-1.3	3
Driving Range Stations	0	0	1.28	-1.3	2
Disc Golf Course	0	0	1.04	-1.0	5
Ice Rink	1	1	1.03	0.0	7
Community Gardens	2	2	0.98	1.0	12
Swimming Pools	1	1	0.81	0.2	9
Splashpads	0	0	0.68	-0.7	6

OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES					
Basketball Courts	6	5	2.37	2.6	17
Pickleball Courts	6	6	3.79	2.2	16
Tennis Courts	4	4	2.32	1.7	14
Multiuse Courts - Tennis/Pickleball	0	0	4.60	-4.6	1
Volleyball Courts	2	2	1.35	0.6	11
Diamond Fields - Softball/Baseball	8	8	4.52	3.5	19
Rectangular Fields - Soccer/Lacrosse/Football	5	5	2.10	2.9	18
Synthetic Rectangular Fields	0	0	1.14	-1.1	4

* Amenities not recorded in Park Metrics are labeled as Insufficient Data (ISD)

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 8,399

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Amenity Benchmark Comparison



Existing Population 2026

	Itasca Park District		Illinois SCORP Average	Comparison	
	Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	Above / Below Benchmark	Highest to Lowest
WATER-BASED FACILITIES					
Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	0	0	3.4	-3.4	1
Boat Launch Ramps / Access	0	0	1.0	-1.0	2
Swimming Pools	1	1	0.2	0.8	15
Spray Grounds / Splash Pads	0	0	0.2	-0.2	5
TRAILS					
Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	3.5	3.5	1.4	2.1	19
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)	3	3	1.8	1.2	18
OUTDOOR DAY USE FACILITIES					
Dog Parks	1	1	0.1	0.9	16
Picnic Shelters	9	9	1.7	7.3	26
Playgrounds	8	7	3.4	3.6	22
OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES					
Basketball Courts	6	5	2.1	2.9	20
Volleyball Courts	2	2	1.4	0.6	13
Pickleball Courts	6	6	ISD	ISD	ISD
Tennis Courts	4	4	4.1	-0.1	6
Baseball Fields**	8	8	2.2	5.8	24
Softball Fields**	8	8	1.2	6.8	25
Football Fields	0	0	0.5	-0.5	3
Soccer Fields	5	5	1.5	3.5	21
Field Hockey	0	0	0.0	0.0	11
Running Tracks	0	0	0.4	-0.4	4
Golf Driving Range	0	0	0.0	0.0	11
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)	0	0	0.0	0.0	8
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)	0	0	0.0	0.0	8
Frisbee Golf	0	0	0.1	-0.1	7
Skate Park	4	4	0.1	3.9	23
Ice Rinks	1	1	0.3	0.7	14
Bocce Court	1	1	0.0	1.0	17
Horseshoe Pits	2	2	2.0	0.0	10

* Amenities not recorded in SCORP are labeled as Insufficient Data (ISD)
 **IPD records Baseball and Softball Fields in a single category

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 8,399

QuickFacts
Itasca village, Illinois

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All Topics



Itasca village,
Illinois

Population estimates, July 1, 2025, (V2025)	NA
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PEOPLE

Population	
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Population estimates, July 1, 2025, (V2025)	NA
Population estimates, July 1, 2024, (V2024)	9,506
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2025)	NA
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2024)	9,563
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2025, (V2025)	NA
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2024, (V2024)	-0.6%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	9,543
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	8,649

Age and Sex

Persons under 5 years, percent	2.4%
Persons under 18 years, percent	21.0%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	14.6%
Female persons, percent	52.9%

Race and Hispanic Origin

White alone, percent	70.3%
Black alone, percent (a)	0.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	0.0%
Asian alone, percent (a)	13.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	12.7%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	13.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	67.1%

Population Characteristics

Veterans, 2020-2024	141
Foreign-born persons, percent, 2020-2024	23.9%

Housing

Housing Units, July 1, 2024, (V2024)	X
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2020-2024	69.3%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2020-2024	\$390,800
Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2020-2024	\$2,866
Median selected monthly owner costs - without a mortgage, 2020-2024	\$1,008
Median gross rent, 2020-2024	\$1,892
Building Permits, 2024	X

Families & Living Arrangements

Households, 2020-2024	3,754
Persons per household, 2020-2024	2.45
Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2020-2024	89.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2020-2024	32.0%

Computer and Internet Use

Households with a computer, percent, 2020-2024	97.9%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2020-2024	94.9%

Education

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020-2024	
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020-2024	

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Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	7.1%
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Economy

In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2020-2024	71.5%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2020-2024	64.5%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2022 (\$1,000) (c)	56,751
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000) (c)	361,635
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000) (c)	942,431
Total retail sales, 2022 (\$1,000) (c)	80,907
Total retail sales per capita, 2022 (c)	\$8,634

Transportation

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2020-2024	25.9
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Income & Poverty

Median households income (in 2024 dollars), 2020-2024	\$114,294
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2024 dollars), 2020-2024	\$62,712
Persons in poverty, percent	2.0%

BUSINESSES

Businesses

Total employer establishments, 2023	X
Total employment, 2023	X
Total annual payroll, 2023 (\$1,000)	X
Total employment, percent change, 2022-2023	X
Total nonemployer establishments, 2023	X
All employer firms, Reference year 2022	641
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	124
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	395
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	115
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	424
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	5
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2022	539

GEOGRAPHY

Geography

Population per square mile, 2020	1,900.2
Population per square mile, 2010	1,746.8
Land area in square miles, 2020	5.02
Land area in square miles, 2010	4.95
FIPS Code	1737907

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Value Notes

Methodology differences may exist between data sources, and so estimates from different sources are not comparable.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info icon to the left of each row in TABLE VI to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., V2025) refers to the final year of the series (2020 thru 2025). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

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Footnote Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Value Flags

- D Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
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- FN Footnote on this item in place of data
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Executive Director

Department Vision

Purpose

The **Executive Director** assists the Board of Commissioners in establishing and implementing Park District policy while ensuring sound financial management, effective operations, and quality park and recreation services for the residents of **Itasca**. The Executive Director provides leadership to staff, promotes a positive public image, and ensures that programs, facilities, and services align with the District's mission of health, wellness, equity, and conservation.

Leadership & Oversight



Strategic Leadership Goals



Comprehensive Service

Provide a balanced system of parks, recreation programs, and facilities.



Community Needs Assessment

Continually evaluate community needs and trends to guide decisions.



Board-Staff Communication

Ensure open and effective communication between the Board of Commissioners and staff.



Effective Organizational Management

Plan, organize, direct, coordinate, and evaluate district operations.

Alignment with District Strategic Goals



Health & Wellness for All



Equity, Inclusion & Community Connection



Environmental Stewardship & Conservation



Exceptional Facilities & Infrastructure



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Purpose

It is the purpose of the Executive Director to assist the Board of Commissioners in formulating policy and carrying out those policies once established, implement sound management and financial practices, foster a positive public image for the Park District, and insure that quality park and recreation services are provided for the residents of the Park District.

Description

The function of the Executive Director includes coordinating the efforts of the Board of Commissioners, 13 full-time staff and over 200 part-time/seasonal employees, and volunteers for the leisure time benefit of the residents of Itasca Park District. The Executive Director supervises the work of four major departments (Finance & Personnel, Parks & Planning, Recreation & Facilities and Marketing); monitors park sites, buildings and almost 3,000 recreation programs; oversees the annual budget (approximately \$5M million); and directs the long range master planning and public information programs. In addition, the Executive Director acts as a liaison to other agencies and units of local government as well as representing the Park District on state and national matters pertaining to parks and recreation.

Goals

Comprehensive Service – Operate a well-balanced system of parks, recreation programs and revenue facilities; incorporating in Health & Wellness, Social Equity and Conservation.

Community Needs – Continually assess the needs of the community so that desired parks, programs and facilities can be considered by the Board and staff for possible action.

Board-Staff Relationship – Communicate ideas of the Board to the staff and vice-versa so each is informed on all aspects of Park District operations.

Effective Management – Plan, organize, direct, coordinate, and control the Park Districts' operations so that the purpose of the Park District can be achieved effectively and economically.

Fiscally Sound – Use of tax dollars and other revenue should be managed in such a manner that costs are minimized while benefits are maximized.

Public Relations – Represent the Park District through positive contacts with special interest, neighborhood, and community groups; develop a positive working relationship with board and staff of other units of local government; and communicate with the citizenry through the development of a comprehensive publicity and advertising program.

Insurance Programs – Represent the Park District on the Councils of the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) which manages liability, property, and workers' compensation insurance; and health insurance.

Inclusion – Represent the Park District on the board of Northeast Special Recreation Association which provides inclusion services for the District.



Superintendent of Finance, Personnel & IT

Department Vision

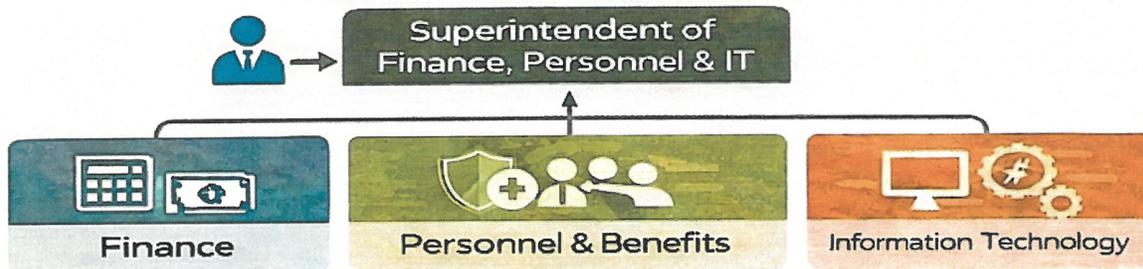
Purpose

It is the purpose of the Superintendent of Finance, Personnel & IT to establish and maintain a system of financial and human resource information which accurately reflects the business practices of the Park District and to provide such related programs and services which are deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners and management of the Park District.

Description

The Superintendent of Finance, Personnel & IT maintains financial and personnel records of the Park District. The Department staff develops necessary reports and forecasts which are provided to the Board of Commissioners and staff including financial and statistical data pertinent to the sound management of Park District programs and facilities and to future planning. In addition, staff maintains personnel and payroll records, provides personnel management assistance and oversees IT Services. Part-time support staff is employed as required.

Department Oversight



Goals



Effective Management

Plan, organize, direct, coordinate, measure, and monitor the information system for the purpose of achieving valid financial and personnel planning.



Staff to Staff Assistance

Provide information and services which assist staff in planning and monitoring their fiscal responsibilities.



Board-Staff Assistance

Provide information which assist staff in planning and monitoring their fiscal responsibilities.



Accurate Records

Develop, maintain integrate, and update a system of financial and statistical records to provide accurate, relevant and timely management and information.



Payroll Processing

Implement effective control of receipts and disbursements, monitor and protect cash and assets, and invest surplus funds and ensure the preservation of capital.



Budget Preparation

Coordinate the yearly budget process and prepare monthly financial reports. Track projects from planning stage through project close-out and oversee Tax Levies and Audit Ordinances.



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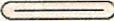
Park District

SAFETY TRAINING

Purpose

It is the purpose of the Superintendent of Finance, Personnel and IT to oversee the Safety Coordinator to develop and implement policies and procedures throughout the district in relationship to safety and training as it relates to personnel, programming, facilities and the public.

Description

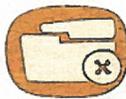
The Department staff works closely with the Executive Director and other Department Heads on district safety and training policies and procedures. In addition, staff leads the district's safety committee, revises and implements manuals and works directly with the district's Park District Risk Management Association. 

Goals



Personnel Policies and Procedures Administration

Develop, implement and communicate personnel policies and procedures.



Records Management

Store and/or dispose of Park District records in compliance with the Local Government Records Act.



Training and Safety

Develop, implement, and communicate training and safety policies and procedures to ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws. Develop and provide resources on safety and general training topics for use throughout the Park District.





Superintendent of Marketing & Communications

Department Vision

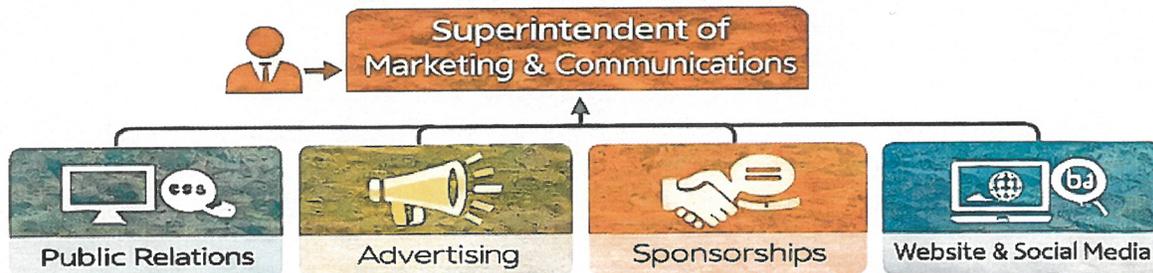
Purpose

It is the purpose of the Superintendent of Marketing & Communications to establish and maintain a system of marketing and public relations which accurately reflects the image of the Park District and to provide advertising and seek sponsorships for the programs and services which are provided by the Park District.

Description

The Superintendent of Marketing & Communications maintains the brand image of the Itasca Park District. The department staff develops necessary reports and forecasts which are provided to the Board of Commissioners and staff including statistical data pertinent to the advertising, marketing and customer satisfaction of Park District programs and facilities. Staff works closely with local and regional businesses and organizations in creating a sponsorship program for the park district. The Supervisor creates advertisements and buys advertising in multiple venues. In addition, staff works closely with the Recreation Department in marketing individual programs and events.

Department Oversight



Goals

Effective Marketing
Plan, organize, coordinate, and monitor the image of the park district with a positive and succinct message.

Seasonal Brochure Creation
Develop three 48-page program brochures annually and three highlight flyers to disseminate the park district catalog of programs and events.

Staff Coordination
Coordinate a marketing plan for park district staff to utilize to marketing and advertising individual programs and events.

Website Management
Continually update and revise the itasca Park District website with current programs, events, news, and general information.

Sponsorship Management
Creates, long-term relationships with local and regional businesses and organizations to secure sponsorships of programs and events for the park district.

Website Management
Continually update and revise the Itasca Park District website with current programs, events, news, and general information.



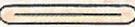
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Park District

BUILDING & PARKS

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Purpose

It is the expressed purpose of the **Parks & Planning Department** to provide leisure time opportunities to the community through the acquisition, design, development, maintenance, and renovation of the attractive and functional parks, facilities and open space. 

Description

Land acquisition, design, construction and maintenance are of critical importance to the quality of the parks and recreation facilities. This Master Vision is an effort to improve the efficiency of the park maintenance and design system so that it can be significantly beneficial to the citizens of Itasca. The responsibilities of the Parks & Planning Department cover park areas of all size classifications: community parks, neighborhood parks, and special use parks. The Parks & Planning Department also maintains buildings, one outdoor waterpark, ball fields, soccer fields, outdoor tennis courts, playgrounds, turf volleyball court, picnic shelters, nature center, museum, sanctuary and more. The Parks & Planning Department is involved with new park and facility construction and renovation work and from the planning stage through construction inspection. The operations of the Parks & Planning Department, and Finance & Personnel Department, to achieve common goals.

Analysis



The Itasca Park District has an outstanding system of parks and facilities. The facilities and the equipment are becoming more expensive to maintain in the style the public has become accustomed to each year.

The current park system is adequate, but it will always be necessary to renovate, repair, and update the buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and swimming pools. State and federal regulations such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, will need to be complied with as part of any renovation or new construction, in addition, there will be a need to expand existing parks and develop new ones as the community grows and the population trends change.

Tax cap limitations will severely limit our ability to maintain the current infrastructure. Also, the Village of Itasca administers a land/cash developer contribution program on behalf of the Park District.



Itasca

Park District

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING & PARKS DEPARTMENT VISION



Description

The function of the **Superintendent of Buildings & Parks** is to assist in the design, coordination and implementation of improvements to the parks, fields, landscaping and to aid in the development of long range physical and community plans; and the general care of agency facilities and to provide for most electrical, carpentry, plumbing, landscaping, light construction and fleet services required for sustaining operations.

GOALS



Horticultural Management – To maintain a high-quality tree, turf, shrub, and floriculture management program through integrated pest management and ecologically sound practices.



Functional Quality – To maintain, in good condition, the functional quality of all programmed athletic fields (ball fields and soccer fields).



Preventive Maintenance – To conduct preventive maintenance programs for the buildings parks and fields; waterpark; playground equipment, surfaces; fixtures; vehicles; and tools to insure efficient operations and contribute to the useful life of resources.



Quality Physical Appearance – To strive to consistently improve the overall appearance of the parks and Recreation and Fitness Center, Softball Complex, Waterpark, Depot Museum, Springbrook Nature Center and Maintenance Garage.



Effective Supervision – To maintain or improve programs of supervision which ensure effective communication between staff, and to provide the appropriate leadership and direction to stimulate the desired output from Service Center personnel.

Parks and Facilities

BENSON PARK - PIN#03-17-201-004, 005

Acquisition: The original parcel (6.66 acres) was acquired on June 6, 1975, from Itasca School District #10 for an amount of \$89,150, with a LAWCON Grant which paid for half the cost. In 2019, the 2nd parcel (3.33 acres) was acquired from Itasca School District 10 for \$616,000, with a LAWCON grant which paid for half the cost.

Location: Benson Park is located on Mill Road North of the Eisenhower Expressway. It is located at the southeast corner, serving Itasca, Wood Dale and Addison.

Boundary: The entire site is 9.99 acres. The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County land surrounds the site except for the Eastern border, which meets Mill Road and the southern border is a ComEd Easement. Single-family homes occur on the other side of Mill Road.

Easements: A 120' Commonwealth Edison R.O.W. adjoins the Southern border of the property. 2024 sewer connection easement agreement with Forest Preserve District of DuPage County 5 feet off the north lot line to connect Benson Park drainage into the existing sewer system located on the FPDDC property.

Utilities: The well was permanently filled in 2024. New water line installed for drinking fountain and water source for garden plots. The water line connects in the middle of Mill Road – water source/billing is from the Village of Wood Dale.

Access: All access to the site is from Mill Road. A parking lot occurs off of Mill Road in the Southern portion of the site. Parking lot has 28 spaces, inclusive of 2 ADA.

Existing Improvements:

Amenities currently a basketball court, water pump, benches, 2 tennis courts (built in 1976 and resurfaced in 2010), pond, picnic tables, playground, shelter, and garden plots.

1976	\$50,000	Tennis Courts, Parking Lot, Etc
1980	\$2,000	Field Upgrades
1981	\$15,000	Field Development
1986	\$6,500	Court Upgrades, Seal Coating
1991	\$70,000	Playground Installation Project
1992	\$18,000	Court Upgrades, Seal Coating
2000	\$5,000	Fence Work
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2010	\$300,000	Playground & Shelter Installation, Renovation of Basketball & Tennis Courts, ADA Pathways to the Garden Plots & Parking Lot Restoration
2013		Lightning Detection System Installation

2019	\$616,000	3.33 Acres Acquired by Itasca School District 10
2024	\$1M	\$400K OSLAD Development Grant Awarded
		2022 Project completed in 2024. Artificial Turf installed at playground, new ADA Swing, Courts resurfaced, 2 soccer fields developed w/ new shelter, drinking fountain, horseshoes, sand volleyball and 2 tennis courts redeveloped into 1 tennis/4 pickleball courts

Natural Features:

The site is generally flat. A berm occurs on the Western ½ of the site. A pond lies just South of the berm. The pond is surrounded by heavy brush and stands of cattails. Other vegetation on the site consists of small trees and shrubs planted by the park district.

Features:

Since 2005, the District had been discussing the deteriorating condition of Benson Park. It failed in 2005 the ASTM Standards and had a list of needed ADA upgrades, per the 2005 Accessibility Study. All amenities were past their useful life expectancy and needed to be replaced and make upgrades as necessary, allow us to comply with the ADA Transition Plan. The goal was to replace what we had on our property in 2009/2010. Summer 2010, a \$300,000 park renovation was completed. It included: new playground and picnic shelter, renovation of the parking lot, tennis and basketball courts and re-location of the garden plots, along with accessibility to all amenities. The 1980’s ball diamond was since removed; and the 1980 picnic shelter still remain intact and non-accessible.

Since, 2004, the Itasca Park District has discussed the desire to acquire the 3.3 acres directly northeast of the Park Property. It was owned by the Itasca School District 10, but maintained by the Itasca Park District. In 2016/17, the Itasca School District 10 developed a “Guiding District Finance and Budgetary Beliefs” document, which stated “Mill Road Property may be sold or swapped for an asset of equal value. Property transfer or sale should be sensitive to community need with other intergovernmental partners.” The Park District acquired this property in August 2019 for \$616,000 with assistance of a \$308,000 LWCF Grant through the IDNR.

In 2022, a 400K OSLAD Grant was secured to assist with the \$1M project. Artificial Turf installed at playground, new ADA Swing, Courts resurfaced, 2 soccer fields developed w/ new shelter, drinking fountain, horseshoes, sand volleyball and 2 tennis courts redeveloped into 1 tennis/4 pickleball courts and water source installed at the Garden Plots.

Future Features:

Direct connect to the Song Bird Slough is a strong desire at the site. Continued upgrades to the Garden Plots – raised beds that are ADA. Electrical service to the site. Accessibility plan updated.

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County:

Song Bird Slough is a 140-acre forest preserve that is adjacent to Benson Park. The two open space areas co-exist well and complement each other's amenity. Benson Park is active park, while Song Bird Slough is mostly passive.



Parks and Facilities

CLAYSON PARK – PIN#03-05-303-001

Acquisition: Acquired in 1980, from the Village of Itasca for an amount of \$9,000.

Location: Clayson Park is located just South of Thorndale Road between Maple Ave., Walters Ave., and Walnut Ave. The park serves the local residents.

Boundary: The 1.5-acre site forms a nearly perfect rectangle, bordered on all sides by residential streets.

Easements: No easements exist on the site.

Utilities: Two manholes and a water valve box exist on the Northern border of the site.

Access: Vehicular and pedestrian access may occur from any point along the parks perimeter. There is no parking lot – street parking only.

Existing Improvements:

The park provides open space on about ½ of the site. On the other ½ is a playground, large picnic shelter and sidewalks.

1980's	\$2,300	Park Upgrades
1993	\$97,000	Park Development – drainage, shelter, playground
2005	\$20,000	Playground Replacement
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2015	\$200,000	Park Re-Development – shelter, playground, drinking fountain, pathways, etc.

Natural Features:

The site is generally flat. The Eastern ½ of the park, on which the playground sits, is landscaped with pine and deciduous trees of 2” to 4” caliper. A few trees of like size exist on the opposite side of the site.

Future Features:

Replace mulch with artificial turf for the playground. Expand playground to include a multi-purpose court, and amenity for older children (zip line, etc). Update accessibility plan.



Parks and Facilities

COUNTRY CLUB PARK – PIN#03-05-404-019

Acquisition: Acquired in 1991, as a land donation from the sub-division builder.

Location: Country Club Park is located off of Arlington Heights Road in the Country Club Park subdivision at the intersection of Surrey Lane and Country Club Drive. The park serves residents of the subdivision.

This is the ONLY public park which serves this subdivision, as the subdivision is surrounded by the 390 Toll Road on the North, 4 lanes roads on the East and West, and Metra’s Milwaukee District West Train Line on the south.

Boundary: The site covers 1.37 acres. Of this land, .79 acres of this area is reserved for detention, with .45 acres for the “recreational area”. There is 260’ of frontage along Country Club Drive to the Southwest and 160’ feet of frontage along Surrey Lane to the South. Residential lots border both the East and West sides of the site and a road borders the Northern edge of the site.

Easements: No easement exists on the site.

Utilities: A 6” water main crosses the Northeast corner of the site and borders the site along Country Club Drive and Surrey Lane. A storm sewer inlet is on Country Club Drive. This inlet empties into the detention portion of the site which, in turn, flows into an inlet to the North of the site.

Access: Pedestrian access occurs along Surrey Lane, Country Club Drive and Granville Avenue. No parking lot, street parking only.

Existing Improvements:

1991	\$40,000	Development of the Playground, Basketball Court and surrounding park area.
2005	\$35,000	Full-Playground Replacement Project
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2006	\$10,000	Pathway Replacements
2015		New Park Sign
2016	\$125,000	Refurbished equipment, new shelter, swings, installation of synthetic turf in replacement of wood chips, new pathway
2025		Applied for OSLAD Grant, was not approved

Natural Features:

The site is generally flat excluding the perimeter of the detention basin which has side slopes of approximately 20%

Future Features:

- Playground Replacement (equipment installed in 2005)
- Install elements for 2-5, 5-12 years
- Turf Replacement 2025 (turf installed in 2016)
- Amenity for older children – zip line or jungle gym
- Basketball Court Pavement is from 1991 – needs replacement
- Incorporate game tables, gaga
- Nature – pollinators, informational
- Continue upgrades as necessary to comply with ADA Transition Plan – Sidewalk Replacement



Parks and Facilities

FRANZEN PARK – PIN#03-06-403-052 800 N Catalpa; #03-06-403-090 730 N Catalpa

Acquisition: The original 3 acres (north end) were acquired in 1978, from Itasca School District #10 for an amount of \$48,000 (LAWCON Grant). In June 2006, another 2.18 acres was acquired from School District #10 for an amount of \$10.

Location: Franzen Park surrounds Franzen Elementary School on Catalpa Avenue just East of Highway 53. The 5.18-acre Park serves the grade school children as well as the local neighborhood residents.

Boundary: The site forms a shaped area around the school covering 5.16 acres. There is 250'+ frontage along Catalpa Avenue, which terminates to the East of the site. Franzen School property is in the middle of the park. The North and West sides are bordered by a townhouse/house development.

Easements: No easements exist on the site.

Utilities: A sewer pipe runs parallel to Catalpa Avenue.

Access: Vehicular access is from Catalpa Avenue only. Pedestrian access will occur from the Southern boundary, adjacent to the elementary school. A parking lot owned by SD10 is across the street and can be used, otherwise street parking.

Existing Improvements:

Located on the north end is the Maintenance Facility. A soccer field, picnic benches, drinking fountain and 1 tennis/2 pickle ball courts are located between the school and maintenance building. Towards the Northeast corner, across the street is property owned by a SD10 which the Park District utilizes for garden plots and the parking. Directly south of Franzen School is the Franzen "Play For All Community" Park. This community park includes a ball diamond and the first built handicapped accessible playground in DuPage County. Although, "Play For All Park" used to not be on the Park District Property, the Park District maintained and operated the park.

1960's Unknown	Tennis Court Installation
1975 \$15,000	Tennis Court Overlay & Fence Installation
1976 \$6,000	Playground Installation
1985 \$6,000	Court Upgrades
1989 \$70,000	Handicapped Accessible Playground Installation
1990 \$150,000	5,000 sq.ft. Maintenance Facility Built
1991 \$16,000	Court Upgrades
2003 \$6,000	Playground Equipment Addition
2004 \$8,000	Court Upgrades
2005	Failed ASTM & ADA Accessibility Studies
2007 \$750,000	Renovate ADA accessible park/playground, tennis courts, ball diamond, Pathways, drinking fountain (OSLAD Grant)
2009	Maintenance Building – new roof/siding
2013	Installation of Lightning Detection System
2016	Playground Equipment Replacement
2023 \$205,000	Removal of courts, Installed 1 tennis/2 pickleball courts
2025 \$20,000	Added Tweener Light System to the courts
2025 \$16,000	Removed and replaced basketball court pavement

Natural Features:

The site is generally flat. Several evergreen and deciduous trees occur on the Southern ½ of the site. Their size ranges from 2” – 4” in caliper.

Future Features:

- Pathway connection from Court to Franzen School (adjacent)
- Replace Maintenance Building Parking Lot
- Upgrade Maintenance Building Outside Yard
- Replace playground mulch with artificial turf
- Update accessibility plan.



Parks and Facilities

PEACOCK PARK – PIN#03-08-102-023

Acquisition: Acquired in 1967, from the Village of Itasca for an amount of \$45,000.

Location: Peacock Park is located on Bryn Mawr Avenue adjacent to Peacock Junior High School on North Avenue.

Boundary: The 4.6-acre site is bounded by Bryn Mawr Avenue to the North, single family residential lots to the West, Peacock Middle School property to the South, and St. Peters Catholic Church to the East.

Easements: No easements exist on the site.

Access: Access to the site is from Bryn Mawr Avenue by vehicles or pedestrians or from Peacock Middle School and St. Peters Catholic Church by pedestrians. Parking available at peacock or street parking.

Improvements:

1976	Unknown	2 Ball Diamonds Installed
1983	\$10,000	LAWCON Grant #1700783 - \$13,226.24(total grant) Park Development – Tot Lot & Fitness Equipment
1996	\$5,000	Site Improvements – Addition of west side sidewalk
1996	\$25,000	In-Line Hockey Rink (size of basketball court, with fencing, asphalt pavement)
2004	\$3,925	Court Surfacing Upgrades – Converted In-Line Rink to Skate Park
	\$31,614	Skate Board Equipment
	\$3,500	Security Camera
	\$2,112	Park Upgrades
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2010		Skate Park Closed Due to Safety Issues
2012		Skate Park Equipment removed permanently and given to Lake in the Hills Park & Recreation Department for a \$1,000 donation. Skate Park fencing removed and surface scraped off.
2018?	\$800,000	Park Renovation – installation of irrigated soccer field, baseball field, basketball court, turf volleyball court, baggo & bocce courts, picnic shelter, pathways with skate nodes and lighting detection equipment. 50% of this project was funded through \$400K OSLAD 2014 Grant Program.

Natural Features:

The site is generally flat. The only trees in the park occur on the borders of the site. The trees range in size from 3” to 15” in caliper.

Future Features:

Update accessibility plan.



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RAY FRANZEN BIRD SANCTUARY – NEW PIN#03-18-100-017 (OLD -03-18-100-010)

Nelson Property – PIN#03-18-100-014,-015

Acquisition: The Sanctuary was quit claimed in 1985 from Ray Franzen. At the time, it was worth \$118,000. In 1996, the Nelson Property was acquired through an intergovernmental purchase agreement between the Park District, Village of Itasca and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. The Park District portion was \$87,500. (There is an intergovernmental agreement which spells out the ownership/usage/developments, etc.)

Location: 651 S. Rohlwing Road - ¼ mile north of Bloomingdale Road, west of I-290, south of State Highway 19, at western edge of Itasca.

Boundary: The 11.84-acre Sanctuary is surrounded by Rohlwing Road on west, Softball Complex on north, a local church on the south and 290/355 HWY on the east. Per an addendum to the 1996 Agreement, the Nelson Property is now only 4.47 acres and is jointly owned by the Park District and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. (1.49 acres of the original 5.96 was placed in the ownership of the Village of Itasca for usage for a needed water line.)

Easements: 2024 easement agreements with Spring Lake Business Association, Gift of Hope, DuPage County for pedestrian bridge over Springbrook Creek and boardwalk.

Access: Vehicular access is off Rohling Road, with 73 car parking lot, inclusive of 5 ADA. Pedestrian access is from the north pedestrian bridge located at the south end Spring Lake Business District/Gift of Hope property.

Improvements:

1986		Dedicated as the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary
198?		Cell Tower Agreement on site
1991		OSLAD Grant – trails developed
2005		ADA Accessible Study
2018	\$950,000	Picnic shelter, turf nature playground, boardwalk, concrete walking path, bridge, dog park, interpretive signage, drinking fountain OSLAD \$400,000.
2024	\$2.5M	OSLAD Project (\$600K OSLAD Grant/\$500K Village). Pedestrian Bridge, additional boardwalk, outlook, softball field upgrades and backstops, artificial turf collars, irrigation system (water tapped to County of DuPage Waste Water Treatment Plant – Free Water), fitness stations, new parking lot and drive

Natural Features:

Flat land, engulfed by woods with trees. The area houses many local animals and habitat.

Future Upgrades:

- Continued conservation of the wetlands
- Management of invasive species
- Wayfinding Signage
- Update accessibility study

Parks and Facilities

ITASCA RECREATION & FITNESS CENTER FACILITY

- Location: The Recreation & Fitness Center is located at 350 E. Irving Park Road.
- Boundary: The 5.5 acre site is bounded by Irving Park Road to the north, residential areas to the east and west, and Benson Primary School to the south.
- Easements: A 30' I.D.O.T easement occurs along Irving Park Road. Utility easement with the Village along the west side. Agreements with SD10 along the south property allowing SD10 amenities to cross property lines and east side drainage/parking lot.
- Access: A driveway off of Irving Park Road is main access. A walking path enters the park from the south east corner and the north west corner.

Existing Improvements:

The current 40,000 sq.ft. Itasca Recreation & Fitness Center is the hub of the Park District. Within the building are the following amenities: administrative offices, 5,000 sq.ft. Itasca Fitness Center, general program rooms, preschool rooms, babysitting, Senior/Teen Lounge, meeting rooms, dance studio and a gymnasium which includes basketball/volleyball courts, in-door walking track and a dedicated gymnastics area as well as a parking lot with 156 spaces of which six are ADA accessible.

1970	\$80,000	Construction of Walter Schmidt Building
1977		400 E Irving Building (located on Village Property)
1991	\$2.5 mill	30,000 sq.ft. Addition & Renovation to WSB.
1993	\$15,000	Building Painting & Window Replacement
	\$6,000	Irving Park Road Sign
1996	\$125,000	Basement Renovation
1998	\$130,000	Parking Lot Expansion
2002	\$2.5 mill	Building Addition & Renovation
2005		ADA Accessibility Study
2009	\$450,000	Roof Replacement and 11 HVAC units
2009	\$200,000	Locker room renovation
2013		Lightning Detection System Installed
2013	\$800,000	New ADA building entrance, renovation of 2 nd floor washrooms and addition of an ADA Family Washroom, and upgrades to programming spaces.
2019	\$600,000	New Parking Lot & Lighting Project
2025	\$5.5M	Current Addition Project

Natural Features:

Generally flat, landscaped building and large assortment of mature trees around perimeter of ball fields and recreation center.

Future Features:

2025 Building Upgrades:

- Increase staff office space
- Indoor pickle ball
- Install gymnastics pit
- More washrooms
- Increase multi-purpose space
- Update accessibility plan



Parks and Facilities

SCHILLER PARK – PIN#03-08-407-011, 012, 013, 014, 015

Acquisition: It was acquired in 1985, as a joint venture with the Village of Itasca. Prior to 1985, Park District was donated 5 plots of land from the developer. Years later, in turn the Park District sold these lots to the Village of Itasca. Then in 1985, the remaining 11 plots were purchased cooperatively by the Park District and Village. The Park District portion was 5 lots of the 11, for an amount of \$22,000.

Location: Schiller Park is located off of Irving Park Road Southwest of the intersection of Schiller and Broker Avenues. It serves as a neighborhood park.

Boundary: The entire park area is an approximately 7 acre site bordered by residential lots to the West and Southeast, by Schiller Avenue to the North and Broker Avenue to the East. A short side street connects to Irving Park Road and dead ends at the Southern park boundary. Of these 7 acres, 2.5 acres is owned by the Park District.

Easements: A storm water pumping station occurs in the northeast corner of the site.

Utilities: Storm water and water are available.

Access: Access is from Broker or Schiller Avenue by pedestrians or vehicles, or from Irving Park Road down the side street by pedestrians. Street parking only.

Existing Improvements:

The site is currently dominated by a large storm water detention area. The perimeters of the site contain a playground and picnic area. There is storm water pumping station accessible from a service drive connected to Schiller Park in the Northeast corner of the site.

1985	\$11,000	Park Upgrades – LAWCON Grant
1997	\$12,000	Playground Upgrades
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2018		New playground with artificial turf

Natural Features:

The site is nearly level, excluding the sloping sides of the detention basin. The Southern portion of the site is heavily vegetated with trees and underbrush which serve as a good buffer from residences. Trees also shade the playground area.

Future Features:

Replace and extend fencing
Update accessibility plan
Extend concrete for picnic table pad



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SOFTBALL COMPLEX FACILITY - #03-18-100-016 (OLD 03-18-100-001)

Acquisition: It was quit claimed in 1965 from Ray Benson.

Location: 651 S. Rohlwing Road ¼ mile north of Bloomingdale Road, west of I-290, south of State Highway 19, at western edge of Itasca.

Boundary: The 5.5 acres is surrounded by Rohlwing Road on west, Amlie Business Park on north, Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary on south, DuPage County Water Plant on northeast, and the Nelson Property on the Far East.

Easements: Commonwealth Edison along Rohlwing Road, DuPage County Water Plant along driveway on north.

Access: Driveway to parking lot off of Rohlwing Road.

Improvements:

The original site was used as a BMX Bike Track. Currently it has 2 softball fields with lights, and a building to house washrooms, concessions and storage. A walking trail connects to the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary (currently it is inaccessible).

1990	\$420,000	OSLAD - Field Development & Lighting Project
1999	\$10,000	Score Board Installation
2002	\$175,000	Concession/Washroom Building Project
2005		Concrete Dugouts
2005		ADA Accessible Study
2006		Installation of warning track
2012	\$150,000	Parking Lot Addition, replacement fencing and safety netting,
2013		Lightning Detection System Installation
2018	\$950,000	OSLAD Project on the adjacent Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary site. Dog park was added, shelter, pathways
2024	\$2.5M	OSLAD Project

Natural Features:

Flat, with perimeter trees around ball fields.

Future Features:

Lighting Replacement



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ITASCA SPRINGBROOK NATURE PRESERVE

Owned by the Village of Itasca, Operated by the Itasca Park District since 2008 through an Intergovernmental Agreement (2008, 2011, 2024)

Acquisition: The 60-acre site was acquired by the Village of Itasca in 1966, through a \$140,000 “Keep Itasca Green” Bond Issue Referendum.

Location: 130 Forest Ave

Boundary: The 60-acre site is surrounded by Interstate 290 on west, Municipal Campus on north (Depot Museum, Library, Fire Station and Village Hall), woods and houses on the south and woods and houses on the east.

Easements: There are no known easements.

Access: There are 3 designated entrances to the property, along with 2 parking lots at both the north and east entrances; along with several connecting walking paths from the Itasca Riverwalk, Municipal campus and more.

Existing Improvements:

1978 – LAWCON federal grant awarded to build the Springbrook Nature Center Museum. This grant was written by the Village of Itasca, Itasca Park District and Itasca School District #10. The project renovated an existing 40-year-old barn into an interpretive nature museum – known as the Springbrook Nature Center Museum. Over the years, the building has received numerous internal cosmetic renovations, but no projects with the infrastructure. Structures include: Greenhouse, Flight Cage, Bird Mews, Bridge, Boardwalk, Paved Pathways, Picnic Shelter and Fire Pit. 2013 – Lightning Detection System Installed.

A \$335,000 State Museum Capital Fund Grant was applied for and granted in 2013 to fund needed improvements. Construction began Summer 2014, with a project budget of \$600K. 50% project completion in 2014, remainder was on hold due to grant hold. Grant reinstated in 2019. Project included: Mechanical System Upgrades/Replacements with energy efficient systems (from 1980’s):

- Replacement of the roof (from 1980’s)

- Insulation – current ceiling/roof lacks insulation, causing freezing pipes

- Siding – portions need to be replaced due to falling off/cracking, etc

- ADA accessibility needs – minor

- Replacement of non-insulated windows/doors

- Need to design/build permanent exhibits to make more of a destination place

- Interior Interactive Displays

A second \$375K State Museum Capital Fund Grant was awarded in 2022, with a project budget of \$550K. Project improvements included: new entrance signage, 2 Boardwalk replacements, Exterior exhibit signage, Interior Birds of Prey Interactive Exhibit, additional work to the bird mews the installation of a story-walk. The story walk is a joint effort with the Itasca Community library.



2025 \$1.5M OSLAD Project – Will be complete in 2027. See Future Needs

Natural Features:

Flat land, engulfed by woods with trees. The Springbrook flows through the nature center and it is home to prairies grasses, cattail marsh, shady woods, flower-filled meadows, ancient willows, wildlife and more.

Future Needs/Features:

Upgrade/Replace 25-year-old bird Flight Cage (Aviary)
Wetland Mitigation
Habitat Restoration
Replace 40-year-old picnic shelter
Potential Site for Winter Ice Rink
Upgrade Outdoor Classroom on Q-Trail
Interpretive Signage
Boardwalk Replacements as needed
Accessibility study updated

Parks and Facilities

WASHINGTON PARK – PIN#03-08-316-018

Cherry Street Property – PIN#03-08-316-035

Elm Street Property – PIN#03-08-316-005,-006

Pump House Property – PIN #03-08-316-021

Old SD Property – PIN#03-08-316-034

Acquisition: The original Washington Park was acquired in 1967, from the Village of Itasca. There was no money exchanged for the property. In 1990, the Park District purchased portions of 6 undeveloped plots on Cherry Street, which aligned the park's east side. Collectively, the purchase amount was \$73,682.98. In 1994, the Park District purchased the Elm Street Property for an amount of \$25,000. This property is located on the west side of Washington Park.

Location: Washington Park is immediately South of the intersection of Bloomingdale and Irving Park Roads. It serves surrounding residential areas and Benson (formerly Washington) Grade School as well as serving the entire Itasca area as a community wide park.

Boundary: The site encompasses approximately 5-7 acres. Benson School property borders the South, residential homes lie to the East and West of the site, and Irving Park Road separates the site from more residential areas to the North.

Easements: No easements exist on the site.

Utilities: A storm sewer line crosses the center of the site from East to West.

Access: The site is currently accessible by car from Irving Park Road, which feeds into a parking lot bordering the East side of the site. Pedestrians can access the site from sidewalks bordering both Irving Park and Bloomingdale Roads. They can also enter from an easement to the South of the site which adjoins Benson School.

Existing Improvements:

The Itasca Recreation & Fitness Center, a 50,000 sq.ft. building, occupies the Northeast corner of the site and provides park district offices and space for recreation programs held there. Other improvements include 3 softball fields, 3 basketball goals, picnic tables, 2 playgrounds, and a batting cage. Site is under LAWCON restrictions from a 1976 grant.

1980	\$8,500	Field Upgrades
1985	\$30,000	Ball Field Upgrades
1998	\$25,000	South Playground Renovation
	\$130,000	Parking Lot Expansion
2002	\$19,000	Ball Field Renovations
2003	\$25,000	North Playground Addition
	\$12,000	Fence Replacement
2005		ASTM & ADA Accessibility Study
2006		Replacement and upgrade of backstops and dugouts
2013		Installation of Lightning Detection System
2015	\$100,000	Drainage of Fields/Building Project
2017	\$175,000	Playground replacement, turf installation in placement of wood chips
2019	\$600,000	Parking lot/sewer replacement project
2024	\$57,000	Playground Turf Replacement



Natural Features:

The site is generally flat. The only vegetation is ornamental landscape plants that occur around the building and playground.

Future Features:

Continue to make upgrades as necessary to comply with ADA Transition Plan
Pathway connection to Benson School (adjacent)
Replace playground turf
Drainage needed along southwest side – joint project with Village
Pathway connection to Washington Street on south side

Parks and Facilities

WATERPARK FACILITY – PIN#03-07-402-013

Acquisition: The 4.719 acre site was acquired via a Quit Claim Deed in 1970, from the Village of Itasca. It was a portion of the acquired “Greenbelt Area” which the Village of Itasca acquired through a referendum.

Location: The Itasca Waterpark is located at 100 N. Catalpa.

Boundary: The Waterpark site encompasses 3.8 acres. The Spring Brook Nature Center borders the south, east and west sides. To the north is the Itasca Community Library. Also to the west is the Itasca Fire District, Itasca Police Department, and the Village Hall.

Easements: No easements exist on this site.

Access: The site is accessible by car from Irving Park Road, which feeds into the parking lot on the East side of the site. Pedestrians may access the site from any direction. They may also access the site via a path through the Spring Brook Nature Center.

Existing Improvements:

The site includes a 25 yd lap pool with zero depth entry featuring water features, vortex, and bubble bench, a separate dive well with two diving boards and a drop slide. A separate water slide with plunge pool. A zero-depth interactive water play area, and concessions. On the outside perimeter there is a pavilion and a parking lot with 76 spaces of which four are ADA accessible.

1970	\$400,000 via referendum	Construction of Waterpark
1972		Pool Opened
1986/87	\$320,000	Waterslide, Sand Area, Concession Addition, ADA
1989	\$10,500	East Parking Lot Addition
1995	\$10,000	Roof Replacement
1995	\$5,233	Equipment Purchases
2000	\$730,157	Renovation Project – Zero-Depth Pool Addition –OSLAD Grant
2001	\$3,500	Equipment Purchases
2002	\$21,694	Pool Heater & Waterslide Pump Replacements
2003	\$665,000	Bath-house Renovation Project
2004	\$120,500	Waterslide Replacement Project
	\$65,000	Picnic Shelter Replacement
	\$6,596	Equipment Purchases
2004		Replacement Study
2005		ADA Accessibility Study
2006	\$3.6 Million	Passed Successful Referendum to Renovate Pool
2008	\$9,000	Replacement of waterslide pump and motor
2009		Replacement of zero-depth activity pump and motor
2013		Lightning Detection System Installation & New Kiddie Features
2018	\$300,000	Decking Project
2021	\$4M	50-year-old Bathhouse Replacement project
		Refurbishment of 20-year-old Family Interactive Pool Features
		\$400,000 OSLAD Grant Towards Project
		Includes new Year-round 1,200 sqft program room



Natural Features:

The site is generally flat, landscaped building, with a large green space on the south side. The entire facility is surrounded by the beautiful 64 acres of Spring Brook Nature Center Grounds.

Future Features:

- Large Waterslide – replacement (installed 2004)
- Refurbish Waterslide/Color Coat
- Replace fence
- East parking lot drainage
- Update accessibility plan
- Evaluate pools – kiddie built in 2000, others 2007



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RECREATION

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Purpose

It is the purpose of the **Recreation Department** to provide quality leisure opportunities through recreational programs, activities, and facilities that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.

Description



The Recreation Department offers a wide range of programs and activities including:

- Youth & Adult Sports
- Cultural Arts & Crafts
- Camps & Aquatics
- Special Events & Trips
- Health & Fitness
- Preschool Programs
- Seniors & Teens
- Historical Programs

Analysis



The Itasca Park District has an outstanding system of parks and activities including:

- **Partnerships** with School District, the Village of Itasca & the High School District enhance shared facilities, expanding program offerings and fostering community engagement.
- **Focused on innovative** recreation opportunities to meet the evolving needs of the residents while prioritizing the maintenance of high quality, established programs.
- **Recruitment and training** of skilled, seasonal staff is essential to delivering successful and safe programs.
- **Proactive management** of resources is crucial due to rising costs and budget constraints.



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SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT VISION



Description

The Superintendent of **Recreation** carries out the policies of the Park Board as they relate to the Recreation Department, responds to the recreational needs and desires of the community in a professional and organized manner, and integrates activities with other Park District departments and community agencies. They are responsible for staffing, training, evaluating professional staff, and managing the Department budget.

GOALS



Comprehensive Service – Provide diverse programs and facilities for all residents.



Participation – Encourage and broaden involvement in all recreation opportunities.



Current Trends – Offer programs that reflect current trends in the leisure industry.



Community Involvement – Support residents, clubs, and associations in partnership with the District.



Public Awareness – Maintain quality communication with the public and community groups.



Effective Marketing – Implement strategies to promote programs and meet community needs.



Effective Management – Plan, organize, direct, and control Department operations efficiently.



Recreation and Fiscal Control – Develop a budget to support staff, programs, facilities, and improvements.



Revenue Facility Fiscal Control – Manage revenue budgets for quality facilities, debt retirement, and surplus.



ADULT ATHLETICS



Description

The Adult Athletic program includes Men's and Co-ed Softball leagues and tournaments and Cup-In- Hand.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide all Park District residents and non-residents with the opportunity to participate in athletic programs regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, physical or mental ability.

Athletics - To provide safe, fun and well-organized athletic leagues and tournaments to our patrons.

Excellence of Service – To provide the highest quality of programming designed to give the participant a creative and fulfilled experience.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, control, communicate, and coordinate the leagues.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the adult athletic leagues.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of document plans, cross-selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.



Aquatics

Description



The Aquatics program of the Itasca Park District features a comprehensive swim lesson program for infants as young as six months through adults; swim team competition at the local park level; basic rescue and advanced lifesaving courses that train staff to fill lifeguard jobs; a junior lifeguard program that trains youth to assist in the swim lesson program; and aqua-fitness exercise programs. The Park District seasonally employs over 65.

The Park District features the Itasca Caribbean Paradise Waterpark. Built in 1972, and renovated in 2007 the Waterpark includes a 8 Lane, 25 yd lap pool with zero-depth entry featuring interactive water features, vortex, and bubble bench. The Waterpark also includes a separate dive well with two diving boards and a drop-slide, a separate plunge pool with a 185 ft water slide, a zero-depth family interactive water play area, and concessions. On the outside perimeter there is a pavilion and walking path connecting to the Village river walk. The Bathhouse opened in 1972, was renovated in 2003 and torn down august 2020. The new building opened June 2021, and includes a year round programming room.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide residents the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive swimming program that includes lessons for all ages at various levels of ability; swimming for enjoyment, wellness, and exercise; and competitive swimming and diving for all ages.

Health and Safety – To provide for the health and safety of the patrons using the Waterpark.

Lifetime Sport – To increase participation in all areas of swimming and to give patrons the opportunity to learn about an activity which can be participated throughout ones life.

Effective Supervision – To organize, plan, control, direct, and coordinate the aquatics programs and facilities of the Park District so as to offer the best programs and safest facilities possible.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program to promote all facets of swimming.

Community Involvement – To promote communication and cooperation with residents and community organizations that are involved with aquatics.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of documented plans, cross – selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.

Dance

Description

Dance classes are held in the Itasca Park District

Dance Studio. A variety of classes and a competitive dance team are offered for children ranging in age from 3 years to 17 years of age.



The Recreation Supervisor oversees the program and Dance Instructors coordinate and choreograph all classes and pieces for the annual recital. The Dance Instructors work under the direct supervision of the Recreation Supervisor.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To offer ongoing, progressive and creative new classes to meet the changing needs of the diverse community regardless of age, sex, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, physical or mental ability.

Participation – To encourage and broaden the participation of all residents in dance classes.

Excellence of Service – To effectively plan, organize, direct, control, communicate, and publicize the dance program offered by the park district.

Community Involvement – To be aware of and promote cooperation with the various community organizations, school districts, and individuals, relative to the area of dance.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize a program, direct, control, communicate, and publicize the dance program offered by Itasca Park District.

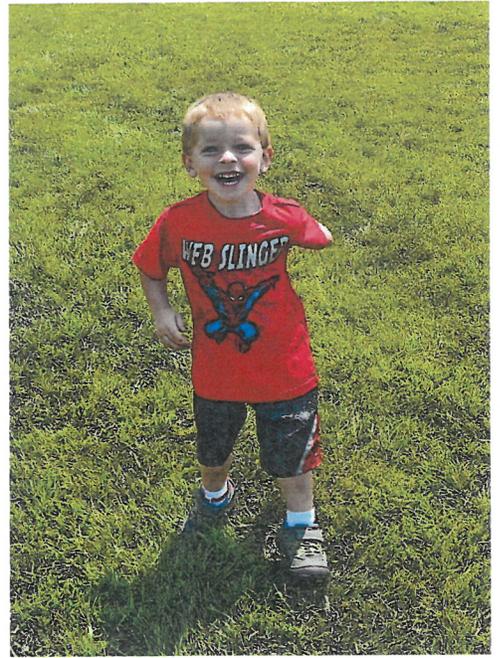
Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the dance program within the Itasca Park District.

Effective Marketing - To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes the use of the Park District brochure, flyers, target marketing when appropriate and necessary.

Day Camps/Klub House

Description

Itasca Park District Summer Day Camp Adventure is held at the Itasca Park District Recreation Center. Campers participate in games, sports, cultural arts, crafts and more. Thursdays of each week are reserved for field trips. Campers also take local Mini-Field trips such as the Itasca Depot Museum, Itasca Police Department and the Itasca Fire District. Campers enjoy trips to the Waterpark Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, weather permitting.



Park District preschool age camps include Camp Caterpillars and Camp Butterflies. These camps are offered in the summer at the Park District Recreation Center. The Recreation Supervisor, Camp Director and Preschool Instructors coordinate all aspects of the camp programs.

The Klub House is held at the recreation center Monday-Friday before and after school for preschool-5th grades. It is a cooperative with Itasca SD10.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To offer ongoing, progressive and creative programs for residents who participate in the areas Summer Day Camp Adventure, Preschool age camps, Klub House regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, or physical or mental ability.

Participation – To encourage and broaden the participation of all residents in Summer Day Camp Adventure, Preschool age camps and Klub House.

Excellence of Service – To provide the highest quality of programming designed to give the participant a creative and fulfilled experience.

Community Involvement – To be aware of and promote cooperation with various community organizations, school districts, and individuals relative to the areas of Summer Day Camp, Preschool age camps and Klub House.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, control, communicate, and coordinate the Klub House, Summer Day Camp and preschool age camps.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the areas of Klub House, Summer Day Camp and Preschool Camps.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of document plans, cross-selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.

Early Childhood Programming

Description

General early childhood age programs are held at the Itasca Recreation Center on a year-round and seasonal basis. General programs include; holiday arts and crafts classes, seasonal theme related classes that focus on fine and gross motor skills, and one time special event classes. The Itasca Park District Preschool and Tiny Tikes programs are housed at the Itasca Recreation Center in our preschool room and in the lower level Kaleidoscope room. Preschool and Tiny Tikes are both developmental programs that promote growth in social, emotional, creative, and cognitive development.



Goals

Comprehensive Program – To offer ongoing, progressive and new creative programs in the area of general preschool age programs and preschool for all segments of the community regardless of age, sex race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status or physical or mental ability.

Participation - To encourage and broaden the participation in preschool age programs.

Excellence of Service – To provide the highest quality of programming designed to give the participant a creative and fulfilled experience.

Community Involvement – To be aware of and promote cooperation with various community organizations, school districts, and individuals relative to the areas of preschool age programs.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, control, communicate and coordinate the preschool and preschool age program staff.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the areas of preschool and preschool age programs within the Park District.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of document plans, cross-selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.



Gymnastics

Description

Gymnastics program responsibilities include coordination of the preschool gymnastics division-over 50 participants under the age of 6, as well as parent and tot programming, gymnastics summer camps, recreational gymnastics programming and camps with over 75 participants between the ages of 6-15, and competitive programming with over 30 participants with ages ranging between 5-18.



The supervisor schedules all classes for the year, and the competitive schedule for the teams. The supervisor also is responsible for coordinating all home competitions for the year, coordinating staff trainings, and attending USAG meetings.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide children the opportunity to participate in gymnastics activities regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, physical or mental ability.

Lifetime Sports – To provide the opportunity for all participants to learn and develop skills in gymnastics they can participate in throughout their lifetime, as well as providing for health and wellness.

Community involvement – To support, assist, and organize a program that reflects all age groups within the community.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, direct, control, communicate, and publicize the gymnastics program offered by the Park District.

Cooperation – To cooperate with other Park District departments and within the Recreation and Facilities Department to provide safe and attractive facilities and equipment for the gymnastics programs.

Excellence of Services – To offer the best gymnastics programming, with top quality instructors, in order to give participants a quality experience at various ability levels.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes the use of the Park District brochure, flyers, target marketing when appropriate and necessary.



Historical Depot Museum

Description

The Itasca Historical Depot Museum was founded in 1976 by members of the Itasca Historical Society who organized to save the Milwaukee Road depot from demolition. The old depot was moved to its present location at the corner of Catalpa and Irving Park Road and renovated into a three room historical museum. The museum is run through the collaboration of the Itasca Historical Society, which owns the collection, the Itasca Park District, which owns and operates the building, and the Village of Itasca, which own the site. The principal purpose of the museum is to educate the general public through the collection, preservation, interpretation and exhibition of materials and artifacts which help to document the history of Itasca. It intends to provide local history services for the community and scholarly endeavors.

Goals

Intergovernmental Cooperation- To cooperate with the Village of Itasca, Historical Society, and the Itasca Community Library in the coordination of museum services in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement and within the parameters of the Museum's philosophy.

Public Awareness- To conduct an ongoing public awareness program to inform the community of Museum programs, services and facilities.

Comprehensive Service- To continue to develop historical programs that are comprehensive and diverse in content to all residents.

Collection Preservation- To find satisfactory storage facilities for the preservation of the museum's artifacts and collections.

Funding- To find alternative forms of funding to continue to support the development of new museum programs and the preservation of the physical structure.

Itasca Fitness Center



The Itasca Fitness Center has been in existence since 1991 within the Recreation Center. Since 1991, it has undergone three renovations; the most current completed in January 2003. Currently, it boasts 1,600 members, beginning at age 11. Amenities include cardiovascular and weight training equipment, indoor track, fitness assessments, personal training, aerobics, locker rooms and more. Adult members have the additional option to lap swim at a local indoor pool if they so choose. Members and non-members have the opportunity to participate in group fitness classes, health fairs and other fitness related programming.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide residents the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive fitness program for enjoyment, wellness, and exercise.

Health and Safety – To provide for the health and safety opportunities to the patrons.

Lifetime Fitness – To increase participation in all areas of fitness and to give patrons the opportunity to learn about an activity which can be participated throughout ones life.

Effective Supervision – To organize, plan, control, direct, and coordinate the fitness programs and facilities of the Park District so as to offer the best programs and safest possible.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program to promote all facets of fitness and well being.

Community Involvement – To promote communication and cooperation with residents and community organizations that are involved with fitness.

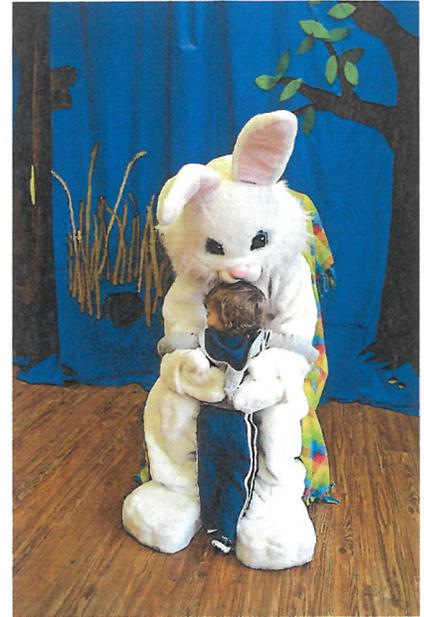
Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of documented plans, cross – selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.



Special Events & Trips

The Itasca Park District offers district wide special events and trips to the Itasca Community. Events include:

Annual Children's Halloween Party
Annual House Decorating Contest
Santa's Workshop
Annual Candy Hunt
Memorial Day Parade
Teen H2O Nites
Music at the Gazebo Series
Annual National Night Out
Annual Oktoberfest



These events are well attended and monetarily sponsored by the Village of Itasca. Other events such as 3 on 3 Basketball tournaments, movie nights and more are also offered to the community. Staff offers seasonal events and trips for teens, adults, and seniors

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide residents the opportunity to participate in a variety of special events, trips and family activities for all ages.

Effective Supervision – To organize, plan, control, direct, and coordinate the events so as to offer the best programs and events possible.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program to promote all facets of special events, trips and holiday programming.

Community Involvement – To promote communication and cooperation with residents and community organizations that are involved with special events.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of documented plans, cross – selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.



Springbrook Nature Center Programming

Description

The Springbrook Nature Center is located on 60 acres that were acquired in 1966 through a “Keep Itasca Green” bond issue referendum. In 1978, the Village of Itasca, Itasca Park District, and Itasca School District jointly authorized development of a master plan to construct a nature center museum. The master plan led to a 1978 federal grant award. The matching grant consisted of the renovation of an existing 40-year-old barn located on the grounds. In 1980, the Springbrook Nature Center Museum was created and developed into an interpretive center, including exhibits and classroom space. The Springbrook Nature Center is home to trails, a flowing brook, woods, prairie, marshes and the Nature Center Museum. The mission of the Springbrook Nature Center Museum, is “Through education, recreation and conservation the Village of Itasca’s Springbrook Nature Center will provide quality services to its community. The Village of Itasca owns the Springbrook Nature Center. In the 2008, the Itasca Park District and Village of Itasca entered into an intergovernmental agreement that authorized the Park District to run the Springbrook Nature Center Museum, including operations, programming, and public open hours. The Village still owns the property and maintains the building and grounds. With the support of the village, the Itasca Park District staff offers public open hours, school programs, nature programs, scout badge programs, summer camps, and a Junior Naturalist Club.

Goals

Intergovernmental Cooperation- To cooperate with the Village of Itasca, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement and within the parameters of the Springbrook Nature Center Museum’s philosophy.

Public Awareness- To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that focuses on nature related conservation, education and recreation.

Comprehensive Service- To continue to provide nature related programming and public open hour to promote conservation, education, and recreation to those that we serve.

Funding- To continue to work cooperatively with the Village of Itasca to secure funding sources to operate the Springbrook Nature Center Museum and grounds.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of documented plans, cross – selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.

Education - Connect students to their environment and teach that all actions and behaviors have an impact on the earth.

1. Offer natural and cultural history programs (scout programs, birthday parties, summer camps, recreational programs) that build environmental awareness and scientific literacy.
2. Offer school programs that develop student's critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills and give them the tools to explore, discover, and learn.
3. Continue to offer the Junior Naturalist Club, an exciting, hands-on, environmental awareness program designed to help members gain an understanding of the natural world and their important role in helping to protect it.
4. Continue to offer free outreach programs to the Itasca schools on natural programs to enrich and enhance school-based curricula.
5. Provide field studies and restoration experiences during on-site programming, such as the Mighty Acorns program and the Stream Ecology program.
6. Develop and maintain an educationally rich learning 'discovery center' with interactive displays for visitors, which offers opportunities for independent and guided hands-on science investigation and environmental study.

Community - Heighten citizen awareness regarding the relationship between a high-quality life and a high-quality environment.

1. Distribute information and promote understanding to audiences on environmental issues and conservation opportunities through programming, brochures and partnership with the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center.
2. Promote connections between the environment and other important community issues.
3. Invite participation in science learning programs that allow people of all ages to see, hear and feel the world around them and to personally develop through special events, environmental enhancement and community service projects.
4. Promote understanding of the importance of conserving and enhancing our natural surroundings for present and future generations through partnership with the Village of Itasca's Corporate Volunteer Program.
5. Foster the idea that environment is the neighborhood, the city, as well as the open spaces or natural areas.

Collaboration - Active participation by Springbrook Nature Center Museum in the academic, and environmental education networks and with the volunteer community.

1. Build strategic relationships with groups such as the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center, Itasca School District #10, Village of Itasca and the local businesses to support Springbrook Nature Center Museum.
2. Provide a wide array of volunteer opportunities at the Nature Center through programs such as the Junior Naturalist Club, Corporate Volunteer program, the Itasca Garden Club and the 6th grade Mighty Acorns program.
3. Nurture volunteerism, community involvement and active citizenship in projects at SBNC and in public open spaces, neighborhoods and in the region.
4. Advocate for increased funding for community wide environmental-based education and passive recreation opportunities.

Capacity - Springbrook Nature Center effectively develops and manages sufficient fiscal and capital resources to implement the organization's mission.

1. Build organizational capacity and staff capable of managing the programs and operations of the Nature Center.
2. Increase the level of financial support provided by individuals and local businesses to the Nature Center through sponsorship with the Village of Itasca, grants, and support through the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center.
3. Develop sustainable fiscal strategies and organizational systems for the longevity of the organization.
4. Develop marketing programs and staff expertise to implement a range of "giving" programs.
5. Raise the visibility of Springbrook Nature Center region wide, making it a destination for visitors.

Teen/Adult/Senior Programming

Description

Teen programming includes: 10 teen dances per year, 5 H2O Nites and 1 Dive In Movie at the Waterpark, miscellaneous special events and trips, fitness activities, open gym and more.



Outside of adult athletics, the Itasca Park District offers a variety of adult classes; such as, dance classes, fencing, Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, miscellaneous classes, crafts and more.

For the senior generation, the Itasca Park District supports the Itasca Senior Citizens Club. It operates under an elected senior board and a recreation supervisor oversees and aids when needed. The programming and trips are directly handled by the senior program chairperson. The parks district and the village sponsor the club by giving them funds to offset the cost of trips, programming and monthly luncheons. “The Lounge” is available to the seniors during day time hours, at no fee. It offers a great gathering place for the Senior Cards, Crafts, Bunco and Billiard Groups.

Goals

Comprehensive Program – To offer ongoing, progressive and creative programs in the areas of teens, adults and seniors regardless of sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, or physical or mental ability.

Participation – To encourage and stimulate participation in the Park District’s programs through quality programs at affordable prices.

Excellence of Service – To provide the highest quality of programming designed to give the participants a creative and fulfilled leisure experience which will have a positive reflection on the Itasca Park District and its residents.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the areas of teens, adults and seniors.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of target marketing, cross-selling and needs assessment.

Community Involvement – To be aware of and promote cooperation with various community organizations, school districts, and individuals relative to the areas teens, adults and seniors.

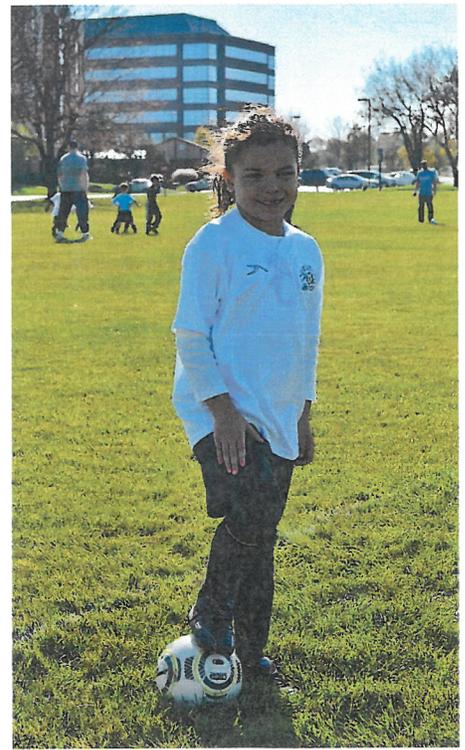


Youth Athletics

Description

The Itasca Park District Youth Athletic Program offers a variety of athletic programming for youth ages 5-14 year olds. The In-House Soccer League houses approximately 300 participants, Kindergarten through eighth graders in six divisions, playing two seasons per year. Over 300, 4-6 year olds have the opportunity to participate in

Little Hoops Basketball, Little Sluggers T-Ball, and Pee Wee Soccer. Youth Sports Specialty classes include; Martial Arts, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Tennis, Flag Football, Volleyball, and more.



Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide all Park District residents with the opportunity to participate in athletic and recreational activities regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, physical or mental ability.

Lifetime Sports – To provide the opportunity for all Park District residents to learn and develop skills in sports and activities which they can participate in throughout their lifetime, as well as providing for health and wellness.

Community Involvement – To support, assist and coordinate the youth associations and advisory councils that are involved with sports and athletics both within the community but also at the local high schools.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, control, communicate and coordinate the youth athletics.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the areas of athletic programming within the Park District.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of document plans, cross-selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.

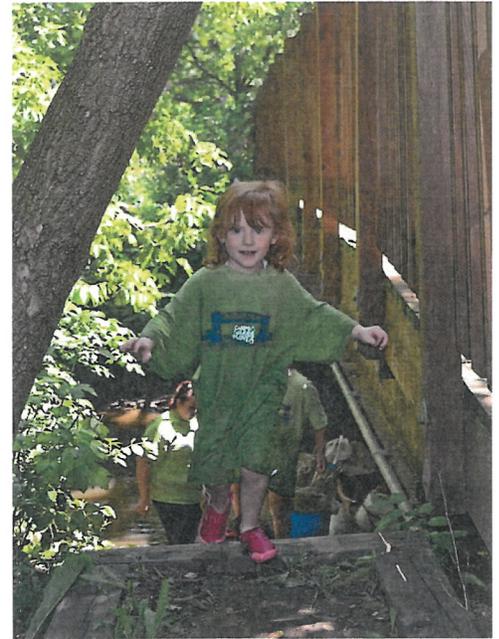


Youth Programming

Description

A wide variety of miscellaneous youth programs are offered to 4-10 years olds. Programs include Art Classes, Science and Music classes, School Days Off, Winter/Spring Holiday Camps, Holiday Crafts and more. The Itasca Park District offers Birthday Party Packages for this age group as well.

Throughout a year, hundreds of different programs and activities are offered to this youth age group. Many change from season to season, and the program supervisors are constantly implementing new and exciting classes.



Goals

Comprehensive Program – To provide all Park District residents with the opportunity to participate in recreational activities regardless of age, sex, race, religion, national origins, personal beliefs, economic status, physical or mental ability.

Community Involvement – To support, assist and coordinate youth programs.

Effective Supervision – To effectively plan, organize, control, communicate and coordinate the youth age program staff.

Public Awareness – To conduct an ongoing public awareness program that will effectively promote the areas of youth programs within the Park District.

Effective Marketing – To develop and manage an effective marketing effort that includes use of document plans, cross-selling, target marketing and needs assessment techniques when appropriate and necessary.

