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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1068**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. RECOGNITION
  - A. Retirement Proclamation
    - Bob Bell
5. RECESS FOR A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
6. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (attached)
  - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes 08/24/2021
8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
9. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
  - A. Triphahn Center Hot Water Boiler Bid / M21-083 (see B&G September packet)
  - B. NWSRA Vogelei House Enhancement / M21-086 (see A&F September packet)
  - C. Natural Gas Contract / M21-087 (see A&F September packet)
  - D. Bar & Grill Service Manager FT Position / M21-088 (see A&G September packet)
  - E. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$803,732.69 (see A&F September packet)
  - F. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District Wide Operations Statement (see A&F September packet)
  - G. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 08/17/2021 (see B&G September packet)
  - H. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 08/17/2021 (see Rec September packet)
  - I. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 08/24/2021 (see A&F September packet)
10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
11. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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12. OLD BUSINESS
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. NWSRA 2022 Annual Assessment R21-003 / M21-086
14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
15. ADJOURNMENT



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1068**  
**August 24, 2021**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Friedman

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance Hopkins, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold, Director of Administrative Services Cahill, Executive Assistant Flynn

Audience: Comm Reps Kulkarni, Musial, Utas (7:13), and Winner

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the agenda. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to recess the Board Meeting at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

**5. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

**6. Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 27, 2021 as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**7. Comments from the Audience:**

Executive Director Talsma stated we will table two items on the consent agenda and move them to New Business: Item E, IMRF Authorized Agent / M21-077 / R21-002; and Item A, Garibaldi's Liquor License / M21-071. Commissioner Dressler had requested that Item A be moved to New Business.

**8. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the consent agenda items B-D and items F-K.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Kaplan, McGinn, Kinnane

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Friedman

B. OSLAD at Beacon Pointe / M21-079 (see A&F August packet)

C. Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy / M21-078 (see A&F August packet)

D. Willow Recreation Center Cell Tower Addendum / M21-080 (see A&F August packet)

F. Balanced Scorecard / M21-076 (see A&F August packet)

G. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$577,481.37 (see A&F August packet)

H. Revenue and Expenditure Report, District Wide Operations Statement and Spring Activity Statistics (see A&F August packet)

I. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 07/22/2021 (see B&G July packet)

J. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 07/20/2021 (see Rec July packet)

K. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 07/27/2021 (see A&F July packet)

**9. President's Report:**

President Kinnane reported that he received a short email from Commissioner Friedman, who had been practicing with one of his baseball teams at Fabbrini one night last week. Commissioner Friedman noted that the pickle ball courts were full, there were residents using the walking paths, and children were playing soccer. He said it was a good night to be a Hoffman Estates resident. President Kinnane noted that this email sums up our summer: we have great programs; our parks and facilities are in great shape; our finances are doing well; and this is all due to the hard work of Executive Director Talsma and his staff.

**10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:**

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**11. Old Business:**

None

12. **New Business:**

A. IMRF Authorized Agent / M21-077 / R21-002

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to approve Resolution R21-002 as presented, naming Director of Administrative Services Pete Cahill as the official IMRF Agent for the District.

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

B. Triphahn Center – Garibaldi’s Liquor License / M21-071

Commissioner Dressler stated that she pulled this item from the consent agenda due to the mask mandate. She is concerned that when adding alcohol to the situation, the mask mandate may be ignored.

Commissioner Kaplan said this is not any different than people eating inside one of our facilities.

Commissioner Evans noted that perhaps if someone is already belligerent, they may be less likely to keep their mask on.

Commissioner McGinn asked if there are any contingencies we can add to the agreement. Executive Director Talsma responded no, but that we would always call the police if there were any altercations.

Commissioner Kaplan added that there are plenty of other ice rinks that serve alcohol.

Commissioner Evans asked if we could pull the alcohol service if there are issues. Executive Director Talsma said yes, adding that we do not have any contractual obligation to Garibaldi’s.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the Triphahn Center – Garibaldi’s Liquor License memo M21-071 as presented.

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

**13. Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Dressler said she is looking forward to attending the NRPA Conference, and asked if there are any updates on this in terms of masks. Executive Director Talsma responded that NRPA will be requiring masks in all locations inside the conference center. We have some HE Parks masks that we will put in the mailboxes for those attending. He added that he has been to Nashville recently and did not see many people wearing masks around town. If there are any changes to the requirements, we will let the attendees know.

Commissioner McGinn asked if there was an update on the Windy City Bulls agreement. Executive Director Talsma responded that the agreement has been finalized; he also stated that the Windy City Bulls decided on removable/portable basketball hoops. Director Hugen added that the painting of the floor is complete.

Commissioner Chhatwani noted that it was mentioned several times that we have limited staff, and would like to thank everyone for putting in additional hours to have all of our services covered.

**14. Adjournment:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1069**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**September 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Staff submitted the OSLAD Grant application to IDNR for the Beacon Pointe Park Project on August 30, 2021 and received confirmation of receipt. Staff put together the bid documents for Hot Water Storage Tank replacement at TC. Staff is in the process of developing the plans for sport court surface enhancement and parking lot seal coating and crackfill bids, with plans to open the bids in October and close them in December or January.

**BIRCH PARK**

AJ Oleson Construction, the earthwork contractor, was able to finish the rough grading of the site. Once the site was rough graded, HE Parks staff began completing finish grading prior to plantings. Finished grading involved removal of rocks, extra drainage installed, culvert enhancements (rip rap water runoffs) along with final prep prior to seeding. HE Parks staff completed wetland plantings of five river birch trees and ten viburnum shrubs along the southeast section of the path. Staff completed the seeding of the park on 9/3/2021 with some minor touch ups that will take place as we monitor the grow in. Paul Herrera Construction, the concrete contractor, was onsite on 9/4/2021 to finish the concrete portion of the project by installing the basketball pole, filling concrete at the shelter footings and pouring the ramp into the playground.

You can follow this project on a weekly basis at the following link via our weekly drone footage. <https://www.heparks.org/birch-park-oslad-project-renovation/>



## **BRIDGES DRIVING RANGE ENHANCEMENT**

Concrete work was able to begin the week of August 16. The concrete pours happened in three different sections. The main part of the building was first, followed by the area between support structures and the hitting bays, and the final pour was the hitting bays. Conduit for electrical service and communication to the ball dispensing units were installed in the concrete base prior to the concrete pour. On Thursday September 3, the contractor had crews onsite to start prepping for the construction of the building. As of 9/9/2021 some of the exterior walls are standing and construction is going well. Staff and contractor have a scheduled construction and progress meeting on 9/15/2021 to outline the next phases of the project.



## **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

August was a busy month for cleaning storm damage to trees district wide. Large trees along with downed limbs were cut up on site and removed from the following parks: Tall Oaks Park (3 trees), South Ridge Park (4 trees), Essex Park (2 trees), Black Bear Park (2 trees), Freedom Run (1 tree, 3 large limbs), Canterbury (1 tree), Cipri (1 tree), Hunters Ridge (1 tree by playground), Bo's run at Willow (3 large limbs), Armstrong (2 trees, 1 large limb), Sycamore (large limb), North Twin (2 large limbs), South Twin (1 tree). There were multiple branch cleanup at Tropicana, Hoffman, Community, Highland, Seminole, Chestnut, and Lincoln, with heavy damage occurring at Fabbrini and Victoria Parks.

Back in May of this year, Eagle Scout Pavan Kannan approached us about completing an Eagle Scout project in one of our parks. Pavan was interested in renovating the sand volleyball court at Sycamore Park. This was going to be a large undertaking for an Eagle Scout project and he was looking for guidance and assistance. With the help of Park Board Commissioner Linda Dressler, we were able to work together on this project and Pavan did an outstanding job organizing and running this project. During the project Pavan and his team removed 50 tons of sand from the court and placed it in the parking lot for the district to remove, they then put a new edge on the volleyball court. Fifty tons of new sand was delivered to the court and the scouts moved this sand

and spread throughout the court. Once finished the poles were painted and a new net was installed by the scouts as well. Great idea by Pavan to complete a renovation project for his community.

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

- Willow Recreation Center elevator is working and in operation.
- Ponds treated for algae at Princeton, North Ridge, South Ridge, Yorkshire Woods and BPC event ponds.
- New trees were planted at Tropicana and Birch Parks.
- Logs were removed from Freedom Run Dog Park during storm cleanup in preparation for new structures to be installed
- Re-installed cables for both zip lines.
- Repaired Wolves' overhead garage door.
- Repaired pickle ball fence at Fabbrini Park.
- Installed concrete for pathway blocker at Birch Park.
- Completed playground repairs at Hunters Ridge, TC, Victoria, Canterbury and Seascape.
- Ballfield maintenance and game prep.
- GIS updating maps and assets.
- New accutab pump motor and mechanical seals installed at The Club lap pool.
- RTU 6 at BPC had frozen coils, line dryer replaced and unit recharged.
- New exhaust fans installed at TC in the whirlpool area.
- New mini split unit installed at TC in the IT closet.
- Replaced electrical disconnect for RTU 6 @ BPC
- Installed new control module for Tropicana Park splash pad.
- Installed new pond fountain with new control box at Vogelei Pond.
- RTU #1 at Vogelei Barn had the compressor go out. Unit has been scheduled for replacement and will take place in September (was to be replaced in GIS in 2022).
- Replaced faulty breaker at The Club for the autofill on the spa.
- Installed new outlet @ Tropicana for dedication memorial.
- Rebuilt rotary vanes on Highland pond aerator
- Parks garbage at all locations has begun.
- Custodial maintenance at all facilities.
- Playground checks
- Vehicle safety and emission test completed.
- Vehicle checks and repairs.

Recreation Division



Volunteer Appreciation Night was held on Tuesday, August 3 at Seascape from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event was a huge success and all of the volunteers loved it. We had 113 people rsvp for the event. Thank you to the board for coming to the event. All of the volunteers loved speaking with the board and getting to know them even more!



Triphahn Center



Willow Recreation Center

**Triphahn Center Fitness**

Membership	<u>08/31/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>08/31/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>+12</b>

Pass	% Visited in July	% Visited in August
TCIA Fitness Adult	50%	48%
TCIA Fitness Junior/Student	55%	51%
TCIA Fitness Senior	59%	55%
TCIA Gym Pass	25%	50%
TCIA Silver Sneakers	16%	15%
TCIA Tivity Prime	12%	12%
TCIA Renew Active	11%	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>38%</b>

**Willow Rec Center Fitness & Racquetball**

Membership	<u>08/31/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>08/31/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Fitness	127	93	94	+1
Racquetball	64	52	29	-23
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-22</b>

Pass	% Visited in July	% Visited in August
WRC Fitness Adult	39%	36%
WRC Fitness Junior/Student	86%	122%*
WRC Fitness Senior	35%	39%
WRC Gym Pass	0%	0%
WRC Silver Sneakers	18%	18%
WRC Tivity Prime	6%	6%
WRC Renew Active	14%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>



## Dog Off-Leash Areas

<u>Membership</u>	<u>08/31/2020</u>	<u>01/01/2021</u>	<u>08/31/2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD Var. +/-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>+134</b>



## General Programs

### General Programs:

Program	Summer Enrollment 2021
Baton & Poms	31
A&A Music (piano & guitar)	10
Horsemanship	4
Shotokan Karate	93
Tae Kwon Do	40
Gymnastics (3 sessions)	279
Kid/Tot Rock (July/Aug session)	24
Youth Drawing	9
Dance Class	95

### Dance:

The Stars Company held tryouts on August 14. Sixteen dancers were offered a spot in the Company program. Stars Dance Company will compete during the school year in dance competitions as a team, as well as solos, duets & trios.



## 50+ Club

- Senior Game Night – Minute to Win It had 17 participants!
- Lunch with the Mayor took place on August 18 with 11 attendees.
- Pub Trivia had 35 participants at the 9/2 event.
- Kinky Boots Senior Trip to Paramount Theater had 18 participants.



## Early Childhood

Little Stars Child Care has 35 children enrolled; last August there were 16 children. Little Stars has come back to full strength and currently both of the rooms are completely full at this point in time. We are looking for more teachers to open the third room hopefully in the next couple months. HEParks was also granted a third round of funds from the same grant totaling \$58,671 to be used for the months of July, August and September.

2021/22 preschool program began the end of August. Parent orientations and Meet the Teacher events were held mid-month.

20-21 TC		21-22 TC		+/-	20-21 WRC		21-22 WRC		+/-
Threeschool	0	Threeschool	12	+12	Threeschool	0	Threeschool	4	+4
2's Playschool	6	2's Playschool	24	+24	2's Playschool	0	2's Playschool	10	+10
3's & 4's	43	3's & 4's	85	+42	3's & 4's	25	3's & 4's	26	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>+78</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+15</b>

The preschool program is still looking to hire one more teacher. One classroom at Willow has been maxed at 10 students since we are unable to find a second teacher at this time.

Two COVID cases were reported in the first two weeks of school. The classroom did close for 10 days per state guidelines.



## School Age - STAR and Day Camps

### Summer Camp

To end the summer, Hoffman Estates Park District Summer Camps ran at three locations; Lincoln Prairie School, the Triphahn Center and Willow Recreation Center. Early Stay (7 am-9 am) and Late Stay (3:30-6:00) were offered at Lincoln Prairie School, Triphahn Center and Willow Recreation Center. Registration is listed in the charts below.

Lincoln Prairie School – week of August 2: 45 campers, 11 in Early Stay & 16 in Late Stay

Triphahn Center – week of August 2: 50 campers, 8 in Early Stay & 12 in Late Stay

Willow Rec Center – week of August 2: 47 campers, 6 in Early Stay & 8 in Late Stay

## **STAR**

STAR began this month when the school year started. New this school year, HEParks is running the STAR program at D15 Thomas Jefferson & Whiteley schools. With the addition of these two new schools we are able to serve more kids than we have in the past. KinderSTAR is held at the Willow Recreation Center again. AM KinderSTAR is new this year, offered to those in the PM kindergarten classes and while it was a slow start to registration, it is now at 10 kids.

The STAR program is still looking for before & after school staff. The program enrollment can continue to grow if we have more staff to meet child:staff ratios.

### **STAR August**

	3 days before	3 days after	5 days before	5 days after	Total enrolled
Armstrong	3	10	16	16	45
Fairview	1	10	15	29	55
Lakeview	0	2	14	33	49
Lincoln Prairie	3	5	19	19	46
MacArthur	5	6	26	21	58
Muir	3	3	10	20	36
Total for D54	15	36	100	138	289
Whiteley	3	15	31	42	91
Thomas Jefferson	1	13	4	32	50
Total for D15	4	28	35	74	141

KinderSTAR enrollment:

NEW! Morning KinderSTAR (in afternoon Kindergarten at school)

	3 days	5 days
Whiteley	1	2
Thomas Jefferson	3	4

Afternoon KinderSTAR (in morning Kindergarten at school)

	3 days	5 days
Whiteley	6	8
Thomas Jefferson	3	5



*Youth Athletics*

## **Athletics**

### **Hoffman Basketball Academy**

- Our summer AAU team competed in a tournament on August 8. They took first place out of five teams!
  - This team will be back this fall for a two-month season
  - Our AAU experiment is going very well, and we hope to grow to 2-4 teams in the spring of 2022.
- Our summer league season came to an end on August 28
  - Players were given info on our camps, 3v3 league and winter league for this upcoming fall and winter
- 3v3 fall league registration opened up and will continue to be open throughout September
- Continue to host Feeder nights for both girls and boys on Sundays and Mondays.
  - These drop-in clinics are coached by feeder and high school coaches from HEHS.

### **Baseball / Softball**

- Fall baseball teams began their practices and our upper levels (bronco, pony, colt) played their first games on August 28
  - We have a total number of 8 teams signed up for the fall across all levels
    - In 2019 (last fall season) we had 7 teams registered

### **Soccer**

- There are 214 players in the Fall season of outdoor soccer. This is compared to 114 in 2020 and 219 in 2019.
- Summer HUSC soccer clinics ended with 241 participants in their classes, skills clinics and camps.

### **Fishing**

- Summer fishing ended the season with 76 participants in Learn to Fish, 42 in free fishing clinics and 14 in the new Bass Fishing Tournaments.

## **E-Sports**

- There are 20 members of E-sports Zone.
- Two birthday parties were held in the E-Sports Zone this month. Birthday parties are scheduled during normally closed time for the entire group to access the facility.
- On Saturday, August 28, we hosted our E-Sports Grand Opening from 4 to 9 p.m. The Mayor, trustees, chamber, and board members came out for a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the event. Northern Illinois University and DePaul University brought their E-Sports teams and competed against each other in the game Rocket League. We also had Code Ninjas come out and promote some of the new games that they will be showcasing this fall with their new classes. Overall the event was a huge success and we had over 100 people attend and accepted 7 membership registrations at the event.

## **HEAA Football**

- The HEAA fall football and cheer season began in July. Enrollment is down this year, as it was last year. There are 71 football players and 23 cheerleaders, compared to 125 football players and 60+ cheerleaders pre-covid.
- Due to the decrease in enrollment, staff made the decision to decrease the HEAA rent by 50% for their use of Sycamore Park & Cannon Crossings field. The 2021



## *Ice Operations*

### **Hockey:**

- MooseJaw 3v3 league ran through the beginning of August. There were 29 teams and 64 players enrolled as individuals that joined teams.
- Fall Hockey Pre-Skates clinics were held in August. There were 90 players enrolled.
- A new Back to School Tournament was held the weekend of August 21-22. There were 10 teams that played in the tournament.
- The Try Hockey for Free event was held on August 21. There were 40 participants in this event.
- This summer, we partnered with the Chicago Wolves to offer three Little Wolves clinics at Triphahn. The event on August 14 was the final clinic with 80 players.
- Adult Hockey league will start mid-September. There are five teams enrolled this season with 75 players.
- Fall Hockey league registration opened July 7. To date, there are 174 players currently registered. Registration closes mid-September as the league starts September 13.
- Registration for Fall hockey lessons is open. A new tot-level class will be offered as well as the regular level 1 and level 2

### **Figure Skating:**

- There were 96 skaters enrolled in August freestyle, compared to 106 skaters last year.
- 274 private lessons were taught in August, compared to 157 lessons last year.

- The Try Figure Skating for Free event was held on August 14 with 61 participants. This event is held before the fall session to promote fall enrollment.

**Public Skate:**

- Public Skate was offered on August 8 and August 22. There were 29 pre-registered and 30 walk-ins on August 8. Public skate on August 22 had 26 pre-registered and 30 walk-ins.



There were 1,642 pool passes sold by the end of August 2021 compared to 1,366 in 2019.

**Seascape Admission**

<b>Membership Daily Scans</b>	<b>May/June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August/Sept</b>
Seascape Member Visits	3,823	4,875	2,429
<b>TOTAL YTD member visits</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>11,127</b>

<b>Paid Daily Admission</b>	<b>May/June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August/Sept</b>
Daily 2-61	6,782	7,467	4,094
Senior 62 +	117	218	135
<b>Groups</b>	215	679	198
<b>TOTAL YTD daily admission</b>	<b>7,114</b>	<b>8,364</b>	<b>4,427</b>

Seascape’s extended season included Monday 8/9 11:30-7:30pm, Tuesday 8/10 11:30-7:30pm, and Friday 3:30-7:30pm starting 8/13 plus weekends.

**Seascape Swimming Lessons:**

Seascape swim lessons ended for the 2021 season on July 29.

<b>Swim Lessons Enrollment</b>	<b>June session</b>	<b>July session</b>
Group/Tot/Parent Tot	103	104
Private Lessons	24	17

**The Club Swimming Lessons:**

<b>Swim Lessons</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
Group/Tot/Parent Tot	104	106	56
Private Lessons	17	26	8

Enrollment for indoor swim lessons at The Club for fall is currently open. An additional night of lessons will be added to accommodate the high interest and waitlists for fall.



## Communications and Marketing

### **Highlights:**

#### Online registration:

- During August, almost 80% of all Webtrac registration portal traffic was sent directly from links provided through C&M promo. This includes social media, email and website based links.
- C&M launched the web-based program guide, allowing patrons to access program information quickly and easily without having to download a program guide. Website pages were changed, added and updated to provide new information to customers.
- The Fall program guide was promoted both virtually and physically! Signs promoting program registration were posted at the major parks and facilities around the district.
- On the first day of program registration, August 3, HEParks.org had the highest single-day traffic of any day so far in 2021, with 5,027 pages viewed on that day. The next highest day was on June 3 with 3,207 visits. The increased number is due to in-park signage, district-wide emails and social media content informing the community that registration began that day.

#### HEParks website:

- Web traffic to HEParks.org in August was higher than any other month during 2021 with 61,135 page views.
- There were more unique page views at HEParks.org in August than in any month in the past three years. Unique page views removes duplicate page views. Meaning that patrons visited more pages during August. This is due to the program guide being web-based now. The page views per session also increased in August.
- In August, 68.5% of all HEParks.org website traffic was mobile.

#### Social Media:

- HEParks social media ads were seen 480,400 times during August. 171,000 people viewed at least one HEParks social media ad.
- 149,196 different people viewed non-paid content from HEParks social media in August of 2021. In August of 2020 the non-paid reach of HEParks social media was 8,654.

## **Special Projects:**

- Fall brochure conversion to a web-based digital guide.

240845 - Swim Parent-Tot

SECTIONS & DETAILS					
240845-A Swim Parent-Tot		Details		M Tu W Th F Sa Su	
09/14/2021 - 10/26/2021	Ages	Res / Non Res	Location	Availability	VIEW
5:30pm - 6:00pm	6 - 4	\$105.00 / \$115.00	The Club at Prairie Stone	Available	VIEW
240845-B Swim Parent-Tot		Details		M Tu W Th F Sa Su	
09/16/2021 - 10/28/2021	Ages	Res / Non Res	Location	Availability	VIEW
5:30pm - 6:00pm	6 - 4	\$105.00 / \$115.00	The Club at Prairie Stone	Available	VIEW

- Fully mobile friendly and interactive web-based program Guide.
  - Information on the internal web pages improved to include FAQs and important program information.
  - Each webpage now acts as both the program guide landing page and a program hub page which recreation supervisors can link directly to program participants.
  - Web-based program information pulls directly from Rectrac to include up-to-date and accurate program information, including program availability.
  - HEParks is one of the first park districts to have this type of customer-facing registration information available to customers.
- COVID masks updates & communication: Cook County updates & Illinois updates
  - E-Sports Grand Opening: signage, social media, paid ads, yard signs

## **Design Work:**

- TopTracer
- Park vandalism notice campaign
- Now Hiring

## **Promotions:**

- E-Sports Grand Opening
- Ice: Fall Hockey & Figure Skating
- Indoor Swim Lessons
- Storytime in the Park
- Seascape end of season hours
- Senior – August newsletter & events
- Monthly Club promotions

**Email campaigns:** Five e-blasts were sent out this month. Group specific emails included: Senior August newsletter, Seascape end-of-season email and the Now Hiring campaign.

**Social Media:**

- 79 posts in July
- Top interactive posts:
  - 1) Park Vandalism Hurst – 3,624 reached
  - 2) Triphahn Center – 1,974 reached
  - 3) STAR positions available – 2,017 reached with 15,416 paid reach
- Paid Social Media posts:
  - 1) Basketball, E-Sports, STAR hiring, Girls Hockey, Adult Hockey, Hockey Leagues, Learn to Skate, Now Hiring Servers
  - 2) Location ads for HEParks

**# of Followers:**

		<b>Follower Count of HEParks Managed Social Media Accounts by Month</b>				
		<b>Monthly Follower Count</b>				
Account	Social Media Platform	August 2021	July 2021	June 2021	May 2021	April 2021
<b>Bridges of Poplar Creek</b>	Facebook	1094	1,096	1,091	1083	1081
	Instagram	132	130	129	129	128
	Twitter	161	160	161	161	163
<b>The Club</b>	Facebook	1650	1,646	1647	1642	1644
	Instagram	349	350	346	344	333
	Twitter	40	40	40	39	39
<b>HEParks</b>	Facebook	5,533	5,489	5,369	5293	5213
	Instagram	966	954	912	888	866
	Twitter	1,081	1,076	1,073	1073	1072
<b>Ice Academy</b>	Facebook	108	101	100	100	98
<b>Wolf Pack</b>	Facebook	370	366	358	356	349
	Instagram	375	369	366	362	354
<b>Senior Center</b>	Facebook	123	123	122	121	120

## Website:

- C&M Staff added new pages to the website to coincide with the program guide. These included the program guide landing page, hub pages for youth sports, adult sports, youth programs, adult programs, Family Tot programs, and early childhood programs. New pages for Martial Arts, Gymnastics and Programs at the Club were added to HEParks.org
- Three of the top ten pages visited on the website in August were newly created pages – program guide, Youth Sports and Youth Programs Hub pages.
- In August, 68.5% of all website traffic was mobile.
- The E-Sports Page was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest visited page during August. This is due to increased marketing efforts leading up to the grand opening event.
- Traffic to the Hockey Page was significantly higher in August 2021 than in the past three years. In 2021 Hockey had 1,202 Visits to its page, in 2020 there were 417, and in 2019 there were 627. In July and August, C&M focused on expanding hockey advertising, driving customers directly to the Hockey webpage.
- On August 3, the first day of fall registration, HEParks.org had the highest single-day traffic of any day so far in 2021, with 5,027 pages viewed on that day. The next highest day was on June 3 with 3,207 visits. The increased number is due to in-park signage, district wide emails and social media content informing the community that registration began that day.
- Highest visited pages: The highest visited pages on the website in August 2021 were Program Guide, Seascape, Youth Sports and E-Sports.

## Press Releases:

- E-Sports Grand Opening
- COVID Vaccination Policy
- Seascape facility review

## **Bridges General Programs**

- We have completed our Fall Series of JR Golf classes. Both classes were sold out with 16 participants.
- Staff has been working hard with golf course companies with the challenges in supply chains for golf balls and other items for the golf shop. Orders are constantly being changed and updated by vendors. Staff is working on prebooking items for 2022 with additional product allocated for late summer to secure product. These items will have the ability to be adjusted next season based on sales.
- The TopTracer project is coming along nicely. The foundation is poured and they have started framing the building. Staff has met with Perfect Turf for the new 50 yard targets and the mat layout of turf as well.
- After working with the District for just over four years, our Golf Course Superintendent, Bill Meyer, will be leaving us to join the Northbrook Park District. His last day with us will be Saturday, September 18. Staff is working on the structure

of the golf maintenance team, and do not anticipate any changes or replacements before the end of this year. Staff will re-evaluate the position and the structure and determine any necessary changes in the new year.

### Golf Rounds

MONTHLY ROUND TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
5,674	4,433	4,277	5,938	4,877	5,040
YTD ROUND TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
22,735	20,563	18,551	16,740	22,178	20,153

### Range Information

MONTHLY RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
3,541	3,164	4,130	4,574	3,243	3,730
YTD RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5 Year Average
15,626	13,972	16,102	11,596	15,868	14,633

### Food & Beverage

- Staff has been working with the business department and reviewing new point of sale options for our F&B operations that would include mobile app ordering from the new Top Tracer Range facility.
- Jennifer and her F&B team continue to receive great reviews from our Brides and Grooms. The latest Knot review is below:

## You received a new review on The Knot!



posted 09/06/2021

I cannot even thank Jennifer enough. She has been INCREDIBLE and extremely accommodating. She's also very easy to talk to and promptly responded to every single one of my emails. By choice I postponed my wedding twice and Jennifer made the changes very smooth. She remembered many little details that I mentioned about my wedding even though she's currently working with so many other brides. I've absolutely loved working with Jennifer and HIGHLY recommend booking Bridges of Poplar Creek.

### **F&B Event Totals:**

#### **August Events**

- 3 showers servicing 188 guests
- 8 outings with food servicing 775 guests
- 1 reception only servicing 108 guests
- 2 ceremony/receptions servicing 220 guests

#### **September Events**

- 1 breakfast meeting servicing 20 guests
- 5 golf outings with food servicing 511 guests
- 2 ceremony/receptions servicing 191 guests
- 50+ club dinner for 60 guests
- 1 memorial luncheon for 200 guests
- 1 shower for 30 guests
- Weddings Remaining in 2021
- 7 ceremony/receptions

2022

- 1 reception only
- 7 ceremony/reception

### **Golf Maintenance Summary**

In August our high averaged 85 degrees (3 degrees below average) and low averaged 69 degrees (6 degrees above average). We received about 3.61" (4.90" average) of rain which comes to 74% of our normal totals. This makes 7 out of 8 months this year where we received less than average rainfall totals, we are about 10" behind on rain this year. For the month we saw 18 total playable\* days and weekends in August we had 5 playable\* days.

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

As I write this at the end of Labor Day week we have just wrapped up aerification on the greens. It was a very successful two days, with a lot of holes and sand. This fall we used our deep tine aerifier on greens, which is fitted with ½” solid tines that go down 10-12”. After a few million holes the next step is sand. About 25 tons of sand was applied over 3.5 acres of greens surfaces. Sand is followed by verticutting. The verticutting unit is set up with vertical blades that cut slightly into the greens surface and do an excellent job of working the loose sand into the holes and canopy of the greens. Next step is brushing any remaining sand on the surface into the holes, we have a dual spinning brush that is very efficient at moving dry sand around. The brush is followed by the roller to try and smooth out greens as much as possible. Last step is water, a few heavy irrigation cycles are run to help push any loose sand into holes and the canopy. We were able to go out with our back-up mower on greens the day after with no major issues. The forecast looks great so we expect to see full recovery within the next week.

On hole #10 we took a slightly different approach with punching of holes, using 5/8” hollow tines to pull cores about 6” deep. This was done to try and break up a soil layer, about 2 ½” below the surface, which was brought in with the sod 5-6 years ago. The goal we are trying to accomplish by doing this is to promote rooting past this soil layer; currently roots are not able to pass through this layer. All other steps were the same as the other greens.

We have also started punching holes on other areas of the course too. All collars and approaches and been aerified with 5/8” solid tines. We are about halfway through the tees, hopefully wrapping up in the next few days. We will look to do some heavy traffic areas on fairways and in the rough in the next few weeks also. All of these areas will only be getting holes punched, no sand will be added.

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

- Regularly mowed or rolled all playing surfaces.
- Setup course for daily play.
- Hand-watered surfaces regularly.
- Fixed bunkers after rain events.
- Cleaned up major storm damage, multiple trees came down.
- Applied preventative chemical applications on playing surfaces.
- Applied granular fertilizer applications to multiple playing surfaces.
- Vented and top-dressed greens.
- Repaired irrigation system failures to pipes, heads, and control systems.
- Worked on detail items like string trimming, edging sprinklers, cleaning up sticks, trimming yardage plates, and checking ornamental beds for weeds.
- Filled divots on tees and fairways regularly.



<b>Membership Totals</b>	<b><u>8/31/2020</u></b>	<b><u>1/01/2021</u></b>	<b><u>8/31/2021</u></b>	<b><u>Var. +/-</u></b>
Totals	2453	1992	2093	<b>+101</b>

### **Member Services/Sales**

- We enrolled 101 new members in August, adding another net positive month of membership enrollments in this year. Again, we exceeded our 2019 new enrollment number for the month (97 new enrollments August 2019)
- August is typically one of our slowest months in terms of use and new member enrollments (September also) due to all of the changes in schedules that happen in these months.
- We had 1564 unique visits in August, which is definitely less than usual; that is 75% of our members with active passes used the facility in August.
- The latest state-wide mask mandate will unfortunately keep people from signing up sooner than they typically would as folks will try to stay outside as long as the weather allows.
- We are working with the C&M department to increase our social media presence by providing content such as photos, videos, and information to create more activity and engagement on our social sites.
- We will continue to use tools such as targeted email communications, member referral incentives and social media marketing to target new member enrollments. We have 2 emails scheduled for mid-September and a weekly calendar being created for social media posts.
- We are working on the schedule for as Open House here at the facility on Saturday, October 2. We have finalized a postcard mailer inviting the community to this event that will hit houses the last week of September.

### **Operations and Fitness Departments:**

- We are working on adding some group fitness classes back for the fall and winter that have been repeatedly requested by members. We will be adding an evening aqua, and a weekend Zumba class in September.
- The floor refinishing project went really well with minimal impact on the facility and members. NBA court lines were added to the floor for the anticipated Windy City Bulls practices to begin in October.
- The Windy City Bulls have had two portable baskets delivered again in anticipation of practices to begin this fall.
- The Fitness Program Manager has been working with a few of our group fitness instructors to design some new classes and programs targeting specific ages and interests.

- We introduced a milestone incentive program for HIIT Club members in August where we will give “milestone gifts” at 25, 50, 100 and 250 classes. We are beginning to see a couple of people hit the first milestone already!

### **Member Spotlights:**

- We continue our Member Spotlights this month with the following members who have had different paths to wellness, but are both experiencing the positive physical and mental effects of their Club memberships. Please click on the following links to read about their journeys:

[Francesca’s Member Spotlight](#)

[Cameron’s Member Spotlight](#)

### **Administrative Services**

#### **A. Administrative Services**

- Updated internal policies regarding mask-wearing following the Governor’s mandates.
- Developed and implemented mandatory vaccination policy following Board approval. As of this writing, all full-time staff have received at least one shot.
- Collaborated with C&M to create marketing pieces to improve hiring. Created business cards with hiring information in both English and Spanish.
- Developed a new Employee appraisal form and appraisal strategy.
- Researched and selected a vendor, PandaDoc, for paperless document management including new hire paperwork.
- Began preparation for PDRMA Review.

#### **B. Human Resources**

- Processed 21 new part-time hires.
- Posted School Age Children Program Manager position.
- Processed 1 new full-time new hire, Stephan Dietz, new Facility Manager for Willow, with a start date of 8/20/2021.
- Attended DocuSign/PandaDoc Zoom meetings –looking to add an e-sign company for our forms.
- Translated Symptoms Poster and Close Contact Poster into Spanish to be posted at all facilities.
- Provided new employee orientation to the new Facility Manager for Willow –Stephan Dietz.
- Attended PDRMA’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter BEN Confirmation, ‘COVID and Unemployment 2021’ zoom meeting.
- Began working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter IDES BEN-118R (benefit charge protest-reimbursable).

**A. Finance**

- Processed applicable monthly returns as required.
- Processed Club/TC/WRC cancellations, including attaching documentation to RecTrac household member and member holds prior to September billing.
- Completed BSA software updates.
- Creating a numeric key lock box for office furniture/equipment.
- Cancelled all Club Kids Club memberships.
- Completed and successfully passed annual Payment Card Industry (PCI) self-assessment and vulnerability scan.
- Participated in online booth sales for the IAPD/IPRA 2022 Soaring to New Heights Conference.
- Payroll Cycle Processing
  - 08/06/21      \$362,344.11
  - 08/20/21      \$329,378.18
- RecTrac Enhancements/Processes
  - Automated new reports for recreation, maintenance and Willow.
  - Created billing for freestyle unlimited ice pass.
  - Released new User Interface for WebTrac.



By reusing as many icons, colors, and fonts as possible, we created a home page for WebTrac that will ensure customers using the online program guide will know they are within the same website.

# New WebTrac Interface

The screenshot displays the 'New WebTrac Interface' for 'discover FUN!' on the heparks website. The header includes navigation links like HOME, SEARCH, CONTACT US, EVENT CALENDAR, CHECKOUT, and MY ACCOUNT. A search bar is prominently featured with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header, there's a section for 'Activity Registrations' with introductory text and a 'WebTrac Activity Search' section. The search results are organized into two main sections: '245202 - Ballet / Tap' and '245203 - Ballet / Jazz'. Each section contains a table of activities with columns for Activity #, Description, Dates, Times, Days, Location, Age, Fee/ tuition, and Availability. The interface also includes a left-hand sidebar with filters for Type, Age, Days of week, Day Option, Activity Number, Keyword Search, and Category.

The header image from the District's website was inserted at the top of the search landing page. It includes the magnifying button that helps give a consistent look.

## New WebTrac

### Interface

▼ Type (1)  
 50+ / Seniors  
 Aquatics  
 Arts/Special Interest  
 Baseball/Softball  
 Basketball  
 Camps  
[Select All](#) [Clear Selection](#)

▶ Age (0)

▶ Days of Week (0)

▼ Day Option

▶ Activity Number

▶ Keyword Search

▼ Keyword Search Option

▶ Show Sections With Spots Available

▶ Category (0)

*The new search feature has been significantly improved by VSI. The much sleeker side bar design with toggles will enable users to find programs that meet their needs. It will enable patrons to explore more offerings by selecting the age of the participant and the days they are available to get all activities that will meet their needs.*

## New Online

### Program Guide

- DISCOVER: Program Guide
- Special Events
- Childcare Options & Programs
  - "Pre" Preschool
  - Early Childhood
  - Full Day - Little Stars Childcare
  - Part Day - Preschool
  - Parent Tot Programs
  - KinderSTAR
  - STAR Before / After School Care
  - Days Off School Care

- Adult Sports
- Youth Sports
  - E-Sports Zone
  - Basketball
  - Baseball
  - Soccer
  - Hockey
  - Figure Skating
  - Gymnastics
  - Martial Arts
  - Swimming
  - Softball
  - Pickleball

- Adult Programs
- Youth Programs
  - Stars Dance Academy
  - Outdoor Programs
  - Golf

- Senior Center
- Health & Fitness
- Volunteering

## New WebTrac

### Interface

245202 - Ballet / Tap



Dancers will learn the skills & techniques in both ballet and tap dance disciplines. Expanded instruction will continue through each level based on the dancers' age and skill levels.

Add to Cart	Activity #	Description	Dates	Times	Days	Location	Ages	Res/NonRes	Availability
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-N	Ballet / Tap 1	09/16/2021 -12/16/2021	4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	Th	Triphahn Center & Ice Arena	3-5	\$122.00/\$134.00	Waitlist
This Program does not meet on Thu 11/25/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-O	Ballet / Tap 1	09/16/2021 -12/16/2021	4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	Th	Willow Recreation Center	3-5	\$122.00/\$134.00	Waitlist
This Program does not meet on Thu 11/25/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-P	Ballet / Tap 1	09/18/2021 -12/18/2021	10:30 am - 11:15 am	Sa	Willow Recreation Center	3-5	\$122.00/\$134.00	Waitlist
This Program does not meet on Sat 11/27/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-Q	Ballet / Tap 2	09/18/2021 -12/18/2021	1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Sa	Willow Recreation Center	5-7	\$122.00/\$134.00	Available
This Program does not meet on Sat 11/27/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-R	Ballet / Tap 2	09/16/2021 -12/16/2021	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Th	Willow Recreation Center	5-7	\$122.00/\$134.00	Almost Full
This Program does not meet on Thu 11/25/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-S	Ballet / Tap 2	09/16/2021 -12/16/2021	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Th	Triphahn Center & Ice Arena	7-11	\$122.00/\$134.00	Waitlist
This Program does not meet on Thu 11/25/2021									
<input type="checkbox"/>	245202-U	Ballet / Tap 2 & 3	09/14/2021 -12/14/2021	6:45 pm - 7:30 pm	Tu	Willow Recreation Center	7-10	\$122.00/\$134.00	Available

## New Online Program Guide

245202 - Ballet / Tap

SECTIONS & DETAILS

245202-N Ballet / Tap 1 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/16/2021 - 12/16/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

4:30pm - 5:15pm 3- 6 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Triphahn Center & Ice Arena Full

245202-O Ballet / Tap 1 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/16/2021 - 12/16/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

4:30pm - 5:15pm 3- 6 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Willow Recreation Center Full

245202-P Ballet / Tap 1 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/18/2021 - 12/18/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

10:30am - 11:15am 3- 6 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Willow Recreation Center Available

245202-Q Ballet / Tap 2 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/18/2021 - 12/18/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

1:30pm - 2:15pm 5- 8 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Willow Recreation Center Available

245202-R Ballet / Tap 2 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/16/2021 - 12/16/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

5:15pm - 6:00pm 5- 8 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Willow Recreation Center Available

245202-S Ballet / Tap 2 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/16/2021 - 12/16/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

5:15pm - 6:00pm 7- 12 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Triphahn Center & Ice Arena Full

245202-U Ballet / Tap 2 & 3 Details M Tu W Th F Sa Su

09/14/2021 - 12/14/2021 Ages Res / Non Res Location Availability VIEW -->

6:45pm - 7:30pm 7- 11 \$122.00 / \$134.00 Willow Recreation Center Available

The search results panel does not have significant customization options but we continue to work through options available.

### B. Administrative Registration/EFT Billing

- EFT Billings for:
  - a. Sponsorship/Marquee
  - b. ELC (weekly)
  - c. Club/TC/WRC Fitness
  - d. STAR
  - e. PreSchool
- Administrative
  - a. Program Cancellations/Refunds
  - b. Program Fee/Rule Adjustments
  - c. TC Desk Coverage
- Administrative Registration for:
  - a. Scholarship Applications
  - b. Park Permits
  - c. Pre School transfers and wait list enrollments
  - d. STAR billing update and wait list enrollments
  - e. Trick and Treat registration corrected and registered
  - f. Forever Strong fee update for all participants
  - g. Fall soccer enrollment transferred for team numbers
  - h. Soccer Basic classes corrected and transferred

**C. Technology**

- Security Cameras
  - a. A walkthrough of The Club was completed to plan the network cable runs for the new cameras being installed. Parks maintenance will run the cabling.
  - b. Three cameras have been installed at the BPC range building.
- Phase one for the Shoretel phone system has been completed. Client station migration to the latest desktop phone software is scheduled for mid-September.
- Comcast completed the fiber install and the turn up date for The Club is scheduled for the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Twenty-two (22) new wireless devices were ordered from Verizon for the parks maintenance division to replace dated technology.

# E-Sports Zone opening in Hoffman Estates

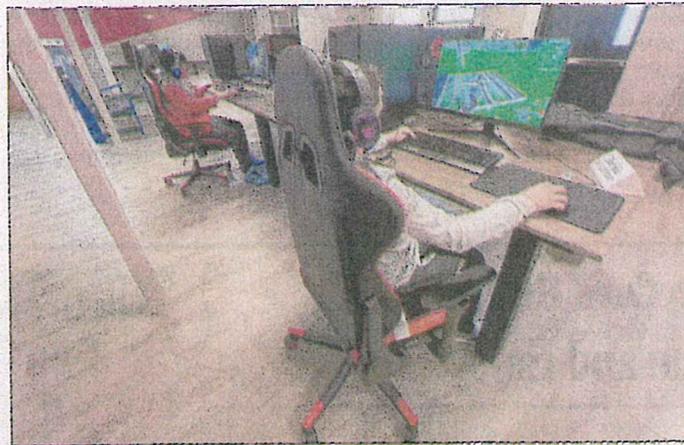
Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

Hoffman Estates Park District invites the public to the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the E-Sports Zone in Hoffman Estates from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Vogelei Park Barn, 650 Higgins Road, in Hoffman Estates.

Local dignitaries, HEParks Board of Commissioners members, ambassadors from the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, and other local businesses will attend the ceremony.

The E-Sports Zone is a PC and console gaming center serving Hoffman Estates and the surrounding community. HEParks is excited to bring a new type of competitive leisure programming to the area for children ages 9-18.

As the fastest growing sport globally, Esports encourage team-oriented socialization



COURTESY OF HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

**Players at the E-Sports Zone in Hoffman Estates enjoy playing against each other during Fortnite play. Open from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, gamers ages 9-18 can enjoy supervised PC and console gaming.**

and enables players to problem solve, work together, communicate and have fun to accomplish an end goal.

As a park district program, the E-Sports Zone maintains the same quality programming,

inclusion, safety and supervision the community expects from all HEParks programs.

Following the ribbon-cutting, free grand opening activities include Rocket League exhibition play between the

DePaul University Esports and NIU Esports teams, Roblox and STEM activities, free play on PC and Console gaming systems, raffles, prizes and light refreshments.

Following the exhibition play, attendees can try their skills against the collegiate players during quick matches.

For the event schedule, visit [heparks.org/event/e-sports-zone-grand-opening](http://heparks.org/event/e-sports-zone-grand-opening).

The E-Sports Zone is open and fully staffed from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday for children ages 9-18. Players can enjoy unlimited play for \$35 a month or pay the daily fee of \$12 per visit. As a HEParks facility, parents can feel safe dropping their children off for supervised gaming. Programming includes open play, STEM and Computer Coding classes, Esports tournaments and parties.

Learn more about the facility at [heparks.org/esports](http://heparks.org/esports).

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## Platzkonzert Germanfest

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Get ready to hoist your stein this weekend when Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest returns to the Virginia Hayter Village Green, 5450 Prairie Stone Parkway, just north of the NOW Arena.

The annual celebration will mark its 15th year. Visitors can enjoy authentic German music and beer from 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10-12. Admission is free, and events take place rain or shine.

"We had limited time to plan due to uncertainty with the pandemic, but this is a

perfect outdoor setting at the reconstructed Village Green," said Gayle Vandenburg, co-chair of the village's Platzkonzert Commission.

"There is plenty of outdoor space for social distancing while enjoying German traditions and music."

New this year will be fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

The Kinderplatz will offer free children's activities from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. In partnership with the Hoffman Estates Park District, Kinderplatz will feature arts and crafts, an obstacle course, bounce house and more.

True to the Platzkonzert name, a full lineup of music

is planned over the three-day fest. Headliners include Alpine Blast at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Semple Band at 8 p.m. Saturday and the Johnny Wagner Band at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The on-site Hideaway Brew Garden will feature a selection of German craft beer and food options. A commemorative mug will be available.

View German engineering on display at the Audi of Hoffman Estates car exhibit.

Contests will take place Saturday, including the hilarious beer stein carry and stein hoisting.

For details and a full schedule, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/platz](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/platz) or call (847) 252-5446.

# Germanfest pleases crowd with beer, music and more

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With plenty of German food, beer and music on hand, Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest offered a complete Oktoberfest experience in September.

And there were even activities for the kids.

"It's one of the rare Oktoberfests anywhere in Chicago and that's free and has a kids area," said Ryan Johnson, the village's liaison to the festival.

For many of the thousands who attended the weekend festival, it was a chance to get in touch with their German roots.

Hoffman Estates Trustee Gary Pilafas, whose wife Michelle started the event 15 years ago with the village's arts commission, said more than 7,000 people attended on Friday, while around 15,000 came Saturday. Sunday drew a smaller crowd.

Johnson said planners only had a short time to put everything together, and they faced supply chain issues. Items such as hot dog buns and German beers were hard to procure.

"All those hiccups were really difficult to overcome," he said, "(We) were stockpiling as we went."

Co-chair Gayle Vandenberg said finding enough volunteers was tough as well. The event, held at the Virginia Mary

Hayter Village Green, is a collaboration that includes the village, the Hoffman Estates Park District and such sponsors as Audi Hoffman Estates.

Among the weekend's highlights were Friday night fireworks and Saturday's stein-carrying contest.

For children, the Kinderplatz area was available, with adjustments to accommodate the pandemic including an open obstacle course instead of an enclosed bounce house.

Bartlett residents Tony and Denise Fini enjoyed the food and music, with Denise saying she favored the giant pretzel.

"This works out well for us, because we used to go to Hans' Bavarian Lodge to eat all the time," Tony said. "And that closed down a number of years ago. So when they started this here, it was so nice and convenient."

Tom and Lucy Ruzicka from Elgin noshed on knackwurst and a schnitzel sandwich with German potato salad, while quaffing down beer in the tent and listening to Die Musikmeisters Band, which played everything from polka to the Beatles.

"I was raised on all this stuff," she said.

Mary Streufert from Streamwood said she has been to Munich for Oktoberfest, "so I love that a smaller version is here."

## **RECAP OF WEEKLY UPDATES TO THE BOARD**

### **Updates 8.20.2021**

Dear Commissioners:

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Aug 20 - Kids Night Out at the E-Sports Zone**
- **Aug 21 - Try Hockey for Free!**
- **Aug 28 - E-Sports Zone Grand Opening**
- **Sep 2 - 50+ Pub Trivia**
- **Sep 11 - Little Stars Open House**
- **Sep 29 - 50+ Lunch with HE Historian**
- **Oct 2 - Community Fitness Day – Triphahn & Willow Fitness Centers**
- **Oct 2 - Fall Fishing Derby**
- **Oct 9 - Pumpkin Swim**
- **Oct 10 - Pro-Am Scramble – Golf Event**
- **Oct 16 - Preschool Halloween Bash**
- **Oct 23 - Haunted Hoffman Family Fest**

### **Upcoming Board Meeting/Park Tour**

As a reminder, this coming Tuesday, August 24, staff will present the second showing of the Park Tour, as part of the A&F meeting. The meeting will be held in Room 113 (Northside, 50+ Activity Rooms), with the Board meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### **IPRA presents webinar: “Anti-Asian Harassment and By-Stander Training”**

Scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m., this webinar will teach participants what to look for and the positive impact that bystander intervention can have on individuals and communities. The presenter, Cat Sheih, will walk through five strategies for intervention and how to prioritize your own safety while intervening and showing you peers that racism is not tolerated. Let Cindy know if you are interested in attending, and she will register you on your behalf.

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Join eight of our State Senators and State Representatives on Friday, September 17 for an Illinois Legislative Update Luncheon. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the AMITA Health Women & Children’s Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Please let Cindy know if you would like to attend.

### **Other Upcoming Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce Events**

Please let Cindy know if you are interested in any of the following events that require registration:

- Ribbon Cutting at Crank Revolution – 1636 W. Algonquin Rd. – Friday, Aug. 20, 12:00 p.m. – Join Mayor McLeod to celebrate the grand opening of Crank Revolution Bike Shop (no registration needed).
- Back to Business Series: Time Management – How to Manage Your Time so it Doesn't Manage You. Jeff Williams, CEO of Business Boosters, will offer this presentation at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 10. Registration encouraged, walk-ins accepted. Please let Cindy know if you would like to attend.

## Updates 8.27.2021

Dear Commissioners:

## Upcoming Events

- [Aug 28 - E-Sports Zone Grand Opening](#)
- [Sep 2 - 50+ Pub Trivia](#)
- [Sep 11 - Little Stars Open House](#)
- [Sep 29 - 50+ Lunch with HE Historian](#)
- [Oct 2 - Community Fitness Day – Triphahn & Willow Fitness Centers](#)
- [Oct 2 - Fall Fishing Derby](#)
- [Oct 9 - Pumpkin Swim](#)
- [Oct 10 - Pro-Am Scramble – Golf Event](#)
- [Oct 16 - Preschool Halloween Bash](#)
- [Oct 23 - Haunted Hoffman Family Fest](#)
- [Nov 6 - Turkey Shoot – Golf Event](#)
- [Nov 13 - Bridges 5k – Run for Friends](#)

## Illinois Mask Mandate

The Governor's latest mask mandate goes into effect on Monday, August 30. We will have signage at all of our facilities, and our staff are prepared to enforce the mandate.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chamber Golf Outing

The HE Chamber of Commerce is holding its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chamber Golf Outing on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. Please let Cindy know if you are interested in playing in the outing, as part of the HE Parks sponsorship. This happens to be the same week of the NRPA Conference in Nashville, however we do have a couple of staff members who would be available to play. We are likely going to be a Silver Level sponsor, and it would be great to have a couple of our Commissioners representing us!

## E-Sports Zone Ribbon Cutting and Open House – Saturday, August 28 – Vogelei Park Barn – 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Thank you to those of you who are able to attend the Ribbon Cutting and/or Open House tomorrow! As a reminder, the event begins with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m., followed by an Open House with free gaming, raffles, Roblox and STEM activities, and a live exhibition collegiate game of Rocket League. Share with your friends and neighbors – the first 100 youth gamers receive a free t-shirt! [Click here](#) for event details, and see the attached Daily Herald article regarding this event.

**IAPD Celebrates Park District Conservation Day at the Illinois State Fair**

Nearly 300 representatives from various Park Districts across the state were in attendance at the Illinois State Fair last weekend, for Park District Conservation Day. Please [click here](#) to watch a short video recap of the day.

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**Back to Business Series: Time Management – How to Manage Your Time So It Doesn’t Manage You**

Sponsored by the HE Chamber of Commerce, this segment will be presented by Jeff Williams, CEO of Business Boosters at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 10. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are accepted. Please let Cindy know if you would like to attend.

**Bridges Fish Loss**

Overnight and today we lost approximately 500 small gizzard shad fish (4-8 inches) at the pond by holes #10/11. There was heavy watering from our irrigation system for the whole course that is supplied by this pond. This causes a drop in water level and then it refills. This combined with the extreme heat caused the fish to die as these are more of a surface type fish. This is actually not that bad according to our in-house fish expert Kyle Goddard (he runs our learn to fish programs), who describes it like a controlled burn for an over populated fish species. This actually kills the middle age fish (2-3 years) and allows the older to breed and the younger to survive, and other species to flourish. Staff has worked today to remove the dead fish which were now reaching the shoreline and beginning to smell due to the heat. More fish could still surface, and we will monitor over the weekend and continue to remove any dead ones from the pond.



We received an on-line article from the Daily Herald today about our required FT vaccination policy, please [click here](#) to read the article.

*\*The following documents were attached to this email: E-Sports Zone Daily Herald Article.*

# E-Sports Zone opening in Hoffman Estates

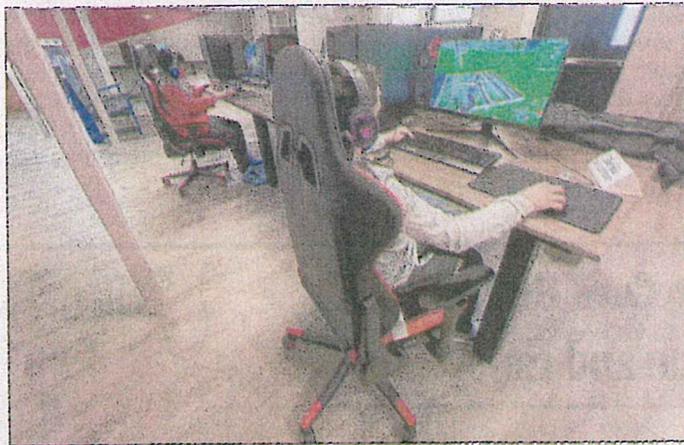
Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

Hoffman Estates Park District invites the public to the official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the E-Sports Zone in Hoffman Estates from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Vogelei Park Barn, 650 Higgins Road, in Hoffman Estates.

Local dignitaries, HEParks Board of Commissioners members, ambassadors from the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, and other local businesses will attend the ceremony.

The E-Sports Zone is a PC and console gaming center serving Hoffman Estates and the surrounding community. HEParks is excited to bring a new type of competitive leisure programming to the area for children ages 9-18.

As the fastest growing sport globally, Esports encourage team-oriented socialization



COURTESY OF HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

**Players at the E-Sports Zone in Hoffman Estates enjoy playing against each other during Fortnite play. Open from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, gamers ages 9-18 can enjoy supervised PC and console gaming.**

and enables players to problem solve, work together, communicate and have fun to accomplish an end goal.

As a park district program, the E-Sports Zone maintains the same quality programming,

inclusion, safety and supervision the community expects from all HEParks programs.

Following the ribbon-cutting, free grand opening activities include Rocket League exhibition play between the

DePaul University Esports and NIU Esports teams, Roblox and STEM activities, free play on PC and Console gaming systems, raffles, prizes and light refreshments.

Following the exhibition play, attendees can try their skills against the collegiate players during quick matches.

For the event schedule, visit [heparks.org/event/e-sports-zone-grand-opening](http://heparks.org/event/e-sports-zone-grand-opening).

The E-Sports Zone is open and fully staffed from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday for children ages 9-18. Players can enjoy unlimited play for \$35 a month or pay the daily fee of \$12 per visit. As a HEParks facility, parents can feel safe dropping their children off for supervised gaming. Programming includes open play, STEM and Computer Coding classes, Esports tournaments and parties.

Learn more about the facility at [heparks.org/esports](http://heparks.org/esports).

## Updates 9.3.2021

Dear Commissioners:

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Sep 11 - Little Stars Open House**
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- **Sep 22 - Storytime in the Park**
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### **Fox News Coverage of E-Sports Zone Grand Opening**

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Ribbon Cutting and Open House last Saturday for the new E-Sports Zone at the Vogelei Barn! We had a great turnout, and following the event, Fox News interviewed Pat Bodame, our Superintendent of Recreation, providing some good PR for the new facility and the District. [Click here](#) to see the interview that aired during the Fox32 Sunday Morning news!

### **Letter of Appreciation from the IAPD**

Last Thursday, August 26, we hosted the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Online Remote Booth Sales Day at the Triphahn Center. Please read the attached Thank You letter from the IAPD for our hospitality and technical assistance.

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- **Fall Into Business Multi-Chamber Progressive Luncheon.** Wednesday, September 22, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Villa Olivia Country Club, Bartlett. Enjoy a three-course progressive lunch while

connecting with chamber members from 18 area Chambers. Registrations are required, and due 9/17, so please let Cindy know if you are interested.

*\*\*The following documents were attached to this email: Thank You Letter from IAPD.*



Illinois Association of Park Districts

August 30, 2021

Mr. Craig Talsma  
Executive Director  
Hoffman Estates Park District  
1685 W. Higgins Rd.  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Dear Craig,

I would like to thank you for hosting the 2022 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Online Remote Booth Sales Day at the Triphahn Center, Hoffman Estates Park District on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Your staff did a wonderful job of setting up all our needs. I want to particularly thank John Agudelo and Brett Lonergan for their extra special attention, time, and effort they put forth in setting up and providing all the IT needed for a perfect setting for the day.

Craig, thanks again for your continued support of IAPD and IPRA. We greatly appreciate your generosity and wonderful hospitality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter".

Peter M. Murphy, Esq., CAE, IOM  
IAPD President/CEO



## Updates 9.10.2021

Dear Commissioners:

### **Upcoming Events**

- [\*\*Sep 11 - Little Stars Open House Postponed\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Sep 15 - Storytime in the Park\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Sep 22 - Storytime in the Park\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Sep 29 - Storytime in the Park\*\*](#)
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### [\*\*Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest – Friday through Sunday, September 10-12\*\*](#)

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Platzkonzert Germanfest is taking place this weekend at the Virginia Hayter Village Green (near the NOW Arena). Festivities include German music, food and beer, Friday night fireworks, and a Kinderplatz area, which is being hosted in partnership with HE Parks. Please see the attached article for more information regarding this fun weekend festival.

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*\*\*The following documents were attached to this email: Kinderplatz Daily Herald article.*

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## Platzkonzert Germanfest

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**BY SUSAN KLOVSTAD**  
sklovstad@dailyherald.com

Get ready to hoist your stein this weekend when Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest returns to the Virginia Hayter Village Green, 5450 Prairie Stone Parkway, just north of the NOW Arena.

The annual celebration will mark its 15th year. Visitors can enjoy authentic German music and beer from 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10-12. Admission is free, and events take place rain or shine.

"We had limited time to plan due to uncertainty with the pandemic, but this is a

perfect outdoor setting at the reconstructed Village Green," said Gayle Vandenburg, co-chair of the village's Platzkonzert Commission.

"There is plenty of outdoor space for social distancing while enjoying German traditions and music."

New this year will be fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

The Kinderplatz will offer free children's activities from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. In partnership with the Hoffman Estates Park District, Kinderplatz will feature arts and crafts, an obstacle course, bounce house and more.

True to the Platzkonzert name, a full lineup of music

is planned over the three-day fest. Headliners include Alpine Blast at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Semple Band at 8 p.m. Saturday and the Johnny Wagner Band at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The on-site Hideaway Brew Garden will feature a selection of German craft beer and food options. A commemorative mug will be available.

View German engineering on display at the Audi of Hoffman Estates car exhibit.

Contests will take place Saturday, including the hilarious beer stein carry and stein hoisting.

For details and a full schedule, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/platz](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/platz) or call (847) 252-5446.

## Updates 9.17.2021

Dear Commissioners:

### **Upcoming Events**

- [Sep 22 - Storytime in the Park](#)
- [Sep 29 - Storytime in the Park](#)
- [Sep 29 - 50+ Lunch with HE Historian](#)
- [Oct 2 - Community Fitness Day – Triphahn & Willow Fitness Centers](#)
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- [Oct 13 - Storytime in the Park](#)
- [Oct 16 - Preschool Halloween Bash](#)
- [Oct 20 - Storytime in the Park](#)

### [Employment Status of Hockey Staff Member](#)

In keeping the board informed regarding the hockey coach we discussed on Tuesday, the coach has been dismissed and is no longer employed by the District. Any additional updates will be provided to the board at the next meeting, or as necessary.

### [Carpenters Union and Integrity Builders \(Bridges of Poplar Creek Top Tracer Project\)](#)

Craig has been in contact with Tricia O’Brien and Lisa Czarnecki from the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, as well as Greg Czajka and Matt Oclon from the Carpenters Union, regarding the question of prevailing wages being paid to the workers on the Top Tracer project at Bridges. Craig has also spoken with the owner of Integrity Builders and has requested he get in touch with Ronald Culbertson, Council Representative of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, to provide copies of their certified payroll, showing that indeed a prevailing wage is being paid. We are hopeful that this act will prevent any picketing at the Hoffman Estate Chamber Golf Outing on Thursday, September 23 at Bridges.

### [IAPD’s Best of the Best Awards Gala – October 15 - Celebrate our “Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Business” Award](#)

This year’s Best of the Best Awards Gala, presented by IAPD, will be held at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling on Friday, October 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. HE Parks has won the “Best Friend of Illinois Parks Award” (for Cabela’s). Please notify Cindy *no later than October 1* if you would like to join the table. Spouses are welcome as well.

### [IAPD Board Member Development Program](#)

As we prepare the accumulated units for each board member’s activities throughout the year, please inform Cindy of any volunteer events or activities you participated in that were not directly through the HE Park District. We have a record of all events and meetings attended through the district. The IAPD

Board Member Development Program form is attached. If you feel there are any categories on the form that you participated in but we would not be aware of, please send an email to Cindy with the details. Thank you!

**Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest Daily Herald Article**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Platzkonzert Germanfest took place last weekend at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green. If you were able to attend, you were one of over 22,000 people who attended the three-day event! Please see the attached article which mentions HE Parks as one of the collaborators of this annual festival.

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**REMINDER – Craig and Staff at NRPA Conference next week**

Just a quick reminder that Craig, Alisa and Dustin will be out of the office next week, attending the annual NRPA Conference in Nashville. Craig can still be reached by phone, but you may direct any inquiries to Cindy, who will forward any pertinent questions to Brian, Pete or Nicole, who will all be here in the office.

*\*\*The following documents were attached to this email: Board Member Development Program Form; Germanfest/Platzkonzert Daily Herald article.*

## IAPD Board Member Development Program

### ACCUMULATED UNITS RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:

**Master Board Member (750 Units)** – Receives an award, pin, certificate and recognition in Illinois Parks & Recreation. Master Board Members renew their status every three years through an accumulation of 50 units each year. There is a \$15 renewal fee every three years and a new certificate is issued.

**Distinctive Board Member (400 Units)** – Receives an award and recognition in Illinois Parks & Recreation.

**Notable Board Member (100 Units)** – Recognized in Illinois Parks & Recreation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fee**

The Annual Program fee is \$20. Once Master Board Member status is attained, there is no need to pay the annual \$20 fee. Master Board Members submit a form each year, verifying the accumulation of 50 units, in order to retain their status. Every three years, Master Board Members must pay a \$15 renewal fee to receive an updated certificate.

- Annual Fee - \$20.00
- Master Board Member – Annual Renewal – No Charge
- Master Board Member – 3-year Renewal Fee - \$15.00

### **Educational Programs**

- Legislative Conference – 10 BDUs
  - Commissioners Seminars/Workshops – 10 BDUs
  - Legal Symposium – 10 BDUs
  - Pre-Conference Workshops – 5 BDUs each
- Please List Workshops:

- 1-Day Registration at Conference – 10 BDUs
  - 2-Day Registration at Conference – 20 BDUs
  - NRPA Congress – 10 BDUs
  - NRPA Midyear Meeting – 10 BDUs
  - Other IAPD Programs – 10 BDUs each
- Please List IAPD Programs:

- Education at the Local Level 10 BDUs each
- Please List Education:

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Total Number of Educational Programs BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Volunteer Participation**

- Work at Park District Conservation Day – 5 BDUs
  - Work at Conference Headquarters/Registration Desk at Conference – 5 BDUs
  - Work at other IAPD-sponsored Event(s) – 5 BDUs each
- Please List IAPD-sponsored Events:

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- Volunteer Locally on Behalf of Your Agency – 10 BDUs each
- Please List Volunteer Efforts:

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Total Number of Volunteer Participation BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Event Attendance**

- Legislative Golf Outing – 10 BDUs
  - Legislative Reception (only) – 5 BDUs
  - Park District Conservation Day – 5 BDUs
  - Your Agency Exhibiting at Parks Day at the Capitol – 5 BDUs
  - Attending Agency-Sponsored Event(s) in Your Community – 5 BDUs each
- Please List Agency-Sponsored Events:

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Total Number of Event Attendance BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Legislative**

- Personal Visit with Your District Legislators – 5 BDUs
  - Personal Letter to Your District Legislators – 1 BDU per letter, 20 maximum
- List Number of Letters to your District Legislators:

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- Completed the 180 Minute Legislative Commitment – 10 BDUs

Total Number of Legislative BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IAPD Board and Committee Attendance

- Attendance at each IAPD Meeting/Event – 5 BDUs each

Please list Meetings/Event Attended:

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- Chair of an IAPD Committee – 10 BDUs

- Attendance at each IAPD Committee Meeting – 5 BDUs each

Please list Committees:

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Total Number of IAPD Board Committee Attendance BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Local Board Service

- Board Officer Position – 10 BDUs

- President  Vice President  Treasurer  Secretary

- Attendance at each Local Board Meeting – 3 BDUs each

List Number of Meetings Attended:

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- Number of Years as a Board Member (1 unit for each year served on a local board) 1 BDU each year

List Number of Years:

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- Member of a Committee on Your Local Board – 5 BDUs

- Chair of a Committee on Your Local Board – 10 BDUs

Total Number of Local Board Service BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Article (related to the field of parks and recreation)

In *Illinois Parks & Recreation*, *P&R* (NRPA's magazine), *Beyond the Boardroom* or other publication (your community's newspaper, magazine, etc.).

- Article submitted for consideration – 5 BDUs each

List Number of Articles Submitted:

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- Article published – 10 BDUs each

List Number of Articles Published:

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Total Number of Article BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Speaker

Spoke at an IAPD-sponsored event, including the Annual Conference, or to a community group on behalf of your agency.

- Speaking Engagement – 10 BDUs each (30 BDUs max)

List Number of Speaking Engagements:

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Total Number of Speaker BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Agency Development

- Participate in a Successful Grant Application – 10 BDUs
- Participate in an Annexation – 10 BDUs
- Active Participation in the Building of a New Facility – 10 BDUs
- Active Participation in a Land Purchase – 10 BDUs
- Other – 10 BDUs

Please List Other Participation:

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Total Number of Agency Development BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Other Educational Endeavors

- Books read about Boardmanship, Parliamentary Procedures or Park District Law – 5 BDUs each (30 BDUs max)

List Books Read:

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- Other Books Read (Number of BDUs to be determined at the discretion of the IAPD Honors Resolutions Committee)

Please List Book and Author:

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Total Number of Other Educational Endeavors BDUs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total of BDUs:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Germanfest pleases crowd with beer, music and more

**BY STEVE ZALUSKY**  
szalusky@dailyherald.com

With plenty of German food, beer and music on hand, Hoffman Estates' Platzkonzert Germanfest offered a complete Oktoberfest experience in September.

And there were even activities for the kids.

"It's one of the rare Oktoberfests anywhere in Chicago and that's free and has a kids area," said Ryan Johnson, the village's liaison to the festival.

For many of the thousands who attended the weekend festival, it was a chance to get in touch with their German roots.

Hoffman Estates Trustee Gary Pilafas, whose wife Michelle started the event 15 years ago with the village's arts commission, said more than 7,000 people attended on Friday, while around 15,000 came Saturday. Sunday drew a smaller crowd.

Johnson said planners only had a short time to put everything together, and they faced supply chain issues. Items such as hot dog buns and German beers were hard to procure.

"All those hiccups were really difficult to overcome," he said, "(We) were stockpiling as we went."

Co-chair Gayle Vandenberg said finding enough volunteers was tough as well. The event, held at the Virginia Mary

Hayter Village Green, is a collaboration that includes the village, the Hoffman Estates Park District and such sponsors as Audi Hoffman Estates.

Among the weekend's highlights were Friday night fireworks and Saturday's stein-carrying contest.

For children, the Kinderplatz area was available, with adjustments to accommodate the pandemic including an open obstacle course instead of an enclosed bounce house.

Bartlett residents Tony and Denise Fini enjoyed the food and music, with Denise saying she favored the giant pretzel.

"This works out well for us, because we used to go to Hans' Bavarian Lodge to eat all the time," Tony said. "And that closed down a number of years ago. So when they started this here, it was so nice and convenient."

Tom and Lucy Ruzicka from Elgin noshed on knackwurst and a schnitzel sandwich with German potato salad, while quaffing down beer in the tent and listening to Die Musikmeisters Band, which played everything from polka to the Beatles.

"I was raised on all this stuff," she said.

Mary Streufert from Streamwood said she has been to Munich for Oktoberfest, "so I love that a smaller version is here."

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT MEMORANDUM NO. M21-085**

To: A&F Committee  
From: Craig Talsma, Executive Director  
Nicole Hopkins, Director Finance & Administration  
Date: September 28, 2021  
Re: NWSRA Member District Annual Assessment Resolution No. R21-003

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**Background**

The Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) which provides programing for children and adults with disabilities in our community has approved the 2022 Member District Annual Assessments (MDAA). These are computed using a formula approved by the NWSRA board (of which Executive Director Talsma is a member).

**Implications**

The Actual Member District Annual Assessment (MDAA) for 2022 used the EAV numbers from each Member District's 2019 EAVs and 2020 audited gross population numbers. This was calculated using the formula of 75% EAV and 25% Gross Population formula with a 2% ceiling/floor. As a result, NWSRA is proposing no increase for the 2022 MDAA due the continuing financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping the District Assessment at \$311,404.66, the same rate as in 2021.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the A&F Committee recommend to the Board approving the NWSRA Member District Annual Assessment Resolution No. R21-003 ratifying the assessment for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$311,404.66 as recommended by the Board of Trustees of NWSRA.

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. R21-003**

**Northwest Special Recreation Association  
2022 Assessment Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Estates Park District is a member district in good standing with the Northwest Special Recreation Association, and,

WHEREAS, the Northwest Special Recreation Association represents a joint agreement program as authorized in the Park District Code, and,

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Estates Park District has the authority pursuant to Section 5.8 of the Park District Code, and,

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Estates Park District is committed to ensuring the continuation of quality leisure services for its residents both children and adults experiencing a disabling condition, and,

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Estates Park District wants to continue to support full community participation by residents with disabling conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the Hoffman Estates Park District does ratify the recommended Assessment for calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$311,404.66 as recommended by the Board of Trustees of NWSRA.

AYES \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President