



AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1092
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Triphahn Center

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
5. RECESS FOR A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
Motion to recess the Board Meeting for the purpose of convening the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting.
6. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
Motion to reconvene the Board Meeting.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (attached)
 - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes 8/22/2023
 - B. Special Board Meeting Minutes 8/29/2023*Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held August 22, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting held August 29, 2023.*
8. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through G.
 - A. WRC Windows and Skylights Installation Re-Bid (see B&G September packet)
 - B. Bridges Tee Box Renovation Plan (see B&G September packet)
 - C. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,095,182.46 (see A&F September packet)
 - D. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District-Wide Operations Statement (see A&F September packet)
 - E. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 8/15/2023 (see B&G September packet)
 - F. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 8/15/2023 (see Rec & Facilities September packet)
 - G. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 8/22/2023 (see A&F September packet)

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9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
10. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Motion to adopt the Executive Director’s Report as presented.
11. OLD BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Commissioner Committee Appointment
Motion for board consent for the president’s appointment of Chris MacGregor to the Buildings & Grounds Committee as Vice Chair in place of Keith Evans.
13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
14. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1091
August 22, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A special meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 22, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioners Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan and McGinn, President Chhatwani

Absent:

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Finance and IT Hopkins, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Recreation Miletic, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Associate Hassler

Audience: Kimberly Engler, Community Reps MacGregor, Evans, Harner, Kulkarni and Winner, Residents Sean and Nicole Gorman, Ken Hammel, Greg Gorbatenko, Heather Bodziak, Heidi Lepellere, Linda de Villiers

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

Robert Steinberg noted that the five-minute rule does not feel welcoming when there are not a lot of residents in the audience. President Chhatwani thanked Mr. Steinberg for coming and said that the board is here for the residents and all residents are welcome any time.

Greg Gorbatenko has been training kids for years in hockey. Triphahn Center is his favorite rink. He has two on the cusp on college hockey and would like to get some ice time. He is available to train in the morning. He saw the ESPN shoot that featured this facility last week. He would like to see if he can rent some ice between 9am and 12pm during the week. Executive Director Talsma said we do have some open ice time and

would be willing to make some reductions to fill the time. He told Mr. Gorbatenko he could reach out to Director Bechtold.

Heather Bodziak is a mother of two kids who play hockey. She is aware of the changes in hockey staff and would like to receive more communication from the park district. She asked if staff thought the teams would fill. She has concerns about the hockey program with the changes and would like to know what is happening with the program and who will be coaching. Executive Director Talsma said that an email went out last night with an overview and two contacts. He added that he or Director Bechtold would be more than happy to discuss this dynamic situation with the hockey parents.

5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to recess the Board Meeting at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Residents Gorman, Hammel, Gorbatenko, Bodziak, Lepellere and de Villiers left the meeting.

6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Kulkarni, Musial and Winner left the meeting. Kimberly Engler left the meeting.

7. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- Special Board Meeting – August 1, 2023
- Special Board Meeting – August 15, 2023

The motion carried by voice vote.

8. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the consent agenda items A through G.

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

- A. Policy Changes (see A&F August packet)
- B. Balanced Scorecard (see A&F August packet)
- C. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$614,878.94 (see A&F August packet)
- D. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District-Wide Operations Statement (see A&F August packet)
- E. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 7/18/2023 (see B&G August packet)
- F. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 7/18/2023 (see Rec & Facilities August packet)
- G. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 8/1/2023 (see A&F August packet)

9. President's Report

President Chhatwani reported the following:

- She attended a volunteer event at Feed My Starving Children on July 14.
- She hosted an event for seniors on August 12, which included laughing yoga, painting and a talent show for seniors.
- On August 13, she attended both an India Independence Day celebration
- She attended a Multicultural Women Intending to Lead event on August 14.
- She attended two block parties with the Mayor.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

11. Old Business:

None

12. New Business:

A. Vogelei Park Final Renovation Plans (OSLAD 2024) / M23-076

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the Vogelei Park Renovation Final Plans as presented with a budget of \$600,000 with matching funds from the OSLAD Grant of \$600,000 for a total of \$1,200,000.

Commissioner Friedman asked if there was any baseball area at Vogelei. Director Hugen said there was one field many years ago before the pond was put in, and there was a soccer field before the original maintenance building was constructed. Vogelei used to be a sports complex.

Director Hugen presented the updated playground drawings.

Commissioner Dressler said she noticed that the deadline had been extended and asked if staff was ready to submit. Executive Director Talsma said we are just about ready, but

need to pass a resolution authorizing the application, and we will do this at next week's special board meeting.

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

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Evans said he saw Brian Wright and Marisa Anstley at a local ribbon cutting today, and said it was nice to see the District represented.

Comm Rep MacGregor and Robert Steinberg left the meeting.

14. Executive Session:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to move to Executive session at 7:54 p.m. for the purposes of:

- A. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- B. The selection of a person to fill a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 29, 2023**

1. Roll Call:

A special meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 15, 2023 at 5:46 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan and McGinn

Absent:

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold,

Audience: William LaFontaine

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

All except William LaFontaine stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

Mr. LaFontaine introduced himself and told the Board he is working on a literary project regarding local government meetings.

5. Approval of Resolution of Authorization for OSLAD 2024 Application / M23-082 / R23-005

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve Resolution R23-005, authorizing staff to submit an application for the 2024 OSLAD Grant for the Vogeley Park renovation in the amount of \$600,000.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 6-0-0

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

6. Executive Session:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to move to Executive session at 5:49 p.m. for the purposes of:

- A. Minutes, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act
 - August 22, 2023
- B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- C. The selection of a person to fill a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

7. Reconvene following Executive Session:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to close the Executive Session and reconvene to the Special Board Meeting at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. Potential Discussion and Possible Vote on Matters Regarding:

- A. The selection of a person to fill a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to appoint Chris MacGregor as Commissioner to serve the remaining term of the open seat on the Board.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 5-1-0
Ayes: 5 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, McGinn
Nays: 1 Kaplan
Absent: 0

9. Adjournment:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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. 1092**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2023

PARKS DIVISION REPORT

MOTION

Motion to recommend to the full board to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance September Board Report in the September Executive Directors Report.

ADMINISTRATION & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Beacon Pointe Park:

The playground at Beacon Pointe Park has been installed along with the synthetic fall surface. HEParks staff has completed earthwork restoration around the playground along with applying grass seed via hydro mulching. To complete the restoration, next month there will be five trees planted in areas where the current soil has been amended for tree establishment at the park. The last item to be completed is to install the fence on the north and east sides of the playground to block off the fire station parking lot. The original plan was to landscape this area with trees and shrubs, but the current soil composition will not allow for this.



Pine Park Renovation:

The nature hill at Pine Park has been graded and seeded via hydro mulch by HEParks staff. The soccer fields are completely graded and ready for sod, which will be installed September 20-21. The pickleball fence and windscreen installation has been completed. Following the fence installation, HEParks staff completed the earthwork around the courts and seeded the majority of

the areas with the north and east areas prepared for sod application. New concrete was poured at the shelter after HEParks staff removed old concrete, painted the existing structure and placed the stone base for new concrete.



Vogelei OSLAD:

Staff worked on preparing all the documentation for the 2024 OSLAD grant application. The application for Vogelei Park Renovation is complete and has been submitted.

Oakdale Playground:

The old playground and two standalone features at Oakdale were removed. All existing mulch was removed from the site and the old drainage was dug up. New drainage was installed along with a new 2-5 year old play structure and two standalone features. All removal and installation of the new playground was completed by HEParks staff.



Parking Lot Crack fill and Sealcoating

All parking lots scheduled for crack fill and sealcoating for 2023 have been completed. The following lots were completed: BPC, BPC Maintenance, Vogelei, Canterbury Fields, Cannon Crossings, Cottonwood and Olmstead.

AQUATICS AND BUILDINGS

The Club at Prairie Stone:

- New gym dividers were built and installed.
- The water feature was painted and hot tub start-up was done after minor tile replacement.
- ADA pool chair lift was set up and staff were instructed on use.

Seascape/Splash Pads:

- Bottom foot guard for play features was replaced.
- Slide inspections were completed and slides were sanded in any rough areas.
- Media change was done for filter 2; filter fingers were hand washed to remove residue.
- The end of season breakdown has started – pool was drained, funbrellas taken down, chairs stacked and began removing windscreens.
- Vogelei Splash Pad RPZ valve was replaced to restore normal performance of splash pad.

Triphan Center:

- Ice rink floor prep has started; compressors were turned on to start freezing ice rink floor. The first mist of ice was started and the white base layer was painted. Hockey lines and logos were laid out, painted and sealed. The ice rink was flooded and ice has been leveled and edged.
- Locker rooms and door frames were painted; floors in locker room 2 were removed/repared. New drop ceiling was installed in women's ice hockey locker rooms and new benches were installed in coaches' locker room. A new threshold to lower level entry door to Wolves locker room was built. New TV hung in Wolves coaches' office.

Other:

- Boiler inspections and re-certification completed at The Club, Seascape, Bridges of Poplar Creek and the Triphahn Center. Replacements are being made as needed at Triphahn Center and adjustments made to boiler pressure relief valves at Bridges of Poplar Creek.
- Back flow repair and re-test was completed on the fire system at The Club.
- Old security camera at Willow Rec Center was removed that was facing parking lot; installed new corner mount bracket and camera.
- Removal/replacement of manhole covers as part of GIS mapping project of storm and sanitary sewer systems.

PARKS

Hedge clean up, tree pruning, weed removal and landscape maintenance were completed at various parks, playgrounds and building locations.

Parks & Trees:

- Dirt was hauled from Beacon Pointe Park in preparation for playground equipment installation.
- Sign bed maintenance was done at several locations.
- State burn permit application was completed/mailed.

Playgrounds:

- Playground inspections were done at various parks and weeds were sprayed/removed.

Athletic Fields:

- Disc golf course fence was built and installed at Black Bear Park.
- Soccer field layout was completed at Fabbrini Park.
- Baseball fields prepped and outfield mowed; paint lines were cleaned and refreshed.
- Baseball field layouts and foul lines complete for Olmstead Park.
- Football practice field layouts were done.
- Irrigation audit was completed; Cannon irrigation head replacement was done.
- On 9/12 and 9/13 greens aeration and topdressing took place, along with verticutting of tees and fairways. Tees and fairways then had divots filled in with soil/seed mixtures.



RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

Recommend to the full board to include the Recreation Board Report in the Executive Director’s Report.

Recreation Division



Summer camp ended August 4, followed quickly by STAR care starting at the schools. Preschool began the week of the 21st, and fall athletics began in early August, Our new Rec team members, Paige Calvey and Will Lieb are adjusting well after their first month here. Kimberly Barton started her maternity leave on August 21.

Seascape stayed consistently busy during its weekend only hours in August through Labor Day, due to the heat wave.

We continue to support the Village of Hoffman Estates events with a presence at their Thursday summer concert series at the Village Green, and provided kids activities at the PlatzKonzert on Sept. 9 and 10.



General Programs

General Programs:

Program	Summer 2021/22	Summer 2022/23 *to date
Baton & Poms	31	62 (32 for Sess. 1 Fall)
A&A Music (piano & guitar)	10	2
Shotokan Karate	93	124
Tae Kwon Do	29	30
Gymnastics	278	234
Racquetball lessons	5	25
Racquetball leagues	9	12
Aneta Art	NA	3
Palatine Choir/Theater	NA	2

Dance Happenings in August/September:

- The teachers attended the Revolution Expo on August 19 to see the new costumes for the season.
- The parent meeting/potluck for company families was on August 23.
- The first Stars Day for company was on August 30.
- We hired a new teacher (Victoria) who will be teaching 3 classes for this session.
- Classes for dance and baton are starting up the week of September 10. Enrollment will stay open for a few weeks at a prorated rate if missing the first few classes.
- Company pictures are on September 8.

Fall Dance Numbers:

Style	Fall 2022 Classes offered	Fall 2022 numbers	Fall 2023 Classes running	Number enrolled as of 9/7/23
Junior Company	0	0	1	5
Stars Dance Company	1 (4 levels)	25	1 (4 Levels)	26
Ballet/Tap	7	68	7	61
Ballet/Jazz	6	47	4	26
Jazz/Hip Hop	3	26	4	37
Tap	2	10	2	11
Specialty	2	11	2	9
Total	21	187	21	175

Special Events:

- The Garage Sale held at the Seascapes lot was well attended on September 9 with 31 booths signed up.
- Planning for Haunted Hoffman (October 21) is underway.
- Color Walk/Run for Cancer with Ascension on 9/23 was postponed due to low enrollment.



<u>August 50+ Events:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Attended:</u>
Pinstripes Lunch and Bowl/Bocce	8/14	Cancelled
Summer Concert at Hideaway	8/17	18
Seniors Out Socializing	8/18	13
Pub Trivia	8/23	31
Birthday Lunch	8/25	26

September 50+ Events	Date	Enrolled
Seniors Out Socializing (Early Bird)	9/6	11
Chandler's Welcome to Fall lunch	9/10	20
Starved Rock lunch/trolley/boat	9/13	17
Learn about Greece Colette Vacation	9/14	8
Seniors Out Socializing	9/15	4
Birthday Lunch	9/22	11
Pub Trivia	9/28	17
The Addams Family Matinee/lunch	9/28	10

Senior Fitness Classes

Group Exercise Enrollments for 50+

Class	Fall 2022	Summer 2023	Fall 2023 (as of 8/28)
50+ Basic Exercise	42	34	27
Tai Chi (Daytime)	13	9	6
Tai Chi (Evening)	13	Cancelled	1 st session cancelled
Feel Better Workshop	3	Cancelled	Cancelled
Line Dancing	18	29	9
Gentle Yoga	Cancelled	Cancelled	16
Balance Class	5	Not offered - instructor issue	8



Early Childhood

Little Stars Childcare – Full Day

2022	2023
39 (3 rooms)	41 (3 rooms)

5 Days: 29, 3 Days: 9, 2 Days: 3

Part-Day Preschool

23/24 School Year- registration to date C=Cancelled

	22/23 WRC	23/24 WRC	22/23 TC	23/24
Threeschool	C	C	16	11
2's Playschool	C	12	12	C
3's & 4's Preschool	34	35	83	80
TOTAL	34	47	111	91

- The Open House on August 12 brought in 1 registration.
- The end of summer pool party on August 10 had 100 people in attendance (including teachers).
- Preschool began the week of August 21.
- The Family Preschool Picnic at South Ridge was a fun kick-off for all on September 9.



School Age - STAR and Day Camps

STAR started for District 15 on Thursday, August 17 and for District 54 on Monday, August 21.

STAR Enrollment 23/24

	3 days before	3 days after	5 days before	5 days after	Total enrolled 23/24	<i>Total enrolled last year 22/23</i>
Armstrong	7	10	19	19	55	63
Fairview	3	13	12	27	55	50
Lakeview	0	7	17	30	54	60
MacArthur	3	11	31	45	90	77
Muir	4	3	14	19	40	41
Lincoln Prairie	6	8	26	16	56	51
Total for D54 23/24	23	52	119	156	350	342
Whiteley	5	9	22	37	73	71
Thomas Jefferson	2	8	18	49	77	54
Total for D15	7	17	40	86	150	139

Kinder STAR 23/24 enrollment:

School	AM/PM Waiting on Placements	22/23 Enrollment
Whiteley	1	
Thomas Jefferson	0	
Total	1	27

School	AM	PM	PM till 6:05
Whiteley 3 day	0	4	1
Whiteley 5 day	0	4	6
Thomas Jefferson 3 day	1	4	1
Thomas Jefferson 5 day	14	3	3
Totals	15	19	11
Total all locations:	45		



Youth Athletics

Hoffman Basketball Academy

- **Camps-** We will begin camps again in September on Thursdays. We will be back to offering camps at all levels (k-8th grade). The theme is to get players ready for their upcoming tryouts and winter seasons.

	K-2nd	3rd-5th	6th-8th
2022	20	11	4
2023	21	12	8

- **Summer league** league wrapped up in August. Our registration this year has almost doubled last year. Extra gym space has allowed us to open up a higher maximum number of players. We also had a high number of campers this spring who we could promote our league to. Summer league ended with games on August 19/.
 - All Summer league players have received information on the upcoming winter league and fundamental camps.

	3/4 th	5/6 th	7/8th	Totals
2022	20	36	18	74
2023	40	40	40	120

- **AAU Girls Team-** This September we will have our first ever AAU girls' team through the Hoffman Basketball Academy! We will have a team of 10 players who will compete in two tournaments this fall. Practice will begin on September 6, and they will compete in their first tournament at the end of September.

Youth Baseball

- Fall seasons have begun for Bronco, Pony and Colt baseball divisions.
- Pinto season will begin on Saturday, September 9.
 - We will once again be teaming up with Rolling Meadows Park District for Pinto.

	<u>Pinto</u>	<u>Bronco</u>	<u>Pony</u>	<u>Colt</u>
2022	32	21	12	12
2023	34	22	12	13

Adult Sports

- Fall softball season is underway, with 5 teams participating.

Field Rentals

- Rage baseball rental group is renting sparingly to finish out their year at Cannon.
- HEAA Redhawks Football continues use of Sycamore for games and practices Tuesdays and Thursdays with several games coming up on Saturdays. They will move to Cannon the week of September 11 for use of lit practice fields.

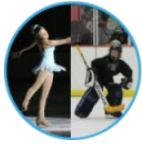
Pickleball League Enrollment Numbers 23/24

Fabbrini Outdoor Courts 8/14/2023-9/18/2023

Enrolled: First Timers: 9 Social: 17

eSports

- We had one birthday party in August.



Ice Operations

August Figure Skating numbers:

August 2022:

-Summer Session Figure Skating classes: 206

August 2023:

-Summer Session Figure Skating classes: 220

The upcoming Fall 2023 Session numbers are starting out great at 294; the session begins in September.

2022 August Freestyle Ice contract skaters: 18

2023 August Freestyle Ice contract skaters: 30

Drop in/Walk on skaters: Total=99

*8/28-8/31 = 15

*8/21-8/27 = 20

*8/14-8/20 = 16

*8/7-8/13 = 25

*8/1-8/6 = 23

Public skate and modified public skate:

	<u>*Pre-registered</u>	<u>*Walk on & skate rental</u>
8/6	61	55
8/6 modified	0	0
8/20	37	30
8/20 modified	0	0
Total	98	85

8/5 Try Figure Skating for Free: 50 skaters pre-registered. This was max allowed.

Fall Hockey Numbers

Developmental Hockey		2023	2022
242460-A	Intro to hockey - level 1	24	30
242469-A	Wolf Pack Development - level 2	22	27
242459-A	Tot Hockey	19	42
242457-A	Beginner Development	14	new class from Spring
Hockey League			
242505-A	NWHL Mites	32	30
242505-B	Squirts	29	37
242505-C	Peewee	26	27
242505-D	Bantam	15	31
242505-E	Midget	20	29
242505-W	U10 Wolverines	15	14
242505-W2	U14 Wolverines	16	17



Aquatics

Pass sales as of September 1, 2023:

2023 1,349
2022 1,641

Seascape Recap

2022 **2023**

Total visits: **33,864** **36,418**

Total Days closed (did not open): **5** **11.5**

- We had 182 people for the Seascape Luau on August 18 and were able to donate \$1,200 to Maui Strong.
- Seascape staff had three unannounced audits from Starguard and received two 4-star and one 5-star audit for the season.

Club Swim Lessons

Club lessons will start September 12. Registration keeps coming in every day. There are different lessons on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. These classes run until the end of October. Enrollment to date is presented below:

Swim Lessons:	Parent/Tot	Tots	Group Classes	Adult
2022	20	12	137	11
2023	9	1	115	6

FACILITIES AND MARKETING DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

Recommend the September Facilities & Marketing Report to be included in the September Executive Director’s Report for Board approval.

Bridges General Programs:

- Bridges Beer Garden hosted 3 Furdays with roughly 155 attendees, and one live music event with approximately 60 guests. The area is gaining popularity and general use numbers are increasing.

Golf Rounds

MONTHLY ROUND TOTALS					
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Average
4,277	5,938	4,877	5,219	5,362	5,135
YTD ROUND TOTALS					
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Average
18,551	16,740	22,178	20,908	23,905	20,456

Range Information

MONTHLY RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Average
4,130	4,574	3,243	3,133	3,772	3,770
YTD RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Average
16,102	11,596	15,868	12,860	16,447	14,575

Toptracer Hour Totals

MONTHLY TOPTRACER RESERVATION HOUR TOTALS	
2022	2023
619 Hours	700 Hours
YTD TOPTRACER RESERVATION HOUR TOTALS	
2022	2023
2,682	4,294

Food & Beverage

August

- 1 all-day meeting servicing 20 guests
- 1 breakfast meeting servicing 40 guests
- 6 golf outings servicing 722 guests
- 2 showers servicing 79 guests
- 1 Christening servicing 41 guests
- 3 memorials servicing 226 guests, 2 were open houses with hors d'oeuvres only

September

- 1 breakfast meeting servicing 25 guests
- 9 golf outings servicing 850 guests, 1 outing grill station only
- 3 showers servicing 95 guests
- 1 anniversary dinner servicing 60 guests
- 1 family reunion servicing 35 guests
- 1 ceremony/reception servicing 150 guests
- 2 end of season league dinners servicing 50 guests

2023 weddings

- 8 ceremony and receptions
- 2 reception only
- 1 ceremony only

2024 weddings

- 5 ceremony and receptions

2025

- 1 ceremony and reception



August 2023

Membership Totals	<u>8/31/2022</u>	<u>1/01/2023</u>	<u>8/31/2023</u>	<u>Var. +/-</u>
Totals	2,272	2,418	2,837	+419

Member Services/Sales

- The Club team enrolled 117 new members in August, the final month with the summer offer of a \$19 enrollment fee. We continued the trend of having a net positive enrollment number for the month, and a great net positive enrollment number for the year, setting us up well for what will likely be a little loss in September, our slowest month for enrollment before we begin to gain again in the final months of the year.
- The Club had 2,048 unique visits in August, meaning approximately 72% of members visited/used the facility at least once in August. Again, this number is above average for the industry, but low end of our average. We should see an increase in usage start toward the end of September/beginning of October.
- The Club had 89 United Health care Renew Active pass holders use the facility in August (visiting at least one time), and 5 new enrollments under this program.
- The Club offered \$25 referral club cash to members who referred a new member in August which is our ongoing referral promotion. With the assistance of the C&M Manager, we were very strategic on the placement of our referral promotions, and it seems to have worked well in August with 25 member referrals; a little over 20% of our new members in August were referred from existing members!
- The Club student summer pass sales capped out at 234 total memberships, one less than 2022. However, because of a price increase and some other factors detailed in the C&M Manager report, we brought in almost \$7,000 more in revenue this year on these passes. We have gathered some helpful detailed data on these passes that will help us with marketing and sales going forward.

Operations and Fitness Departments:

- The Club rentals continue to be slow given the time of year:
 - (31) volleyball rentals (2) Birthday parties (1) Lock-in, overnight
 - (29) basketball rentals (3) Pickleball court rentals (1) general gym rental
- The Club offered and ran the following programming options in August:
 - Little Artists
 - Youth Climbing
 - Pickleball 101 (4 classes) and Pickleball 102 (2 classes)
- The Club's fitness team used August to review the classes and plan retention events for the remainder of the year, evaluating the class schedule for needs and edits, as well as holding instructor auditions for classes we may want to add to the group fitness schedule in the fall and winter
- The Club received the first part of its large equipment order in August, that is, 3 upright bikes from vendor Life Fitness, replacing 3 upright bikes that were 10 years old.



Triphahn Center



Willow Recreation Center

Triphahn Center Fitness

<u>Membership</u>	<u>08/31/2022</u>	<u>01/01/2023</u>	<u>08/31/2023</u>	<u>2023 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	442	469	534	+65

Pass	% Visited in July 2023	% Visited in August 2023
TCIA Fitness Adult	28%	29%
TCIA Fitness Junior/Student	38%	32%
TCIA Fitness Senior	44%	40%
Average Paid Members	37%	34%
TCIA Silver Sneakers *	16%	16%
TCIA Tivity Prime *	7%	6%
TCIA Renew Active *	7%	7%
Average Insurance Members	7.5%	10%

TC Rental Information

- We had 28 paid rentals at TC in the month of August

Willow Rec Center Fitness & Racquetball

<u>Membership</u>	<u>08/31/2022</u>	<u>01/01/2023</u>	<u>08/31/2023</u>	<u>2023 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Fitness	118	127	134	+7
Racquetball	35	39	42	+3
Total	153	166	176	+10

Membership numbers do not include the free health insurance members.

Pass	% Visited in July 2023	% Visited in August 2023
WRC Fitness Adult	26%	33%
WRC Fitness Junior/Student	41%	31%
WRC Fitness Senior	16%	14%
Average Paid Members	28%	26%

WRC Silver Sneakers *	17%	21%	
WRC Tivity Prime *	0%	4%	
WRC Renew Active *	11%	0	
Average Insurance Members	9%	8%	

WRC Rental Information

- We had 5 paid rentals at WRC in the month of August.

General Programs:

Program	Summer 2021/22	Summer 2022/23 *to date
Baton & Poms	31	62
A&A Music (piano & guitar)	10	2
Shotokan Karate	93	124
Tae Kwon Do	29	30
Gymnastics	278	234
Racquetball lessons	5	25
Racquetball leagues	9	12
Aneta Art		3
Palatine Choir/Theater		2



Dog Off-Leash Areas

<u>Membership</u>	<u>08/31/2022</u>	<u>01/01/2023</u>	<u>08/31/2023</u>	<u>2023 YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	629	586	596	+10

Marketing

- Staff completed the comparison of testing marketing project management programs to find a complete solution for organizing staff tasks to better plan and execute integrated marketing campaigns.
- Staff developed a sign tracker to inventory and schedule when posters need to be replaced at the various facilities.
- Updated September and October events and posters on what's happening boards and marquees.
- Created marketing packets for:
 - Seniors' activities and events
 - Color Run
 - Haunted Hoffman
 - Halloween Bash
 - Guide
 - Soccer
 - Hockey
 - Little Stars, Preschool, Before and After School Programs
 - KNO at E-Sports Zone
 - Seascape Luau – See picture below!



Website:

- Staff continued Google Analytics 4.0 migration project which includes optimizing website visitation and conversion tracking.
- Staff updated the website images and pages completing a spreadsheet of tasks itemized and catalogued. We will continue to implement more changes to the website in the coming months with help from our current website developer. Invex will establish an identical website on another server for the purposes of testing and removing plugins without interfering with our live website.
- 93,178 page views Aug 1- Aug 31, 2023. This is a 61.66% increase from July, indicating more exploration of our web pages.

- 17,904 unique visitors (users) Aug 1- Aug 31, 2023. This is a 4.25% decrease from July, but with more engagement, a 57.94% engagement rate (% of engaged sessions), which is an increase from the prior month.
- Current website visitors by device; 66.6% mobile, 32.4% desktop, and 1% on a tablet

Social-

Brand Health <small>Channels overview for the past 30 days</small>					
CHANNELS	TOTAL FOLLOWERS [?]	NEW FOLLOWERS [?]	NO. OF POSTS [?]	REACH [?]	ENGAGEMENTS [?]
Hoffman Estates Park District	6,728 ↑ 0.1%	9 ↓ 30.8%	22 ↑ 10.0%	30,845 ↓ 9.6%	143 ↓ 38.4%
Hoffman Estates Park District	804 ↑ 2.8%	28 ↑ 154.5%	5 ↑ 66.7%	841 ↑ 162.8%	54 ↑ 63.6%
heparks	1,295 ↑ 100.0%	14 ↓ 12.5%	20 ↑ 17.6%	2,835 ↑ 82.9%	50 ↓ 39.0%

- The District’s social media channels reach on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter channels have not kept up with competitors’ growth. Twitter as a platform has seen a mass exodus since it changed its brand to “X”. We replaced our former Twitter account (which had not been nurtured since April) with Hoffman Estates Park District’s newest social media channel- LinkedIn. The Park District’s brand will be systematically brought into the C&M departments monitoring and nurturing. For example, our many Google sites for our parks and facilities-along with user generated content sites like Yelp, Four Square, etc. will become part of our marketing mix and marketing responsibility. Staff has begun the creation of a social media calendar for the rest of the year and into 2024.

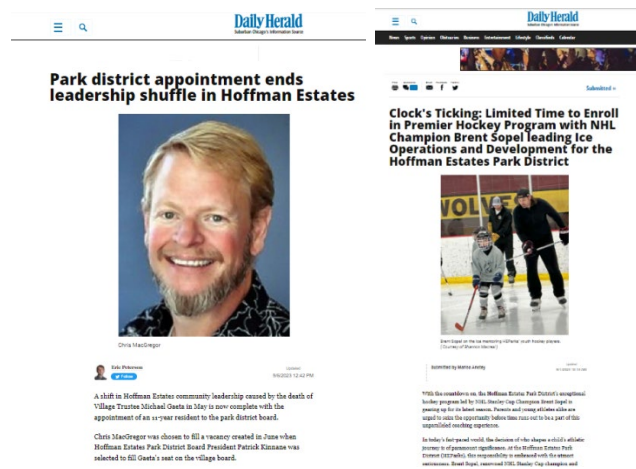
August Email Campaigns with Constant Contact

- C&M staff have begun laying out their new marketing plan which includes executing an email blast at the end of the month highlighting all programs and events followed by targeted email campaigns for each week during the rest of the month per topic/program with campaign goals.
- Staff has started optimizing our email database by removing email duplicates, removing chronic email bounces, and scheduling conversations with constant contact to improve the opt-in process for people who have unsubscribed, but sign up for new Park District programs.
- This month staff sent 12 email campaigns to our email list with the following metrics:
 1. All District Email Sent Aug 29, 2023
(39%) opens (1%) clicks (9%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 2. September 2023 50+ Newsletter Sent Aug 24, 2023
(46%) opens (1%) clicks (9%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 3. All District Email Sent Aug 22, 2023
(39%) opens (1%) clicks (9%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 4. Hockey Participant Letter Sent Aug 21, 2023
(71%) opens (0%) clicks (1%) bounces (0%) unsubscribes
 5. Aloha Action Luau at Seascape Sent Aug 16, 2023
(48%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 6. All District Email 8/15/23 Sent Aug 15, 2023
(38%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 7. Soccer Email Sent Aug 14, 2023
(48%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 8. Aces Soccer Email #4 Sent Aug 12, 2023
(74%) opens (8%) clicks (3%) bounces (0%) unsubscribes
 9. All District Email Sent Aug 8, 2023
(41%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
 10. Fall Soccer League Sent Aug 8, 2023

- (91%) opens (60%) clicks (2%) bounces (0%) unsubscribes
- 11. Soccer Registration Email Sent Aug 4, 2023
(46%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes
- 12. All District Email Sent Aug 1, 2023
(41%) opens (1%) clicks (10%) bounces (1%) unsubscribes

August Press Releases:

1. Seascape’s planned Luau Party on 8/19/23 became a means to contribute to the Maui Strong Fund for the Hawai’i Community Foundation, to aid those affected by the wildfires in Maui. We donated \$1,200 with 100% of the registration proceeds.
2. Brent Sopol Head of Ice Operations and Development
3. Park District Board Commissioner Chris MacGregor welcomed.



Bridges of Poplar Creek

- Created new slides for lobby TV promoting upcoming events, weddings, The Club monthly promo, etc.
- Attended Chamber events to promote the golf course, Toptracer Range, and outings and events
- Created new posters and table tents for Toptracer Range, Beer Garden, and The Tap Inn to promote events
- Designed and scheduled marquee images for Beer Garden, live music and events
- Created/scheduled email blasts and social media posts for upcoming events, golf outings, etc.
- Took various photos to build “asset library” for future digital and print promotions
- Renewed contract with The Knot to advertise weddings on their two online platforms
- Redesigned “Breakfast with Santa” materials (digital and print)
- Coordinated additional “air times” on NBC Sports Chicago for our segment on The Golf Scene during the Labor Day weekend: Link to TV segment: <https://vimeo.com/849607861>

The Club

- Designed September promo and referral marketing collateral (digital and print)
- Promoted final “Pop Up Fitness in the Park” and “Fitness & Fun at the Hideaway” events
- Attended Chamber events to promote Club promotions and events
- Created/scheduled social media posts for upcoming programs, promotions, and events
- Took various photos to build “asset library” for future digital and print promotions
- Utilized small “A” frames to promote monthly referrals and events
- Planned and began creating marketing assets for the Fall Open House; digital marketing launch on 9-1-23

Other

- Attended/participated and represented Park District at the Hoffman Estates Chamber Board of Directors meeting
- Represented the park district during a special tour of the Great Lakes Naval Station, hosted by the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) and coordinated by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.



FINANCE, IT and HR DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

Forward the September Administration & Finance Report to be included in the September Executive Director's Report for Board approval.

Finance/Administration:

- Met with Time and Attendance software vendors to review options.
- Met with support staff for PandaDoc to ensure we are utilizing the latest enhancements to improve document workflow.
- Processed applicable monthly and quarterly returns as required.
- Processed Club/TC/WRC cancellations, including attaching documentation to RecTrac household members and member holds before the September billing.
- Completed BSA software updates.
- RecTrac Enhancements/Processes
 - Automated additional reporting
 - Restructured field fees

- Restructured fee/discount processing
- Created user/workstation profile for new TC Ice Box
- Payroll Cycle Processing
 - 08/04/23 \$436,367.81
 - 08/18/23 \$384,522.21

Administrative Registration/EFT Billing:

- EFT Billings for:
 - Sponsorship/Marquee
 - LSC (weekly)
 - Club/TC/WRC Fitness
 - Locker
 - Freestyle
 - Summer Camp
 - STAR
 - Preschool
 - Dance
- Administrative
 - Database Maintenance
 - Duplicate Households
 - Employee Pass
 - Aged Punch Passes
 - Program Fee/Rule Adjustments
 - Assisted in Training New Staff
 - Billing NSF Payment Retries
 - Processing increased billing payment declinations as well as credit card disputes
- Administrative Registration for:
 - State of IL CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program)
 - STAR
 - Preschool

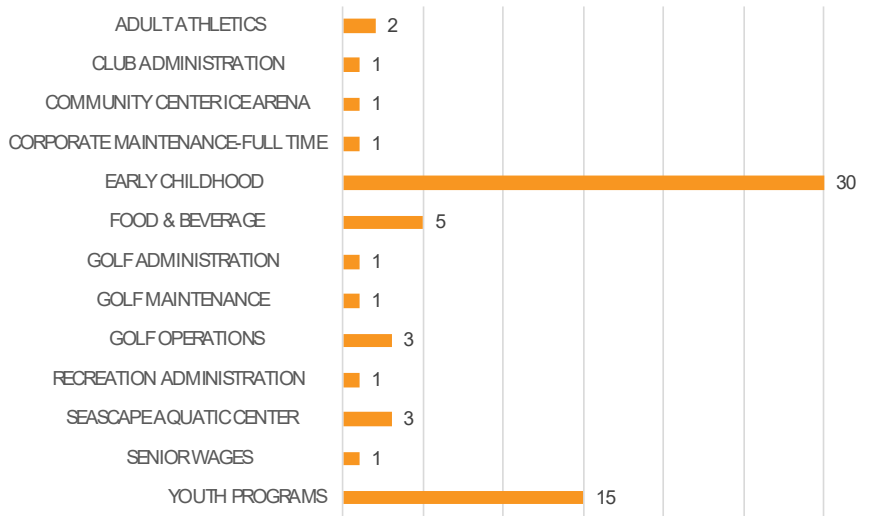
Technology:

- Security Camera Upgrades.
 - Triphahn Center – Two (2) cameras were installed in the new Ice Box concession stand. One for the storage room and another for the cash register/workstation.
 - Vogelei Barn - The south door camera failed. The camera was under the manufacturer's warranty. Warranty replacement was processed, and the camera was replaced/reinstalled.
- Office365 rollout is continuing.
- Kings III completed the installation of their cellular service, eliminating the analog POTS line for the emergency elevator phone at BPC. IT is converting the rest of the District's emergency elevator phone lines to Kings III.

- A Watchfire vendor, Doyle Signs, Inc. based out of Lombard, provided a quote. The quote for all marquee signs with a 10-year warranty was nearly \$900K. IT contacted C. Johnson Sign Co., based out of Franklin Park. C. Johnson Sign Co. uses Daktronics as opposed to Watchfire. Daktronics and Watchfire are considered the nation's top two (2) LED sign manufacturers. Awaiting their quote.
- IT configured and installed a workstation computer in the TC Ice Box with a touchscreen monitor, cash register, receipt printer, and credit card reader. New network cables were run to accommodate the new devices.

Human Resources:

Employees Hired This Month



Park District Updates 8.25.2023

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Bridges of Poplar Creek CC – Video Advertising Segment

HEParks was pleased to have this video segment air recently on NBC Sports Chicago, highlighting all of the offerings at our Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, including the 18-hole golf course, the driving range and Toptracer facility, the Beer Garden, Tap Inn Bar & Grill, and the wedding and event facilities. Click on this [link](#) to view the segment.

Live Music by Harry Hmura at the Bridges Beer Garden – Saturday, August 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

As the temperatures come back down after this week’s heat wave, join us at the Bridges Beer Garden tomorrow evening for live music, food and beverages. Harry Hmura will entertain the crowd with his live acoustic music!

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12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

2:00-2:30 p.m. (Mayor)

2:00 p.m. (Police and Fire Dept)

1984 Brighton Lane

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Thanks,
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HEParks Board of Commissioners Appoints Chris MacGregor to Fill Vacancy

We are excited to announce that resident Chris MacGregor has been appointed Commissioner to fill the seat vacated by Pat Kinnane, who was named a Trustee with the Village of Hoffman Estates in June. Chris has served as a Community Representative on the District's Recreation & Facilities Committee since 2020 and has continually added valuable input for Park District programs, projects and facilities. The Park Board received four written applications from current Community Representatives. The final appointment was made on Tuesday evening, August 29 after interviews were conducted during a Special Board meeting. Congratulations, Chris!

NEXT WEEKEND! HEParks Community Garage Sale – Saturday, September 9 – Seascap Parking Lot – 9:00a .m. – 2:00 p.m.

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[Daily Herald Articles Featuring Newly Appointed Commissioner MacGregor and Premier Hockey with Brent Sopel](#)

Two exciting new HEParks developments were featured in the Daily Herald this past week, including an article announcing the appointment of Chris MacGregor as Commissioner, and another article outlining the highlights of our Premier Hockey program, with professional coaches led by former Blackhawk and Stanley Cup champion Brent Sopel.

[Hoffman Estates Platzkonzert Germanfest – THIS WEEKEND – September 8-10 – Hoffman Estates Village Green](#)

Opening tonight at 6:00 p.m., as Mayor McLeod and the Village Trustees celebrate the official keg tap! The 2023 Platzkonzert Germanfest includes German food and beer, live music and dance performances, as well as fun contests all weekend long. Taking place at the Village Green, festival hours are 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Click this [link](#) to see a list of sponsors and a detailed schedule of events.

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Brent Sopel on the ice mentoring HEParks' youth hockey players. *Courtesy of Shannon Macreal*

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Submitted by Marisa Anstey

With the countdown on, the Hoffman Estates Park District's exceptional hockey program led by NHL Stanley Cup Champion Brent Sopel is gearing up for its latest season. Parents and young athletes alike are urged to seize the opportunity before time runs out to be a part of this unparalleled coaching experience.

In today's fast-paced world, the decision of who shapes a child's athletic journey is of paramount significance. At the Hoffman Estates Park District (HEParks), this responsibility is embraced with the utmost seriousness. Brent Sopel, renowned NHL Stanley Cup champion and Head of Ice Operations and Development at the district, now leads a team of dedicated professional hockey coaches who are committed to guiding and nurturing the next generation of hockey stars.

"In this exciting new chapter for HEParks hockey, our primary goal remains unchanged -- to provide an environment where young athletes can flourish, learn, and enjoy the game they love," says HEParks Executive Director Craig Talsma.

"Our commitment to skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship continues to be the foundation of our hockey program."

HEParks Pro Coaching provides Ice Skills and Life Thrills

HEParks is committed to the holistic development of young athletes, brought to life by the program's foundational philosophy: "HEParks Pro Coaching provides Ice Skills and Life Thrills."

EFFORT Drives Our Approach:

Excellence: We will provide the very best in coaching and instruction for children

Fun: Our approach ensures that kids enjoy their time on the ice.

Foundation: We aim to build lifelong habits of skills, personal growth, and a love of the sport.

Organization: We will provide an organized and open environment for all players to develop.

Respect: We instill the importance of sportsmanship and respect for all

Team: We will instill that this is a team sport that provides acceptance, support, and friendships.

"We all put our pants on the same way, we are all human beings," Brent Sopel, a leading force behind the program, said. "I'm just trying to show some extra compassion and love and these kids are loving it."

In a landscape brimming with options, what sets the HEParks Hockey program apart is Sopel's track record of on-ice success and unwavering dedication to the sport. Sopel and the dedicated paid coaching staff at HEParks offer a fusion of skill enhancement and personal growth, positioning young athletes for excellence both on and off the ice.

Limited Time Opportunity

Registration for the upcoming season is closing soon. Parents and guardians interested in a comprehensive hockey program, catering to all skill levels, that combines skill development with valuable life lessons should act swiftly to secure their child's spot.

How to Register

Time is of the essence as enrollment availability is limited. Don't miss the chance to make your child's hockey aspirations a reality under the guidance of HEParks.

For information about HEParks hockey programs, and registration details, visit hepark.org/hockey or contact Shannon McGreal, Ice Department administrative assistant, at (847) 285-5478.



Chris MacGregor



Eric Peterson

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A shift in Hoffman Estates community leadership caused by the death of Village Trustee Michael Gaeta in May is now complete with the appointment of an 11-year resident to the park district board.

Chris MacGregor was chosen to fill a vacancy created in June when Hoffman Estates Park District Board President Patrick Kinnane was selected to fill Gaeta's seat on the village board.

The role of park district board president has been filled by Commissioner Rajkumari Chhatwani.

"We are incredibly excited to have Chris join us," Chhatwani said in an announcement of MacGregor's appointment. "His years of dedicated service as a community representative will greatly enrich his understanding of the park board's responsibilities to the community."

MacGregor, a volunteer on the Recreation & Facilities Committee since 2020, will serve out the remainder of Kinnane's term and has expressed interest in running for the seat in the April 2025 election.

MacGregor, who officials said has expertise in creating user-friendly computer applications, websites, and mobile apps, said in a statement that he wants to draw on his professional skills to better the park district and understand community needs.

Originally from Seabrook, Texas, MacGregor lives his Hoffman Estates home with his wife, Melissa, their son, Colin, and their dog, Brick.

Gaeta had served on the village board for a decade when he died at the age of 86.

Kinnane was on the park board for 10 years and had been president for more than two years when he was named to succeed Gaeta.

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Park District Updates 9.15.2023

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Upcoming Events

Sep 22 - "Oktoberfest" at Bridges Beer Garden

Sep 24 - Public Skate September 24

Oct 8 - Public Skate October 8 - Pink at the Rink with Ascension

Oct 9 - Modified Public Skate Columbus Day

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Oct 14 - Preschool Halloween Bash

Oct 20 - Friday Night Fish Fry

Oct 21 - Haunted Hoffman Family Fest

Oct 21 - Trick or Treat Path

Oct 21 - Trick or Treat Climb

Oct 27 - Friday Night Fish Fry

Oct 28 - Little Stars Open House October 28

HEParks Winner of Two IAPD "Best of the Best" Awards

The Illinois Association of Park Districts announced the winners of the 2023 "Best of the Best" Awards, with HEParks receiving two awards. First, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award, for our work with Northwest Special Recreation Association to bring a branch of NWSRA's PURSUIT Program to the Vogelei House at our Vogelei Park location. The PURSUIT program provides day programming for adults with special needs in the surrounding area. The second award is the Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award, on behalf of Bill and Linda Graba, longtime Hoffman Estates residents who have been invaluable over the years in the organization and growth of the sport of pickleball in our community. The "Best of the Best" awards ceremony will take place Friday, October 20 at Chevy Chase County Club in Wheeling at 6:30 p.m. If any Commissioners would like to attend, please let Cindy know.

Last Chance! HEChamber's 33rd Annual Golf Outing - Thursday, September 21 - Bridges of Poplar Creek

Come on out to the Bridges of Poplar Creek on Thursday, September 21 to take part in the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce 33rd Annual Golf Outing. Proceeds support the Chamber's Scholarship Fund. Check-in starts at 11:30 with a grill station lunch and open practice time at Toptracer and the driving range. The shotgun start takes places at 1:00 p.m., and the day wraps up with raffles and awards at 5:00 p.m. Click this [link](#) to register your foursome today! If a commissioner would like to join the HEParks foursome, please let Cindy know.

IAPD Legal Symposium - Thursday, November 2

The IAPD is hosting their annual Legal Symposium at the Conference Center/Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook on Thursday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Both in-person and virtual attendance options are available. The panel will feature representatives from various legal firms, presenting information on

several recent legal changes that affect the parks and recreation industry. More information can be found [here](#). If any Commissioner would like to attend, please let Cindy know.

IAPD/IPRA “Soaring to New Heights” Annual Conference – January 25-27

The 2024 “Soaring to New Heights” conference will once again be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and registration is now open. This is the largest state park and recreation conference in the country, and provides staff, Commissioners, attorneys and state officials with great educational and networking opportunities. Commissioners, please let us know ASAP if you plan to attend. We will be completing registrations next week for staff, and hotel rooms fill up quickly. The conference will be in-person only (virtual option is not available).

Have a great weekend!

Thanks,
Craig

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Chicago Wolves Exhibition Game – Saturday, October 7 – Triphahn Center Ice Arena

As the 2023-2024 AHL hockey season quickly approaches, HEParks is pleased to host an exhibition game between our Chicago Wolves and the Milwaukee Admirals, here at the Triphahn Center. The game is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and are available [online](#) until Wednesday 10/4, or can be purchased in person at the Triphahn Center. Last year this event sold out, so plan ahead! Go Wolves!

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