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AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1065
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
7:00 p.m.
***Room 113 of the Triphahn Center**
(Northside – 50+ Program Rooms)

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. RECOGNITION
 - A. Retirement Proclamation
 - Commissioner Ron Evans
 - B. Service Proclamation
 - Steve Winner – Community Representative 10 years
 - C. Service Pins
 - D. Certificates of Election
5. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER DRESSLER
6. RECESS FOR A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
7. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (attached)
 - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes 04/27/2021
 - B. Special Board Meeting Minutes 05/18/2021
9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
10. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
 - A. Programs for All / M21-049 (see Rec May packet)
 - B. 2020 Audit / M21-054 (see A&F May packet)
 - C. Full-time Director of Administrative Services Position / M21-056
 - D. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$445,899.70 (see A&F May packet)
 - E. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District Wide Operations Statement (see A&F May packet)
 - F. Balanced Scorecard / M21-055 (see A&F May packet)
 - G. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 04/20/2021 (see B&G May packet)
 - H. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 04/20/2021 (see Rec May packet)
 - I. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 04/27/2021 (see A&F May packet)

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11. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
12. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
13. OLD BUSINESS
14. NEW BUSINESS
15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Minutes, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act
 - April 27, 2021
 - B. The purchase or lease/sale of real property for the use of the public body (park district), pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec. 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.
17. Potential discussion and possible vote on the purchase or lease/sale of real property for the use of the public body (park district), pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec. 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.
18. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1064
April 27, 2021

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on April 27, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. remotely via ZOOM.

Present: President Kaplan, Commissioners Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, and Kinnane

Absent: Commissioner McGinn

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Kapusinski

Audience: Comm Reps Dressler, Wilson, Winner, Musial

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the agenda.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGinn

3. Recognition:

A. Best of Hoffman:

Katelyn Otterness was recognized as the March 2021 Best of Hoffman for her involvement in the HEParks girls' basketball program.

B. Employees of 1st Quarter

Mirza Baig was recognized as the Part-Time Employee of 1st Quarter. Nikolas Catino was recognized as the Full-Time Employee of the 1st Quarter.

4. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to recess the Board Meeting at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

5. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

Comm Reps Musial and Winner left the meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes:

K. Evans inquired about the wording in the motion made in Executive Session in the minutes. Executive Director Talsma reviewed the zoom video recording and confirmed with the attorney that the amendment and motion was accurate. The recording of the meeting showing the motion and the vote was played for the Board.

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting March 23, 2021 as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 5-1-1
Ayes: 5 Chhatwani, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Abstain: 1 K. Evans
Absent: 1 McGinn

7. Comments from the Audience:

None

8. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the consent agenda items A-G.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

- A. Birch Playground Install / M21-040 (see B&G April packet)
- B. Bridges Driving Range Enhancement Bids / M21-042 (see A&F April packet)

- C. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$702,263.43 (see A&F April packet)
- D. Revenue and Expense Report, Financial Analysis, and District Wide Operations Statement (see A&F April packet)
- E. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 3/16/2021 (see B&G April packet)
- F. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 3/16/2021 (see Rec April packet)
- G. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 3/23/21 (see A&F April packet)

9. President's Report:

President Kaplan discussed returning to in-person meetings. Commissioners R. Evans and Chhatwani confirmed they are comfortable returning in-person. Commissioner Friedman is willing to do in-person or zoom. Commissioner K. Evans asked if microphones could be provided if we return to in-person as it is difficult to hear in the larger meeting room while wearing masks. Executive Director Talsma stated he would look into the cost of purchasing microphones.

President Kaplan confirmed that he will not be running for another term of President due to the “unwritten rule” that the president term would run for three years. Last year, due to COVID, all positions and committee placements were extended for one additional year. Those commissioners who have not held the president position in order of seniority are: McGinn, Kinnane, Chhatwani, Friedman and Dressler.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

11. Old Business:

None

12. New Business:

None

13. Executive Session:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to move to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of:

- A. Minutes, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act
 - March 23, 2021

B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to reconvene to the regular session at 8:02 p.m.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chhatwani congratulated the winners of the election.

Commissioner Kinnane congratulated the winners of the election as well. He enjoyed the Chamber event at The Club and appreciated the conversations.

Commissioner K. Evans congratulated Commissioner Chhatwani for the election. The Club looked great when he attended the Chamber event and was impressed with the changes made to the facility.

Commissioner R. Evans said good work to the staff. He added Commissioner Friedman did great with chairing the A&F committee tonight.

Commissioner Friedman appreciates the different approaches everyone brings to the table.

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 McGinn

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Talsma
Secretary

Alisa Kapusinski
Director of Recreation



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**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

A special meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on May 18, 2021 at 8:39 p.m. remotely via ZOOM.

Present: President Kaplan, Commissioners Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, McGinn and Kinnane

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Executive Assistant Logan

Audience: None

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the agenda.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Friedman

3. Comments from the Audience:

None

4. Approval of New Business Items

a. Bridges Driving Range Enhancement Project / M21-050

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to spend an additional \$135,000 in funding from the Capital Fund to reflect the Value Engineered Budget of \$785,000 plus 5% contingency for the Driving Range Enhancement Project.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

b. General Contractor for Building Finishes, Doors, Windows, Electric and Gas / M21- 044

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to award the contract for General Contractor for Building Finishes, Doors, Windows, Electric and Gas to Integrity Builders Inc., for \$404,000.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

c. Prefabricated Building Purchase and Install at Bridges Driving Range / M21- 045

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to award the contract for Prefabricated Building Purchase and Install at Bridges Driving Range Enhancement to Integrity Builders Inc., for \$431,190.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

d. Change Order #1 for General Contractor for Building Finishes, Doors, Windows, Electric and Gas at Bridges Driving Range Enhancement / M21- 046

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani for Change Order #1 for a total deduction of \$122,444.75 for General Contractor for Building Finishes, Doors, Windows, Electric and Gas at Bridges Driving Range Enhancement.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

e. Change Order #1 for Prefabricated Building Purchase and Install at Bridges Driving Range / M21- 047

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani for Change Order #1 for a total deduction of \$152,670.10 for Prefabricated Building Purchase and Install at Bridges Driving Range Enhancement.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

5. **Commissioner Comments:**

None

6. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, K. Evans, R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, Kaplan, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

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Director of Recreation

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1065**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2021

PARKS DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE

Staff continued to work on valued engineering with WT and low bidders on the bridges driving range project, with a goal of starting work with low bid contractors as soon as approval has been granted by the board. The schedules for parking lot crack fill, sealcoating and striping have been set and will take place at Triphahn Center on May 13th and 14th, at Fabbrini Park, Canterbury Park Place and Canterbury Park on May 18th.

As mentioned at the last board meeting Steve Bessette has moved on to Hanover Park District to serve as their Superintendent of Parks. We went through the process of hiring a new Park Grounds Supervisor and are pleased to announce that Matt Schiller has accepted the position and his first Day is May 18th. Matt previously worked for Golf Visions, managing the maintenance for six golf courses and prior to that for the Niles Park District, we are excited for him to come on board.

Birch Park permit has been approved by the Village and a construction meeting with all contractors has been scheduled for the week of May 17th.

BIRCH PARK

Staff was busy in April with the demolition of the existing Birch Park Playground. All the equipment was removed from the ground and separated from the concrete that it was in, this allows staff to bring all the metal to the scrap yard. The sidewalk that was around the existing playground was also removed by staff which consisted of 4300 square feet of concrete ranging from 6-12 inches thick.



PARK GROUNDS

Seasonal mowing crews started this month. After a week of training new staff members on equipment and locations of all our parks we were able to get started mowing. The landscape crew was busy with

multiple tree removals and cleanups at Tall Oaks, Rhohrsen, Walnut Pond, Hunter Ridge, Black Bear, Pebble, North Ridge, Westbury, North Twin, South Twin, and Charlemagne. All the wood chips from the tree cleanups are either brought directly to Black Bear for the Frisbee golf fairways or stored at our maintenance facility for future use. When not completing tree cleanup crews were working on weeding landscape beds and park ID signs at all park location.

The sports field crew has been on Mother Nature's good side this year and has allowed the team to get baseball, softball and soccer fields all set up and playable. After evaluating our baseball and softball infields this spring, the parks department worked with the recreation department to set standards for field maintenance moving forward, in the past staff would spin every field for all practices and games, causing some fields to get spun multiple times in a given week. Spinning or grooming the baseball fields too much can cause them to be a dust bowl and not enjoyable to play on unless you have the ability to wet them which we do not have except for at Cannon Crossings. Staff will now be grooming all baseball and softball infields once per week based on a maintenance schedule and not a practice schedule but attempting to align the two if possible. All planned games will still receive full field preparation outside of the weekly grooming at all fields. After rain events or any damage to a field, the field will be prepped to the best ability of the parks team.

SEASCAPE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Staff began the preparation for opening Seascape after a long layoff, last open in September of 2019. Many of the normal start-up items had to be taken care of such as; setting up tents, life guard chairs, slide repairs, showers repairs, bathhouse cleanup, landscape work and privacy screens. This year staff took extra precautions with a deep clean of the surge tank in the filter building, valve repairs, and main drain replaced in deep end, and scheduling a pipe test using gas to identify leaks. A leak was detected in an 8 inch line that feeds the play feature and geysers in the pool. Staff removed concrete and dug to the pipes, found the leaks and removed a large section of pipe and completed the repairs. With no other leaks detected staff started scraping paint chips, power washing and prepping for new paint. The pool is being filled the week of May 10th.

After all the investigating of the pool structure staff has begun looking into the overall condition of the base of the pool and the pool deck. With the pool being 26 years we were not shocked with some of the results from our investigations. The pool bottom is developing some hollow spots in the concrete, which causes minor cracking to occur, there is about 8-10 layers of paint on the concrete, gutters and lights are slightly recessed or need all caulking removed and repaired, pool deck is developing cracks in concrete. Staff has started getting pricing for repairs of all these items and will begin to put them into our GIS data base for future capital repairs.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

The parks department held a district wide park cleanup day, Earth Day and Arbor Day events in April. With the help from the recreation department we were able to have volunteers sign up for these events just like a regular program for the district. On April 17th we held a park cleanup day at Chino/Hoffman Park, Black Bear Park, Charlemagne Park and Victoria Park. Even with our original day getting rained

out the event still had roughly 55 participants. On April 22nd we held our Earth Day events at Cannon Crossings, Vogelei Park and South Ridge Park. At Earth Day we had volunteers collect trash and seed native plants as well as wild flowers into shore lines or native areas. Parks staff made 50 bags of seed mixtures for volunteers to spread at these locations, all bags were seeded as we had nearly 40 residents take part. Finally we held an event at Oak Park on April 30th for Arbor Day, we had 3 volunteers at this event and the three of them along with staff planted five new trees at Oak Park.



The following is a brief list of other items completed by staff during April.

- HVAC preventative maintenance and repairs.
- Boiler repair at BPC.
- Drinking fountain filters changed.
- South Ridge bath house finishes completed.
- Park restroom startups.
- Chino garden water hookup.
- Thorguard installed.
- New Park ID signs at Olmstead Park and Freedom Run.
- Playground shade canopy installed.
- Vandalism cleanup and graffiti removal at Fabbrini, Tropicana, Sheffield and Victoria.
- Track repairs at Eisenhower track.
- New tennis nets installed at WRC and Charlemagne.
- South Ridge zip line repaired.
- Aquatic applications made to ponds at Black Bear, Princeton, Yorkshire Ponds, South Ridge and North Ridge.
- GIS updating maps and assets.
- Parks Garbage at all locations has begun.
- Custodial maintenance at all facilities.
- Playground checks
- Vehicle safety and emission test completed.
- Vehicle checks and repairs.



Triphahn Center Fitness

<u>Membership</u>	<u>04/30/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	757	509	510	+1

Willow Rec Center Fitness & Racquetball

<u>Membership</u>	<u>04/30/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Fitness	234	93	98	+5
Racquetball	61	52	42	-10
Total	295	145	140	-5



Dog Off-Leash Areas

<u>Dog Park Passes</u>	<u>04/30/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	562	586	680	+94



General Programs

General Programs:

Program	Participants
Baton & Poms	24
A&A Music (piano & guitar)	2
Palatine Choir	5
Horsemanship	2
Shotokan Karate	75
Tae Kwon Do	22
Gymnastics	166

Gymnastics has boomed. Spring session of gymnastics brought in 166 participants compared to 99 in Spring 2019 and 103 in Spring 2018. Additional classes have been added to accommodate waitlists.

Dance

Winter session started in February. There are 116 dancers enrolled in the winter/spring session within 21 classes. New private lessons are also being offered this spring with eight lessons taught. A mini recital is being planned at the Triphahn Center gym on May 22 for parents. The recital will also be live-streamed for other families to watch online.

Special Events:

- Park Clean-Up Events:
 - The April 10 Park Cleanup event was postponed until April 17. On April 17, the park cleanup was held at three parks. Black Bear had 9 volunteers, Charlemagne Park had 12 volunteers and Victoria Park had 13 volunteers for a total of 34 for the day!
 - Earth Day Park Cleanup event was held on on April 22. 14 volunteers were at Cannon Crossings, 18 volunteers were at South Ridge Park and 13 volunteers were at Vogelei Park for a total of 35 volunteers. Another 15 students from Conant High School met at Chino Park.
- Arbor Tree Planting event was held on April 30 with 15 volunteers.
- Bunny Drive By was held on April 3. The bunny visited 44 houses and dropped off eggs into the yards.



50+ Club

- Pub Trivia had 32 participants at the April 22 events.
- Attendance is growing in the daily drop-in programs.
- Many new events and programs have been added for summer.



Early Childhood

Little Stars Child Care has 28 children enrolled; there is no comparison to last April 2020 due to COVID closure.

New folders, postcards, brochures, t-shirts, tablecloth, and window cling for entrance are in the process of being ordered due to the new name branding.

Little Stars Grand Opening/Open House is scheduled for July 10th from 10:00a-1:00p. All teachers will be present. We will be conducting tours, having crafts and games in the gym, and small snacks in room 113. All participants must register to keep numbers within allowed group sizes. Current students will be able to attend as well.

Registration for next fall's 2021/22 part-day preschool is currently open. There are 115 children enrolled for school next year. Preschool Open House is scheduled for June 12 from 10:00-12:00 at Willow and 1:00-3:00 at TC with the goal of

For this year's preschool (2020/21), there are 61 students enrolled at TC and 38 students enrolled at WRC, for a total of 99 students.



School Age - STAR and Day Camps

STAR

D54 STAR for April

- Armstrong: 10 AM & 6 PM
- Fairview: 9 AM & 13 PM
- Lakeview: 11 AM & 30 PM
- Lincoln Prairie: 12 AM & 14 PM
- MacArthur: 10 AM & 10 PM
- Muir: 1 AM & 7 PM

WRC STAR for April

- Whiteley: 2 AM & 7 PM
- TJ care: 1 AM & 2 PM
- KinderSTAR: 11

Registration to date for 21/22 STAR:
D54 STAR

- Armstrong: 6 AM & 5 PM
- Fairview: 15 AM & 28 PM
- Lakeview: 6 AM & 21 PM
- Lincoln Prairie: 24 AM & 20 PM
- MacArthur: 13 AM & 16 PM
- Muir: 3 AM & 9 PM

D15 STAR

- Whiteley: 25 AM & 41 PM
- Thomas Jefferson: 7 AM & 35 PM
- KinderSTAR: 15

Staff met with the principals at TJ & Whiteley to discuss the transition of the STAR program to their schools in fall. A site tour took place.

Summer Camp

Registration is open for summer camp. Camp was originally offered at Triphahn Center & Willow Rec Center to mimic the two site offerings provided last summer. However, camps sold out immediately so staff reached out to District 54 to secure two schools for summer camp usage. Triphahn camps were moved to MacArthur School for additional space and Lincoln Prairie School was added to accommodate waitlists.



Youth Athletics

Athletics

Hoffman Basketball Academy

- A new spring in-house basketball league is being offered for boys 6th-8th grade level. There are 19 players.
- Camps: A new “scoring camp” was offered with 7 players. This camp will be offered in May as well. 37 players were enrolled in April fundamental camps and 43 enrolled for May session.

Baseball / Softball

- N60 baseball: 3 teams this season
- In-House baseball: 156 players over 5 levels
- Opening Day ceremonies: N60 night games were held under the lights. In-house opening day was May 1 with Team Parade and the Mayor reading a proclamation and throwing the first pitch.
- Rentals: Three softball tournaments were held at Cannon in April.
- Adult Softball: 8 teams

Soccer

- Outdoor soccer registration has 221 players (compared to 258 in Spring 2019).
- New HUSC Soccer Essentials trainings are being offered. There are 94 participants.

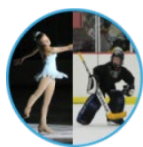
Contractual Youth Sports: 66 participants in Jr Sports classes.

Fishing: 13 participants in Learn to Fish and 29 in the free Fishing Clinic. The new summer Bass League already has 6 members.

E-Sports

- E-Sports Zone open on April 1. The facility is now open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 6-9pm. Additional events are scheduled in May with tournaments and open houses.
- E-Sports Zone has 18 members with a total of 55 visits in April.

Outdoor Education / Nature: 6 participants in Pond Dipping Class.



Ice Operations

Hockey:

- Spring session of hockey lessons began the first week of April. There are 30 skaters enrolled.
- Spring Hockey League began April 5.

Hockey League Levels	Spring 2021	Spring 2019
Mites	25	28
Squirts	40	16
PeeWees	26	19
Bantams	32	30
Midgets	34	18
Wolverine Girls	19	21
TOTAL	176	132

- Adult Drop-In Hockey continues to meet on Sunday nights. An adult hockey league will be developed once guidelines lighten.
- Plans for summer have been finalized. Hockey will offer both a full day and a half day camp. MooseJaw 3v3 league will be offered three nights/week.
- The Chicago Wolves will be finishing up their season on May 15.

Figure Skating:

- Spring session of figure skating lessons began the first week of April. There are 208 skaters enrolled this session.
- There were 111 skaters enrolled in freestyle practice ice this month.
- 345 private lessons were taught in April.

Public Skate:

- Public Skate was offered every other Sunday in April for two timeslots each day. A special “Skate with Skates” was offered on April 25. To meet a goal of expanding our partnership with the Chicago Wolves, we had their mascot, Skates, skate alongside the public skaters. All skate events held were sold out with 50 skaters each.



Aquatics

There are 176 pool passes sold to date for Seascap summer 2021.

Hiring for the summer season took place this month. Two recertification classes for the 25 returning lifeguards were held. Another 26 new lifeguards were hired this month and began their week-long training at the end of the month. We are still on task to reach 60+ lifeguards for the season.

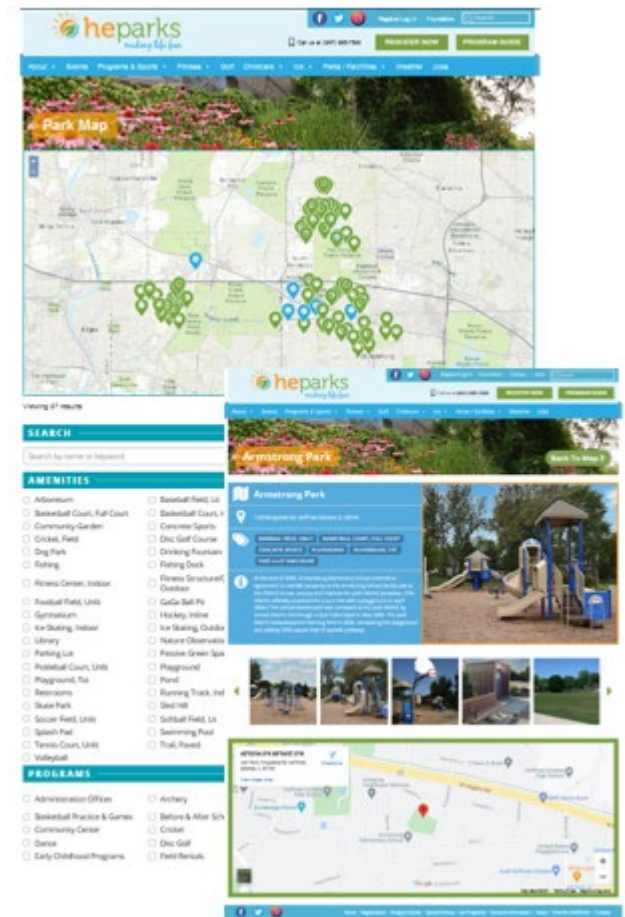
Swim lesson registration opened May 10 for the summer season. Lessons will be offered at Seascap and The Club. Group lessons will be small groups of four or less students and private lessons will also be offered.



Communications and Marketing

Special Projects:

- 1) Interactive Park Map on Website
 - Features: Search Function for amenities, programs and rental options
 - Custom Park Search: Choose what you are looking for in a park. Are you looking for a park with a restroom, tot playground, paved path? Click on options to explore.
 - Each individual park page includes highlight photos, park history, amenities, and location
 - Mobile Friendly
 - Translatable
 - Shareable



2) Billboard Design: Four billboards for I-90 were designed.



Design Work:

- Spring Program Guide: with new features such as slide shows, video links and new headings
- Top Tracer Range Signage

Promotions:

- E-Sports Tournaments & Open Houses
- Hockey MooseJaw League
- Seascape
- SRT Golf Outing
- Easter Events

Email campaigns: Three e-blasts highlighting: seascape and camp, program registration, Arbor Day

Social Media:

- 23 posts in April
- Top interactive posts:
 - 1) E-Sports Zone Open
 - 2) Performing Arts Job Posting
 - 3) Seascape Season Passes
 - 4) Learn to Play Cricket

of Followers:

Follower Count of HEParks Managed Social Media Accounts by Month							
		Monthly Follower Count					
Account	Social Media Platform	April 2021	March 2021	February 2021	January 2021	December 2020	November 2020
Bridges of Poplar Creek	Facebook	1081	1062	1046	1046	1034	1029
	Instagram	128	124	123	121	122	118

	Twitter	163	164	164	164	165	166
The Club	Facebook	1644	1642	1640	1643	1636	1622
	Instagram	333	325	320	311	299	289
	Twitter	39	39	39	39	37	39
HEParks	Facebook	5213	5180	5115	5062	5034	5013
	Instagram	866	855	839	808	776	729
	Twitter	1,072	1,071	1067	1070	1088	1092
Ice Academy	Facebook	98	97	96	92	90	88
Wolf Pack	Facebook	349	340	334	329	315	314
	Instagram	354	336	329	329	329	309
Senior Center	Facebook	120	118	116	116	115	114

HEParks Facebook and Instagram Reach

Account	Month	Paid Reach	Facebook Reach	Instagram Reach	
HEParks	January	65045	9300	706	
	February	54127	17740	703	
	March	77218	29907	3345	Spring program guide launch
	April	76,135	18,394	7,391	

Website:

Traffic to HEParks website in April: 29,165 unique page views.

Highest visited pages

- Highest visited pages in April 2021: Home, Program Guide, Camp, Seascape, Dog Park

Marquee Sales:

- Kenneth Young Center
- BMO Harris
- Kids Stem Studio
- DuPage Medical Group
- Proven Winners

Bridges General Programs

- Jr Golf classes have begun. Our first session is our Golden Bears class. We had 24 students in this first class. This is an introductory class that will go over all the basics of the game.
- Group lessons start in spring and we are looking forward to provide instruction once again after a year off due to Covid.
- Ladies League has been posted and advertised. The league begins May 18th. We currently have 12 players signed up for this league.

Golf Rounds

MONTHLY ROUND TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
2,584	1,510	1,509	0	2,842	1,689
YTD ROUND TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
3,877	2,805	1,990	313	3,802	2,557

Range Information

MONTHLY RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
1,858	1,131	1,664	0	2,295	1,390
YTD RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
2,752	1,868	2,021	215	3,619	2,095

Food & Beverage

- The Bar & Grill is now open on a daily basis. We have introduced a new limited menu for the Spring season. We have added a few new fresh menu items which include house made chicken finger and house made mozzarella sticks. Early comments have been very positive.
- F&B item challenges are similar to all other industries. Currently we are experience a chicken wing shortage, ketchup packet, and fryer oil are just a few. Staff will continue to monitor pricing as well as we are expected to see a significant increase in beef prices. Menus are constantly being adjusted for some of the increase costs.

Wedding Count Update:

2022 = 1 reception & 2 Ceremony & Reception has booked.

2021 = 12 ceremony and reception, 3 reception (We did have one reception cancel in June as they moved to a facility that was not enforcing any Covid-19 guidelines.

2020 = All weddings have been cancelled or rescheduled to 2021.
We had 10 ceremony and reception, 4 reception only booked for 2020.
2019 = 16 ceremony and reception, 3 reception only, 1 ceremony only
2018 = 16 ceremony and reception and 3 reception only, 2 ceremony only (2 weddings cancelled in 2018)
2017 = 14 ceremony and reception, 5 reception only, 5 ceremony only
2016 = 21 ceremony and reception, 4 reception only, 1 ceremony only.
2015 = 18 ceremony and reception, 5 reception only, 4 ceremony only

Golf Maintenance Summary

In April our high averaged 55 degrees (4 degrees below average) and low averaged 42 degrees (3 degrees above average). We received about .75" (3.38" average) of rain which comes to 22% of our normal totals. For the month we saw 12 total playable* days (20%) and weekends in April we had 3 playable* days (19%), these are pretty normal for April.

*Playable is being defined as highs between 55-90 degrees and less than .05" rain.

April has been a very busy month. The lack of rain has been good for productivity of the maintenance staff, but not ideal for the turf. We have been running the irrigation system a lot more than normal for this time of year to try and keep up. The lack of rainfall has also delayed the germination of seed in areas from tree removals, irrigation repairs, or other various improvement projects. Hopefully if we can get close to normal rainfall totals next month we can get back on track with seeded areas especially outside or our irrigated zones.

As April comes to a close the chance of frosts will start to be behind us. On average our area will not see frost after the second week of May. The lack of frost and warmer temperatures in the future will be very good for turf growth, most of April we had an average growth potential of 15-29% (ideal is 60-70%).

Spring is also the time of year when we get to see how effective our herbicide applications from September were. The main weed that we target with this application is the dandelion. Overall we are very happy with the control that we got this year. We have gone out this spring with smaller hand sprayers to touch up tree bases and a few areas that got missed or were too tight for our large spray to access last fall.

Here is a list of a few other things that we did this month.

- Started to regularly cut all playing surfaces regularly.
- Edged and cleaned up all bunkers.
- Started preventative chemical applications on playing surfaces.
- Started fertility applications.
 - Multiple granular application on tees and greens.
 - Applied granular fertilizer to driving range and clubhouse areas.
- Aerified all greens with deep tine.
- Top-dressed and verticut greens.
- Aerified all approaches and collars.
- Aerified all tees.
- Aerified traffic areas in the rough.
- Seeded greens following aerification.
- Sprayed rough areas for broadleaves (dandelions).
- Cleaned up event area and got waterfalls working.

- Started applying new mulch around clubhouse.
- Started auditing and repair the irrigation system.
- Worked on removing volunteer trees along waterlines.
- Removed dead bushes around Clubhouse.
- Worked to level 11 black tee as one edge settled over time.



April 2021

Membership Totals	<u>4/30/2020</u>	<u>4/30/2021</u>	<u>1/01/2021</u>	<u>Var. +/-</u>
Totals	2767	1995	1992	+3

Member Services/Sales

- We are very happy to report we had another month of net positive (25 net positive) in April! We enrolled a total of 108 new members, and 4 members under the United Health Care Renew Active plan. April was another month of low cancellations (68) as well which helped us get in an overall positive membership number for the first time in 2021. All good news going into a traditionally slower summer season for new memberships.
- We are offering a student summer pass beginning May 15 and ending August 15th. The full price of the pass is \$99.00 for kids of current members and \$125.00 for all other students. We worked with the business department and they were able to help us have the pass automatically pro-rate in the system dependent on the date of purchase.
- The email we sent out at the end of March to all previous members from the past two years with a \$0 enrollment fee offer was good through April and resulted in 12 enrollments at the end of March and 25 enrollments in April. This was a great indicator that this type of targeted and “pop-up” type of offers will work well in the coming months to get members back in.
- We had 1360 unique visits in April. So a little over 68% of our members with active passes used the facility in April at least one time.
- We were given a great opportunity from the HE Chamber to host their first in-person gathering of Business After Hours since the pause on in-person gatherings due to COVID. On Wednesday, April 21 we hosted Chamber Members and some HEParks Commissioners in our new Mind/Body Studio for this networking event. We offered tours of the facility and a short seated yoga demo to the attendees. We also offered attendees \$0 enrollment if they enrolled in a membership. This was a very successful event and did result in three new memberships from attendees and friends of attendees.
- Social Media and targeted emails continue to be our best marketing tools right now in driving membership numbers. We hope to plan some outreach throughout the summer to compliment this online and email marketing.

Operations and Fitness Departments:

- The Club Operations in Facility Rentals is ramping up with requests and bookings starting to come in for large tournament rentals and parties.
- The inspection of the climbing wall at The Club was completed in April. This is the first step necessary in getting the wall back running and being able to offer open climb and programming.
- In April, we scheduled a couple days of meet and greet with our new Registered Dietician, Shannon. At these meet and greets we offered a discounted 30 minute consultation with Shannon. We sold/booked over 25 consultations on these meet and greet days giving Shannon a great base of members to share a little knowledge with and hopefully continue on with additional sessions.
- In addition, on these same days, Dick Pond of Hoffman Estates came in and gave complimentary gait analysis to our members. Several people took advantage of this and Dick Pond reported lots of store visits as a result of these events. We look forward to a solid partnership with Dick Pond in the future.

A. Finance/Administration

- Upon presentation/approval of the comprehensive annual financial report, staff will begin filing the documents with the applicable agencies.
- Processed liquor license renewal for BPC.
- Processed applicable monthly returns as required.
- Processed applicable quarterly returns as required.
- Processed Club/TC/WRC cancellations, including attaching documentation to RecTrac household member and member holds prior to May billing.
- RecTrac Enhancements/Processes
 - Assisted with camp sections due to high demand
 - Created SRT golf outing tickets for June 2nd
 - Created online registration for The Village for COVID vaccine event on May 12th
- Payroll Cycle Processing
 - 04/02/21 \$242,306.37
 - 04/16/21 \$250,182.87
 - 04/30/21 \$268,884.46

B. Administrative Registration/EFT Billing

- EFT Billings for:
 - a. Sponsorship/Marquee
 - b. ELC (weekly)
 - c. Club/TC/WRC Fitness
 - d. STAR
- Administrative
 - a. Program Cancellations/Refunds
 - b. Program Fee/Rule Adjustments
 - c. Summer Guide live on April 10th
- Administrative Registration for:
 - a. Scholarship Applications
 - b. Park Permits

- c. Summer Camp
- d. Soccer

C. Human Resources

- Processed eight new part-time employees.
- Attended SHRM 2021 Workplace Conference virtually.
- Attended PDRMA's training webinar on their new electronic enrollment software, PlanSource.
- Researching new companies to facilitate out-of-state background checks.
- Implemented Ascentis NOVA time and attendance software with April 24th go live date.

D. Technology

- Comcast Fiber Upgrade
 - a. The fiber install at Vogeley was completed on April 28th. IT is working with Sterling to complete the configuration of the router and firewall.
 - b. The fiber install for The Club is estimated to be completed on May 14th.
- Purchased ten (10) HP monitors that have built-in speakers and webcam. This will give employees the ability to join Zoom meetings from their desk, if the need arises.
- FSS Technologies has completed wiring at Freedom Run Dog Park, and isolated the card reader using a relay with surge protectors.
- Seascape Reopening
 - a. IT is in the process of configuring all hardware (computers & peripherals, wireless access points, phones, etc.) for Seascape's scheduled opening for Memorial Day.
 - b. Working with new Aquatic Manager to ensure proper training is given to new Seascape managers and lifeguards.
- Investigated and purchased a new wireless microphone system with speakers for use during Board meetings. The new system can also be used for any staff or conference meetings where voice amplification is needed.
- Ordered an additional iPP320 credit card device for the eSports location.



KARIE ANGELL LUC FOR THE DAILY HERALD

Arianna Gaddini, 5, a kindergartner from Rolling Meadows, dances with the bunny at Triphahn Center and Ice Arena in Hoffman Estates Sunday.

It's the 'Ice-ter' Bunny!

Families enjoy a fun skate event in Hoffman Estates

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Daily Herald correspondent

A capacity registration of 50 participants took part in a Skate with the Bunny event on Sunday in Hoffman Estates.

Registered participants taking part in the early afternoon session could spend one hour skating on Rink 2 at the Triphahn Center and Ice Arena at 1685 W. Higgins Road.

The event was not an egg hunt, but youngsters could dance on the ice with the plush bunny. There were orange safety cones, too, for the youngsters to help with the cool dance.

"We're excited to be able to get the families back on the ice," said Melissa Motyka-Ciavarella of Elgin, figure skating manager for the Hoffman Estates Park District.

"The restrictions have come down. We're very excited that



KARIE ANGELL LUC FOR THE DAILY HERALD

Families skate with the bunny at Triphahn Center and Ice Arena in Hoffman Estates Sunday.

the families can come back and skate together."

The plush bunny had many fans, including the Gaddini family of Rolling Meadows. Nick and Gina Gaddini took their children Arianna, 5, and Nikko, 3.

"I hope that (her children) get somewhat of a normal

year considering COVID," Gina Gaddini said. "And that they can have fun, still being able to see the bunny."

Additional Easter-related events next weekend include a Drive By Bunny and Doggie Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza events. For more information visit www.heparks.org.

ELECTION 2021 •

HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT BOARD

Seven candidates running for four seats;



Rajkumari Chhatwani

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 51

Occupation: Banking Center Financial Manager at Bank of America

Civic involvement: HEPD and Sindhi Association of Metropolitan Chicago

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. I am running for reelection for a variety of reasons. One of the biggest reasons is I have always wanted to give back to the community. I am an avid member, whether it be enjoying



Linda Dressler

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 56

Occupation: REALTOR at RE/MAX Suburban

Civic involvement: Trustee: Friends of HE Parks Foundation, Village of Hoffman Estates Commission Member: Economic Development & Platzkonzert, Vice Chair: Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Secretary: North West Housing Partnership, President: Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS, board of directors: Illinois Realtors

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

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Rajkumari Chhatwani

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the fitness classes or walking on the new trails. I enjoy seeing other residents utilizing the projects that we work hard to plan, budget, and execute. Another reason I am running for reelection is because I wanted to represent the minority in the community. Here, I can bring the unheard voices to light and promote diversity among community members.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. The park district continued to adequately serve

constituents during the pandemic in a multitude of ways. One of these examples is quickly adapting to Zoom calls for meetings. We came up with new and innovative programs and activities, in order to serve the community. During the Zoom calls, we were able to maintain and develop new infrastructure ideas for the park district. A specific example is that the park district provided tutoring services and day care for parents who had to go work as front line essential workers. Throughout the pandemic we were able to work through unprecedented times and come up with innovative solutions to provide our community members with the best life possible, even during tough times. Another example is adapting to online fitness classes. Instructors were still

providing for their members and promoting a healthy lifestyle for residents.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. I think that we learned many lessons during this pandemic. I think we learned how to come together as a community and face a big crisis. To address any future public health crises, I believe a few safeguards should be put in place. One idea could be having a hotline that community members can call and ask questions. Another idea could be having a website with frequently asked questions that they can refer to, because many residents may have the same. Lastly, I think an idea that would be helpful to the board members would be to send out surveys to

residents to see how they are feeling, what they would like to see implemented, and any questions or concerns.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. The pandemic has affected the park district and the use of facilities. But, the staff was able to combat this by being proactive and diligent with programming and activities. Many facilities, for example, the fitness centers were closed due to the pandemic. But, with strategic planning, we were able to open this up with safety precautions. Some examples include the usage of masks, social distancing, and using the facilities on an appointment basis.

Linda Dressler

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A. It is my belief that people should be engaged within their communities to make them the best place they can be. I have been a community representative for the park district for 8 years now and thought it is time to give a little more ...

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the

disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. Yes, they were constantly pivoting to the current mandates by our Governor. Innovating and exploring new ways to serve our community's needs.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. We are continually monitoring the environment to use best practices for the health and safety of our community members.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities.

Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. Yes, unfortunately the facilities and services during the past year weren't utilized as they have been in years past ... but safety was of our utmost concern. As a board we have to think proactively to remain useful and be relevant to our community in fitting their needs.



Keith J. Evans

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 65

Occupation: Owner, Key Financial Insurance Agency Inc.

Civic involvement: HEParks commissioner, past board member of the Schaumburg Business Association, past board chair of the Hoffman Estates Chamber, past chair Hoffman United Soccer Club, past chair Boy Scout Troop 297, past treasurer MacArthur PTA

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. I have been active in HEParks for over 2 decades, serving as a

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Patrick J. McGinn

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 65

Occupation: Demand planner at Bluewave Products

Civic involvement: Park Board Service the last 10 years

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. I am running for a third term (4 year terms). These are voluntary positions and I'm running to continue to contribute to my community by offering my previous Park District experiences, my work experiences, educational background, and

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Patrick J. McGinn

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15 years of coaching experience at all levels of the Hoffman Estates Park District. I have always been a firm believer in health/fitness and the Park District is the perfect place to get started with many great programs to offer our residents at all levels.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. 100% they continued to serve. They created virtual

programs, modified programs continuously based on ever changing state guidelines, and held the tax levy due to financial hardships created by the pandemic for our residents. The staff performed remarkably under adverse circumstance the past year. They have been flexible and proactive with the constant challenges they have been faced with daily.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. Hard lessons have been learned by all. Should we ever have to experience a future health crisis such as this we know to wear masks,

keep social distancing, wash hands, take temperatures etc. to head off/minimize any exposure. Bigger picture we look at upgrading ventilation systems, spacing out workout equipment, limiting class sizes, and providing hand sanitizers throughout the facilities. If you feel sick do not come to the buildings. Everyone has a part to play in ensuring our collective safety/well-being.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. Early on the Board/Park District decided the best course of action was to

follow the State guidelines. Every aspect of the Park District has been impacted. Memberships, rentals, recreational programming etc. Staff remained incredibly flexible adjusting programs on the fly as mitigations were constantly being modified. Virtual programs were created. As mitigations were eased one on one training was allowed. As mitigations were further eased small groups were allowed with social distancing and mask requirements. The Park District realizes the health and well-being of community is at stake and want to reopen but safety has to be our primary concern. The goal is to get back to normal as soon as possible for everyone's well-being.

Keith J. Evans

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sports coach, soccer board member, board community representative, and for 12 years, a volunteer/elected board commissioner. I have attended several state and national parks conferences, documenting every session. I have missed only a handful of committee and board meetings in the last 20+ years. With this cumulative involvement, I am the most experienced member of our board. Along with my business experience, I provide effective representation of the residents of our district, with insight and ideas other candidates do not have. I would like to continue to bring my activism and expertise to our residents for another 4 years.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. HEParks did an outstanding job of managing the pandemic, unfortunately, in many cases that meant shutting down programs and dismissing employees. The positive is that HEParks was able to control costs to such an extent that no (statutorily allowed) increase in tax levy was needed in 2021. We are adapting well to opening or expanding programs as the state slowly allows more activities.

Q. In light of our experiences

with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. HEParks now has a tested blueprint of how best to react to future health crises. We previously had effective plans for business continuity caused by man-made and natural disasters, but not a virus pandemic. As the state provided guidelines, HEParks staff reacted quickly to comply with those restrictions. While not every health crisis can be planned for, I am confident our staff has the skill, expertise, ingenuity and adaptability to respond.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill

the mission of a park district during these times?

A. HE Parks responded to each state guideline change to either expand or restrict all impacted programming. Some things simply could not operate in the pandemic environment (youth sports competition). Some programs were able to continue, albeit under strict guidelines (golf). Kudos to staff for taking advantage of the shutdown of one facility to complete planned renovations that would have disrupted members use of the facility (if there was no pandemic), costing more and taking longer. Instead, staff accelerated renovations while the facility was closed and was ready for members when health guidelines eased.

Dru R. Steinhoff

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 54

Occupation: Teacher's assistant for Special Education and Palatine-Schaumburg Township High School District 211

Civic involvement: None listed

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. The main reason I am running for park board commissioner in Hoffman Estates is to ensure tax payer's money is being wisely spent on enriching the lives of our community. As a lifelong Hoffman Estates resident and the youngest of seven children, my family took full advantage of the programs, parks, and facilities the HEPD offered. We played football, baseball, soccer, swim team, cheerleading and my family had season passes every summer to the community pool. The HEPD had such a big impact on my life that I decided to major

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Dru R. Steinhoff

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in Parks and Recreation with my main focus to provide the same or even better opportunities to the community that I had growing up. The world is changing rapidly. In these hard times with many people out of work, every dollar matters. My goal is to help the HEPD to find ways to bring kids and families back to the park district during and after this pandemic. I'd like to offer the HEPD the knowledge and experience that I have gained by working in the recreation field for the past 30 years in hopes to make a difference in my community.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. I think the HEPD tried its best during the pandemic. Some ideas and programs succeeded better than others. The fitness instructors at The Club did a nice job of providing online fitness workout videos to try and keep its members and the community engaged and off the couch. The recreation department held a drive by Santa event that sold out and the basketball academy seems to be taking off. The HEPD continued with full time day care for working parents by providing programs such as Study Hall which provided kids help with remote learning. Preschool held virtual story time for younger age children. A couple of things which would have been nice would have been finding a way to connect with our large senior population. Seniors were one of the largest hit by the

pandemic and in most need of social contact. Maybe teaching them how to Zoom so that they could have coffee time or virtual get-togethers with their friends at the HEPD. I would have also liked to see them expand on the basketball academy and offer one on one instruction for other sports such as volleyball, soccer and baseball and not just basketball.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. I think a lot has been learned from this pandemic but hopefully this is not and will not be the norm. I think the park district put in a lot of sanitizer stations and the constant cleaning of equipment and facilities has greatly improved. This pandemic has created a good base for the HEPD to be able to react quicker now that it has more virtual resources, knowledge and safety safeguards/guidelines built in case of any emergency situation.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. The HEPD was forced to close facilities and cancel many park district programs. By offering virtual opportunities the park district was able to help its residents and the Study Hall program that helped students with remote learning was a big help to working parents. The park board needs to rely on staff; that they have hired the right professionals to carry out the services and needs of the community and to promote policies that allows staff to be able to do so.



Denise K. Wilson

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: Candidate did not respond

Occupation: Telecommunications professional and Artist

Civic involvement: Actively committed to the community, volunteering for the last 20 years with the Village of Hoffman Estates, starting as a commissioner on the Zoning Board and currently as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Currently, Community Representative on the Administration and Finance Committee for the Hoffman Estates Park District; Vice President on the Lutheran Day Early Childhood Center board in Chicago. For many years, supported the Midwest Center Against Sexual Assault as an Illinois Rape Victim Advocate.

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Denise K. Wilson

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Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for reelection or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. My decision to become a candidate started after becoming a Community Representative on Administration and Finance Committee Hoffman Estates Park District over 2 years. Since committees are recommending bodies to the board, I would like the opportunity to leverage my professional expertise and include more community opinions in Hoffman Estates Park District decisions by becoming a board member. People need to have options to make change, to not just go with more of the same. I will work to provide better programs, cut wasteful spending and work to support strong Community involvement.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. The Hoffman Estates Park District did create and adapt virtual class offerings during the pandemic but they did very little for outdoor activities. They created supervised remote learning rooms. Where children could meet and interact with peers but did not offer other opportunities for families. Last summer many other IL park districts opened their outdoor pools and splash pads successfully by offering

reserved time slots, this park district did not.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. This question has a very large scope and I believe that there are many areas for improved handling of any future health crises. My view is improved communications and better understanding the isolation and the loneness closing all services had on everyone, as we are and were all in this but we were not all together. Every person has their own story, but the most affected were the seniors and the children. We need to provide better mental health support to reduce suicides and abuse that accrued due to isolation. And we need to remove the politics from any health crises.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. All of this country was affected by the pandemic but it was handled very differently with in this state and by other states. One needs to look at how things were managed before last year, was there strong inclusive leadership on the board? Did they have in place management that would listen to input from all their employees as well as the community that supports the park district though tax dollars? If elected I will work to cut wasteful spending and improve communications between the Community, Park District staff and the board.



Ian Macdonald

Bio

City: Hoffman Estates

Age: 41

Occupation: Mechanical Engineering Manager at Caterpillar

Civic involvement: I currently sit on the Hoffman Estates Historic Sites Commission as well as a community rep for park district board.

Q&A

Q. Why are you running for this office, whether for re-election or election the first time? Is there a particular issue that motivates you, and if so, what is it?

A. As a father of two young boys and a resident of Hoffman Estates; I have a vested interest in providing guidance to the Park District allowing us to improve and develop programs to suit

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Ian Macdonald

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the younger families in this community.

Q. Did your park district continue to adequately serve its constituents during the disruptions caused by the pandemic? If so, please cite an example of how it

successfully adjusted to continue providing services. If not, please cite a specific example of what could have been done better.

A. Yes the park district continues to serve the community with class programming, fitness facilities and specialized training or coaching.

Q. In light of our experiences with COVID-19, what safeguards/guidelines should you put in place to address any future public health crises?

A. The protocols and practices used by the park district follows the universal guideline provided by the governing bodies for both school

districts and government entities.

Q. How has the pandemic affected the park district's offerings and use of facilities. Are there other ways the park board can fulfill the mission of a park district during these times?

A. Did not respond.



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The Chamber sponsors a number of community projects throughout the year including Tools for Success, a community school supply drive that collects thousands of dollars worth of new school supplies for distribution to children attending our area schools. The Annual Community Fishing Derby held each June enables fishing enthusiasts of all ages to have the opportunity to compete for cash and prizes in different age categories. The Chamber also sponsors Bon Appétit, a community food and drink festival that features our local college participating in a cupcake competition for scholarship dollars.

The Chamber Scholarship Program offers three educational scholarships each year to Chamber members, their extended family and employees. Applications for the scholarship program are available at the Chamber office, on the website at www.hechamber.com and the deadline is July 15.



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Blink Tees, a screen-printing company that was founded in 2016 by two long-time friends, Steve Long and Jeff Staten, earned the Small Business of the Year title. It is located at 2400 Hassell Rd., Suite 360.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Owning his own insurance agency taught Keith Evans the value of volunteering. When people get to know you in a non-threatening, volunteer capacity, they are more likely to trust you and turn your way when they have a need for the type of business you do. That is how you can make a Chamber membership work for you, as well as for your larger community.

So, Evans is a Hoffman Estates Chamber workhorse. He served on the Board of Directors for six years (two as chairman); is a member of The Exchange networking group; serves on both the Governmental Relations and the New Members Committees; and produces the nominations and awards video for each year's Celebration of Excellence dinner (or lunch, this year).

A former financial analyst for Allstate, Evans now owns Key Financial Insurance Agency Inc., an independent agency which helps businesses and individuals with auto, home, life, disability and commercial insurance. He also serves as a Commissioner for the Hoffman Estates Park District.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NON-PROFIT PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Scout Troop 290, which now welcomes both boys and girls, ages 12 to 18, was recognized as the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce's Non-Profit Partner of the Year. The Scouts offer invaluable assistance with the Chamber's annual Community Fishing Derby at Fabbri Park and with "Tools for Success" School Supply Drive for community children in need.

During the summer months, the partnership places collection bins provided by Groot Industries at various locations throughout the Village of Hoffman Estates including the libraries, park district facilities, local banks, real estate offices and other businesses. Businesses and residents generously donate new notebooks, backpacks, pencils, pens, scissors, calculators, glue and other school supplies. The school supplies are delivered to the Schaumburg Township District Library's loading dock, where they are sorted and



divided by Scout Troop #290. Each school in our district receives the collected supplies and takes care of distributing them to the students.

The "Tools for Success" School Supply Drive helps young people on both ends – those who learn the euphoria one often feels when they help someone else (the scouts) and those who get needed school supplies that will help them build skills for the future (the school supply recipients).





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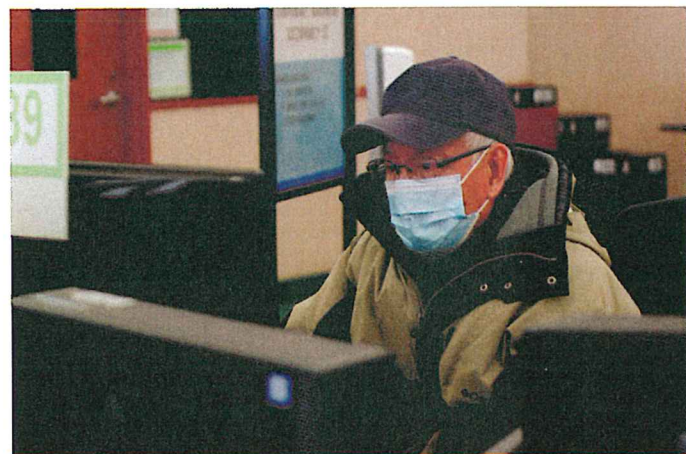
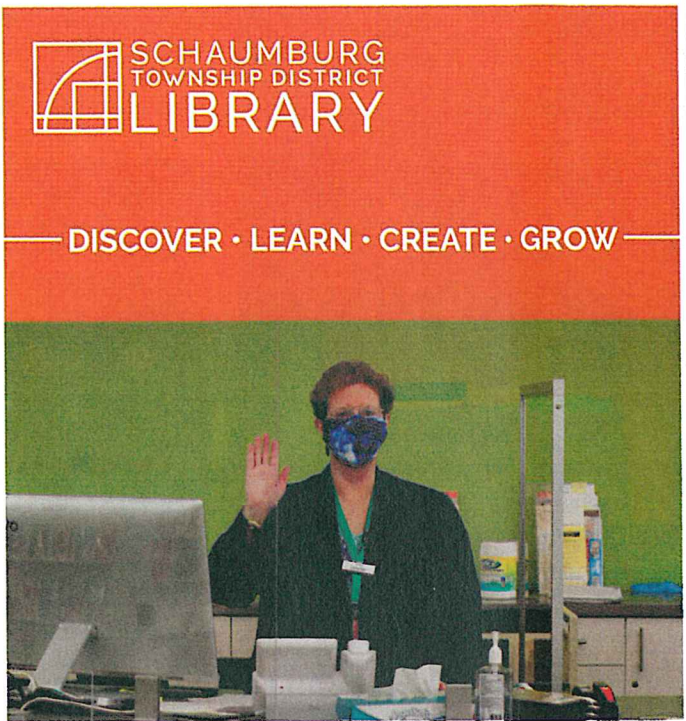
As news of the COVID-19 pandemic spread through the U.S., the Schaumburg Township District Library and its Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park branches closed in accordance with the governor's guidelines, while providing no-contact library materials, and services, programs, as well as free WiFi in the parking lot. At the Hoffman Estates Branch, patrons were able to reserve books, movies, and other items online, then use curbside pickup to safely acquire their library materials. Additionally, patrons of all ages could attend online programs, book discussion groups, author visits, storytimes and even virtual fieldtrips using Zoom or by live streaming Schaumburglibrary.tv.

Now that the library has reopened, patrons can rest assured that safe and sanitary practices are in place. These practices include continuous cleaning, as well as mask-wearing, social distancing and limiting the building's hours and capacity.

"We're all excited to have our patrons back in the building," said Hofmann Estates Branch Manager John Ericson. "It was nice to be able to provide no-contact pickup and online programs, but it's much better to share smiles and conversations human to human."

Ericson said curbside pick-up will remain temporarily available for those who prefer it, and the Hoffman Estates Branch Library will have outdoor lockers coming in Spring as another option for picking up reserved items. To use the lockers, patrons need only select "locker" as their location of choice when reserving materials. Once items are ready, the patron will be notified and may use their library card to open the locker door and retrieve their books, movies, etc.

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A dynamic park district is constantly growing and changing, adjusting to resident interests and requests, as well as jumping on new opportunities. The Hoffman Estates Park District (HEParks) excels at evolving.

For instance, last summer Vogelei Park was recognized internationally as a Level 1 Accredited Arboreta through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program. An arboretum is a botanical garden focused on trees.

The Vogelei Park arboretum joins 404 other accredited parks across 32 countries that meet the criteria for specimen number, future planning, education and preservation of woody plants, according to Katie Burgess, Superintendent of Communications and Marketing.

HEParks chose Vogelei Park as the site for an arboretum due to its historical importance to the community. Vogelei served as the original headquarters/community center for the Park District so it felt it was an appropriate place to honor the many who helped secure and create the outdoor spaces here over the years.

Within Vogelei Park are a few old cottonwood trees from the original homestead acquired by the district in 1969. Since then, through efforts from community groups, memorial tree donors and district staff, the collection of trees has expanded to include over 25 different species of native and non-native woody plant specimens.

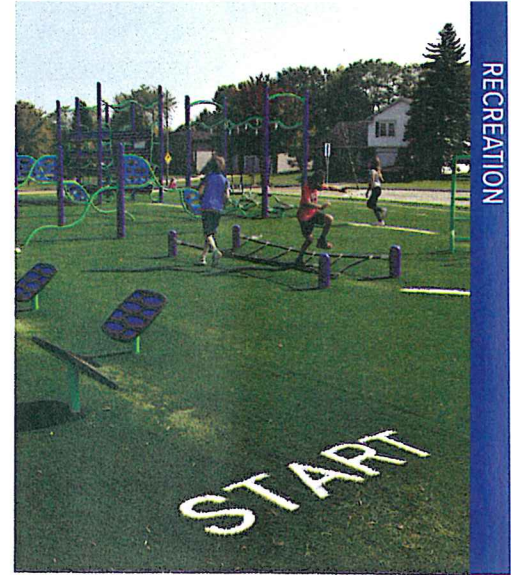
Vogelei Park also features a walking path, playground, splash pad, amphitheater, pond, a garden planted and tended to by the Boy Scouts and parking. A new E-Sports Gaming Center featuring low-cost, supervised video game recreation for residents age 8-18, will also open in April.

Another exciting addition to local recreational facilities is the East-West Bike Trail Link along Shoe Factory Road from Route 59 west to the Canadian National railroad tracks. The 0.7-mile trail had previously been just dirt and grass.

The link connects Hoffman Estates residents to the nearly 9-mile paved Poplar Creek red loop trail and others. The State of Illinois, Village, HEParks and the Cook County Forest Preserve District jointly financed the \$470,000 project to keep bicyclists and pedestrians off of a busy stretch of roadway.

HEParks also completed a \$1.3 million renovation at South Ridge Park, using a state grant and a donation from AMITA Health. It now features a 4,000 square-foot entertainment splash pad with spray effects, exploratory waterspouts and interactive squirting displays, revamped multi-sport fields, a Fitness Challenge Course for both adults and children, a new accessible playground, a shelter for party rentals, a two-mile paved trail system and an upgraded fishing pier and kayak launch.

During 2021 additional walking trails, a playground, a shelter for public gatherings, a



multi-sport court, passive park areas, a soccer field and a Butterfly Bio swale will also be added to Birch Park.

Throughout the pandemic, HRParks offered virtual programming, outdoor walking programs, free scavenger hunts, drive-through holiday events, 'camp in a box,' and various virtual and in-person sports programming and they permanently did away with the fee to join the HEParks' Senior Center.

Burgess said that they expect to open their pools and splash pads this summer and have chosen to make their seasonal programming guides entirely virtual to save on printing and mailing costs.

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Catching carp gains steam in fishing world

Believe it or not, there is a shift happening in the fishing world, one that's worth taking notice — carp fishing is gaining in popularity.

The story of the seemingly lowly carp is well known by even the most casual of anglers. Often regarded as nothing more than a bottom-feeder, it is not uncommon to hear from many in the fishing community that any carp caught should be immediately disposed of in the trash bin.

Though some still hold that opinion, it's no longer the majority opinion.

Before questioning whether the angling world has suddenly gone mad, it's important to consider some global context about carp fishing. In Europe, the carp is viewed with the same fondness that Americans express for fish like bass, musky and walleye. Given that fondness, an industry formed around carp fishing, paving the way for improved gear, baits and techniques.

Over the last decade or so, as fishing has entered the social media realm, European-style carp methods have transitioned into American markets. In the past, carp sections in tackle shops were essentially limited to flavored dough baits and corn. Today, an array of baits, specialized rigs and accessories are available to those looking to fish for carp in the 21st century.

While there are many ways to fish for carp in the European style, the pack bait method is arguably the most



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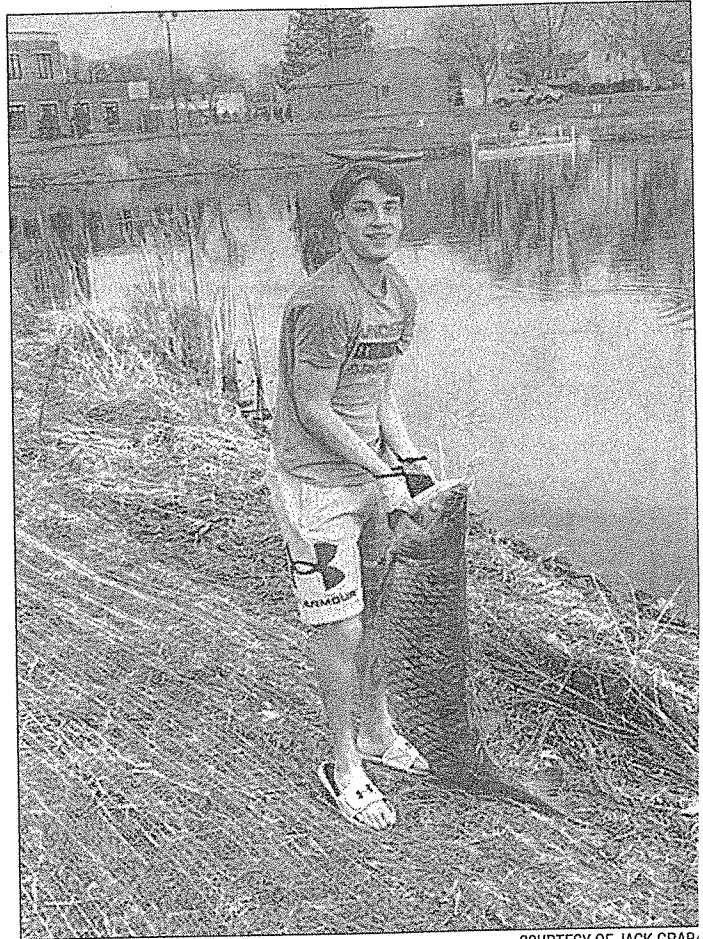
popular and effective.

This technique involves "packing" wetted mix baits around a special weight on your mainline and embedding a hook with a piece of corn or dough in the middle of the packed bait. The packed bait slowly breaks up in the water and gives off a scent that attracts carp to the baited hook. Recipes for homemade and commercial pack baits can be found online.

Another technique that has become popular is fly fishing. Bugs, flies and other terrestrials make up a good portion of a carp's diet, and the fight of the fish on fly tackle is something to behold.

The best time to target carp on the fly is during summertime insect hatches when carp are focused on the surface to find their next meal. This generally happens early morning or just prior to sundown.

To be realistic, it is not likely carp will ever win an American fishing popularity contest. However, they do serve a purpose as a



COURTESY OF JACK GRABA

Jack Graba of Palatine with his prize catch, an estimated 57-pound grass carp caught recently from a pond in Hoffman Estates. "Catching this carp has made me want to catch more in the future," he said.

well-distributed, opportunistic feeding species that can be fun for anglers of all ages.

Many will deride carp for the supposed havoc they wreak on ecosystems, but in most cases it has been found by fishery biologists that they do little to no harm on native fish populations.

Whether you're looking

for something to catch when other fish don't care to bite or simply looking to show a new angler what peeling dragon really sounds like, consider the carp.

It's very likely you don't live far from a body of water where carp are present, so get out there and see what all the buzz is about.

Hoffman Estates Citizen

May 2021

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Cooperation key to vaccination efforts

Through a cooperative effort with Cook County, the Village's Health and Human Services Department has organized a series of free vaccine clinics at Village Hall targeting eligible residents and frontline workers in the community.



The Hoffman Estates Park District has assisted in these efforts by providing access to their systems to streamline the registration process.

Beginning in mid-February, the Village sent approximately 2,000 letters to senior residents encouraging them to sign up for the Village's senior vaccine interest list. Residents on the interest list are contacted when vaccines become available, providing a simple and direct way for seniors to access this vital resource.

The Village also participated, along with the 10 other member communities of the Joint Emergency Management

Systems (JEMS), in a mass vaccination event at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Nearly 6,000 qualifying residents of these communities received vaccines during the clinics in March (first dose) and April (second dose). Another large-scale event is likely to take place in the coming weeks, so be sure to keep an eye on the Village's website and social media channels for details.

As vaccination efforts expand, the Village will continue to leverage these partnerships whenever possible to ensure that vaccines are available to all residents.

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SPECIAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

John Curran and **John Wilson**, Joint Conference Committee

CHAIRMAN'S CITATION

Larry Reiner, Buffalo Grove Park District

IPRA

On January 28, 2021, the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) honored the following individuals and park and recreation agencies for their commitment and excellent service to parks and recreation in Illinois.



IPRA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD



Lindsey Robertson,
Arlington Heights Park District

IPRA COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD



Todd Price,
Glenview Park District

RECAP OF WEEKLY UPDATES TO THE BOARD

Updates 04.23.2021

Upcoming Events

- **May 1 - Puzzle Mania**
- **May 23 - Summer Kick Off Craft Fair**
- **May 28 - Virtual Fishing Derby**
- **May 29 - Seascape Opening Day**
- **Jun 2 - HEParks Foundation Scott R. Triphahn Annual Golf Outing**

Earth Day Events - Thursday, April 23, 2021

On Earth Day, the Park District offered district-wide park clean-ups at these parks: Cannon Crossings Park, South Ridge Park, Vogeley Park, Chino Park, Hoffman Park and Community Park. During the two-hour volunteer event, 73 students and adults gathered over 30 bags of trash.

Photo: Conant High School students gather following park clean-ups at Chino Park, Hoffman Park and Community Park on Earth Day.



Updates 04.30.2021

Upcoming Events

[see full calendar](#)

- **May 23 - Summer Kick Off Craft Fair**
- **May 28 - Virtual Fishing Derby**
- **May 29 - Seascape Opening Day**
- **Jun 2 - Scott R. Triphahn Annual Golf Outing – Friends of HEParks Foundation**

Sound System for Meetings

At the last Board meeting there was discussion on returning to in-person meetings. The majority of the Board favored this; however a request was made to purchase a sound/microphone system to

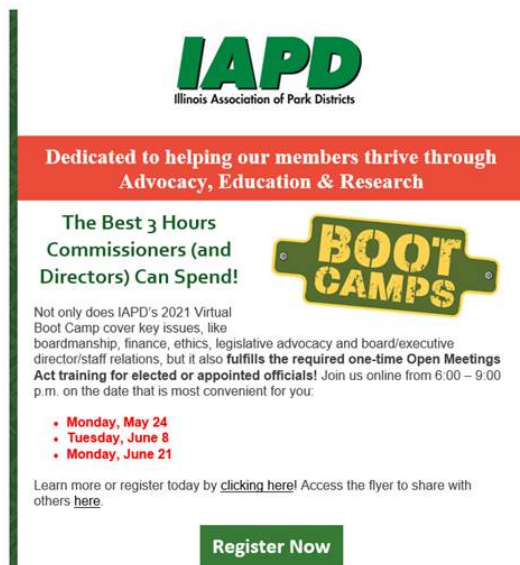
allow everyone to better hear especially when we are set up in the Senior Center for better social distancing. Staff has reviewed options and has found a very effective solution that will allow wireless microphones for everyone. The entire system will cost about \$3,000; however, staff feels we will have other potential uses for it as well. This seems like a good option and is something that would be a benefit for the District to own. If anyone is opposed to me purchasing it please let me know. Otherwise we will order the system components next Tuesday and will be all set for in-person meetings for May.

New Sub-divisions

Staff is meeting with representatives from two potential new sub-divisions being explored for Hoffman Estates. One is the old Plum Grove development once again being revisited and the other is the Autumn Woods development that a question was raised during committee due to a newspaper article. Both sub-divisions will require agreement from the Park District regarding potential park sites. The Plum Farms is a little more complicated right now as the developer wishes to work with us, yet the majority of the land is in Barrington Hills Park District. This will probably lead to a potential proposal similar to what we did with Bergman Farms and the Palatine Park District which we will evaluate once we have more information on the entire development.

IAPD Boot Camps

It is that time again where IAPD is presenting their Boot Camps. These are wonderful refresher courses that go over a Board members role in a park district. It also satisfies the open meeting act requirement though all of our board members and community reps have done the on-line OMA training. This is highly recommended for any new Board members. Please let me know if you wished to be registered for one; this year the boot camps will be held virtually.



The flyer features the IAPD logo at the top, followed by a red banner with the text "Dedicated to helping our members thrive through Advocacy, Education & Research". Below this is the headline "The Best 3 Hours Commissioners (and Directors) Can Spend!" and a graphic that says "BOOT CAMPS". The main text describes the virtual boot camp's focus on boardmanship, finance, ethics, and legislative advocacy, and notes that it fulfills the required one-time Open Meetings Act training for elected or appointed officials. It provides three dates: Monday, May 24; Tuesday, June 8; and Monday, June 21. A "Register Now" button is at the bottom.

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- Monday, May 24
- Tuesday, June 8
- Monday, June 21

Learn more or register today by [clicking here!](#) Access the flyer to share with others [here](#).

Register Now

Updates 05.05.2021

I will be out of town until Monday, May 17. If you need anything, please reach out to Alisa Kapusinski at akapusinski@heparks.org or 224-629-3382 (cell), she will perform the ED functions in my absence. In an emergency, I can still be reached on my cell phone 847-561-2200

NRPA Conference

NRPA Conference is Tuesday, 9/21 – Thursday, 9/23 in Nashville. The conference will be offered both in-person and virtual. The directors will be attending in-person this year. Registration for the conference and hotels opens this Monday, 5/10. Please notify Alisa if you would like to attend the conference in-person or virtually. We hope to make hotel reservations as soon as possible so if you could please reply yes, no or maybe on your attendance if known, we would appreciate that.

Parking Lot Resurfacing

- Triphahn Center parking lot will be resurfaced next Thursday 5/13 and Friday 5/14.
- Fabbrini Park parking lot will be resurfaced on Tuesday 5/18.

IAPD Boot Camp

Commissioners Friedman & Dressler have enrolled into the upcoming IAPD Boot Camp.

Upcoming Events:

- May 12 - Super Smash Bros. Inaugural Tournament
- May 14 - Fortnite Tournament – Ages 8-18
- May 19 - E-Sports Zone – Open House – Play for Free!
- May 23 - Summer Kick Off Craft Fair
- May 26 - Super Smash Bros. Tournament – Ages 8-18
- May 28 - Virtual Fishing Derby
- May 29 - Seascape Opening Day
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