

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1123
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Triphahn Center

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (voice vote)
4. RECOGNITION
 - A. Employee Longevity Proclamation
 - Brittany Meschewski – 15 Years
 - B. Employees of the 1st Quarter 2026
 - Part-Time: Jaquelyn Johnson
 - Full-Time: Tina Tsonis
 - C. Best of Hoffman 1st Quarter 2026 – Gul Ahuja
5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
6. RECESS FOR A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
Motion to recess the Board Meeting for the purpose of convening the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting. (voice vote)
7. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
Motion to reconvene the Board Meeting. (voice vote)
8. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through P. (roll call)
 - A. Wildlife Control / M26-032 (see B&G April packet)
 - B. Cannon Crossings OSLAD Conceptual Design / M26-033 (see B&G April packet)
 - C. Furnish & Install Multiple HVAC Units / M26-034 (see B&G April packet)
 - D. WRC Basketball Hoop Replacements / M26-026 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
 - E. Toptracer Lease Agreement / M26-027 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
 - F. American Tower Lease Extension / M26-039 (see A&F April packet)
 - G. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment and Management of Bank and Investment Accounts and Designation of Authorized Signers / M26-029 / R26-004 (see A&F April packet)

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- H. Adoption of Restated Governmental 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan / M26/013 / R26-002 (see A&F April packet)
 - I. SoloRider ADA Golf Cart Purchase / M26-037 (see A&F April packet)
 - J. Balanced Scorecard / M26-038
 - K. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,957,200.03 (see A&F April packet)
 - L. Revenue and Expenditure Report and Financial Analysis (See A&F April packet)
 - M. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 2/17/2026 (see B&G April packet)
 - N. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities 2/17/2026 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
 - O. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 3/24/2026 (see A&F April packet)
 - P. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 3/24/2026
9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
10. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Motion to adopt the Executive Director’s Report as presented. (voice vote)
11. OLD BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
14. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn the meeting. (voice vote)

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1122
March 24, 2026**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Friedman, Commissioners Dressler, Kaplan, and MacGregor

Absent: Commissioners Chhatwani, Evans and McGinn

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Administrative Services Rivas, Director of Finance Vogt, Executive Assistant Flynn

Audience: Comm Reps L. Henderson, Harner, Musial, Wilson, and Winner; Don Fye

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to approve the agenda as presented.

4. Recognition:

A. Retirement Proclamation – Don Frye

President Friedman recognized Don Frye for his retirement and 23 years of service.

Don Frye left the meeting.

5. Comments from the Audience:

None

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recess the Board Meeting at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, Wilson, Winner, and Musial left the meeting.

8. Consent Agenda:

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

On a Roll Call: Carried 4-0-3
Ayes: 4 Dressler, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor
Nays: 0
Absent: 3 Chhatwani, Evans, McGinn

- A. NWSRA IGA – Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Waiver / M26-025 (see A&F March packet)
- B. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,174,123.91 (see A&F March packet)
- C. Revenue and Expenditure Report (See A&F March packet)
- D. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 2/24/2026 (see A&F March packet)
- E. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes 1/20/2026
- F. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2/24/2026
- G. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes 3/12/2026

9. President's Report

President Friedman highlighted the following:

- He coaches a 7th grade boy who asked him when we restock the fish in the ponds. Director Hugen provided a detailed answer, and the boy was satisfied with that.
- Brian Jome and Nick Wirth did a great job during the end of season basketball tournament for the youth league.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

Executive Director Talsma provided an update on the beaver situation at Westbury Park. Several residents had reached out to the park district regarding some traps that were unsafe for animals and residents, and a raccoon that had been caught in a trap. Staff was unaware of the types of traps that were being used and asked the contractor to remove them. He explained the size of the current dam which is about 20 feet from the outlet for the lake; he also explained the damage to trees that has been caused already this season by beavers. We must follow strict laws in removing the beavers, and we did receive a call from IDNR, who said we are doing everything right.

The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Old Business:**

None

12. **New Business:**

None

13. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Kaplan said the Russian Olympic skaters were here over the weekend. It was a nice event, and he was impressed that GM of Ice Cinquegrani was on-site for the event as well.

14. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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. 1123**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2026

PARKS DIVISION REPORT

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATION & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Vogelei Park OSLAD Renovations

HEParks staff have been busy working on the finishing touches at Vogelei Park. The playground, multi golf course, bocce ball courts and bank shot sports court all opened the first week of April. There is still a lot of landscape work, asphalt work, and bike station installation to be completed to finish the project, but we wanted to let residents start using the park. The parks department plans to have all work completed by the end of April as long as Mother Nature starts to cooperate. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for Saturday, May 16.



Triphahn Center Renovation

The administration area offices have been completed with four new cubicle offices, kitchen, copy room and meeting room along with a new common area. The removal of the carpet and installation of vinyl flooring on the main floor has been completed by Scharm Flooring. They were also able to complete the entrance with a new entrance carpet rug system. Staff is currently working with Williams Architect on the window replacement portion of the project and expect this to go to bid and be presented to the B&G committee in May. Staff has ordered but are waiting on lights for the hallway from the northside to the fitness center. Once they arrive, they will be installed by staff.

The Roof at The Club

The roof project at The Club was scheduled to start on March 16. The project didn't start until the following week and has had more rainy days than working days. When crew members have been able to work there have not been any unforeseen issues. Staff is in constant communication with the job foreman on updates and status of the project.

Perry Weather Installation

Perry Weather units have been installed at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club and Seascape Family Aquatic Center. The system is up and running, and staff have the information on their phones from our own weather station with real-time updates. Park QR codes are being made that will be placed on all park signposts to allow patrons to see the existing weather conditions and/or lighting alerts. Weather updates can be found on our webpage at <https://www.heparks.org/lightning-detection-system/>.

AQUATICS AND BUILDINGS

Triphahn Center:

- Prep work was done for new flooring at TC. Removed bench in carpeted area by preschool rooms and moved vending machines for flooring company.
- Installed new vinyl tile in room 105 to fill in areas where sinks were removed.
- Fixed all thresholds of the doors leading into the gym to the new flooring. Flooring project will be completed, with the installation of flooring in the entryways.
- Anderson Lock repaired door paddles on the men's side of the hot tub.
- Painted new cubicle door frames.
- Fireplace at TC needed troubleshooting – found that it needs new computer ignition module.
- Repaired surface mounted outlet and raceway on the track.
- Repaired broken inlet fitting for the acid feed line on the spa.
- Backup generator had block heater that was shorted- new one has been ordered for installation.
- Installed new pressure gauge on sand filter for the spa.

- Multiple false fire alarms were activated on 3/16. Worked with Total Fire to identify faulty pull station. Total Fire adjusted to resolve the issue.
- Repaired leaking toilet in North Side women's handicap stall.

The Club at Prairie Stone:

- Met with Anthony Roofing to show them roof access and get them started on roofing project.
- Repaired broken swimsuit dryer/removed stuck clothing.
- Installed new DETEX alarm on green HIIT room.
- Replaced outdoor air filters on Seresco units after rainstorm, reducing humid air in activity pool.
- No heat was reported for RTU 2 in the main gym – found that high limit switch was tripped. Contactor for the blower motor was going bad and will be replaced.
- Installed new gaskets on activity and lap pool pump baskets.
- Repaired multiple broken light sockets.
- Installed new GFCI at back cardio area drinking fountain.

Bridges of Poplar Creek:

- Metro Door and Dock repaired/replaced some door panels on the east overhead door.
- Turned on water for golf course bathrooms.
- Perry Weather was installed - waiting for electrician to run power to the unit.
- Repaired jammed ball machine on Bay 2 at Top Tracer.
- Replaced RTU filters.

Seascape:

- Completed mechanical walk through prior to start-up. Obtained quotes for chlorinator pumps & motors.
- Repaired lift station outflow pipe.
- Perry Weather – weather monitoring & alert system was installed.

PARKS

Vogelei:

- Parks team started plantings at the greenhouse, finished all water line repairs at Vogelei, filled trenches and installed sod around the playground, edged all trees and plant beds and completed about 1/3 of the mulching. They continue to work on the punch list to complete the Vogelei project, prior to grand opening on 5/16.
- Brick wall was built around park bench to hold back the surrounding dirt, then area backfilled. Top cap for the bench wall was installed and secured.
- Dug out area for the new bench pad by the playground then installed new bench, along with memorial plaque.
- Built frame for concrete pad, filled surrounding area with gravel, and compacted to prep for concrete.
- Installed concrete pad for bike racks and repair station.
- Laid out concrete benches around the splash pad and started laying brick for benches.
- Backfilled all concrete pads and benches with dirt.
- Built and installed new tables for Vogelei shelter.
- Finished leveling out tables inside the greenhouse.
- Set and anchored all golf baskets on the disc golf course, and installed posts and netting.

- Installed new drinking fountain at the park.
- Tested water lines that feed the splash pad and 1” poly to the greenhouse (no leaks were found).
- Installed new valve box standpipe at the splashpad vault.

Parks & Forestry:

- Identified and documented any Park I.D. signs that need replacement.
- Completed snow removal and buildings and park paths were salted.
- Purchased fence for Fabbrini homerun fence project.
- Installed back flows in park bathrooms.
- Turned on fountains at South Ridge and Princeton Pond; all are running successfully.
- Cannon concessions started and bathrooms have running water.
- Applied first algae treatments to ponds.
- Six staff members completed chainsaw safety training through PDRMA, hosted by the district.

Playgrounds & Athletic Fields:

- Completed routine playground checks & maintenance and assessed mulch levels.
- Met with new playground reps at Sheffield Park and repaired some loose hardware.
- Fixed swings at Poplar Park that were stuck on the top rail.
- Cut lips out of all baseball fields and readied them for the start of the season.
- All soccer fields were laid out and goals installed for all soccer programming.
- Installed a drainage trench at Fabbrini Park to drain water off Connie field. Stripped and leveled the ground around 3rd base dugout and sodded the area.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

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

Recreation Division

- The new Hoffman Estates Park District website launched on March 18, and staff continues to refine and enhance the site. The updated platform has significantly expanded the District’s digital reach; please refer to the Communications and Marketing report for detailed performance metrics.
- Mark Bavaro joined the team as the Aquatics Manger on April 6. Mark has previously worked as lifeguard and manager at Seascape. Shelby Mephram is transitioning to the Triphahn Center Facilities Manager role, while assisting with training and helping Mark get things up and running at Seascape.
- Paige Calvey (Camps and Care Program Manager) and Natalie Wood (Early Childhood Program Manager) have both accepted positions at other area park districts, advancing their careers in the industry.
- Jessica Karbowski, part-time Dance Program Manager, has been promoted to full-time and will continue to oversee Dance, while adding the Early Childhood programs to her responsibilities.

- Staff is in the process of filling the other vacant Recreation Program Manager position.
- House League Youth Soccer and Youth Baseball have started their spring seasons.
- Camp Information Night will be held on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Triphahn Center. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about camp and assist families with registering for camp.
- Summer registration opens on April 16, and the summer flipbook will also be available on the website.

Early Childhood

- A Preschool Family Event was held on March 12 where students made Leprechaun Dough. Approximately 20 families attended at TC and 15 at WRC.
- Spring Picture days were March 17-20
- 10 participants were enrolled in the new Mini Explorers Spring Break Camp for children ages 3 and 4.

Preschool Enrollment	24/25 WC	25/26 WC	24/25 TC	25/26 TC
3's & 4's Preschool	33	33	60	55
	33	33	60	55

Priority Preschool Registration (as of March 31)	25/26 WC	26/27 WC	25/26 TC	26/27 TC
3's & 4's Preschool	27	21	31	44
Total	27	21	31	44

Enrichment Classes – Winter Session (Jan-March)

	TC	WRC
Preschool Enrichment Classes	33	30

School-Age STAR

- There are 457 STAR Enrollments for the 2025/2026 school year, which includes 18 children covered by CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program – IL).
- The District 54 program had 346 children enrolled, an increase from 319 during the 2024/2025 school year.
- The District 15 program had 111 students enrolled, similar to last year, but with a larger waitlist. Staff is working with the school district to acquire additional space for the STAR program to accommodate more students.
- Enrollment for 2026/2027 is underway, and we have begun securing staff for each program.

District 54	Before 3 days	After 3 days	Before 5 days	After 5 days	25/26 Enrollment	24/25 Enrollment
Armstrong	4	10	21	23	58	57

Fairview	5	9	13	21	48	42
Lakeview	0	6	7	24	37	37
MacArthur	9	17	34	44	104	92
Muir	3	4	13	21	41	47
Lincoln Prairie	7	15	19	17	58	44
District 15						
Whiteley	11	16	32	52	111	109
Total	39	77	139	202	457	428

School Days Out/Break Camps

- There were 32 participants registered for the District 54 School Day Out on March 17.
- There were 108 participants registered for the Spring Break Camp from March 23-27,
- There are 16 participants registered for the School Day Out on April 3rd at Triphahn Center.

Day Camp

Early Childhood (2-6 Years Old) Camp Enrollment

Camps	2025 Enrollment	2026 Enrollment as of 4/8/2026
Preschool Camp TC	58	20
Preschool Camp WC	61	16
Kinder Camp TC	48	23
Kinder Camp WC	37	45
Busy Bees TC	N/A	29
Busy Bees WC	N/A	17
Ready for Kindergarten Camp	47	N/A
Splash and Explore TC	316	69
Splash and Explore WC	326	187
Splash and Explore Early TC	50	11
Splash and Explore Early WC	34	4
Splash and Explore Late TC	83	22
Splash and Explore Late WC	100	54
CIT	8	N/A
Total	1,168	497

At this time last year, total enrollment for early childhood camps was at 590. Specifically, the Splash and Explore registrations are slightly behind last year's numbers, and staff will continue to monitor this trend. As noted later in the board report, we have confirmed with area school districts that student populations at these ages are lower than previous years.

School Age (7-13 Years Old) Camp Enrollment

Camps	2025 Total Enrollment	2026 Enrollment as of 4/8/2026
Camp Hoffman 5-day North	305	429
Camp Hoffman 5-day South	257	274
Camp Hoffman 3-day North	149	155
Camp Hoffman 3-Day South	158	31
Teen North	104	82
Teen South	196	85
Sports	318	144
STEAM	321	286
Theater Camp	N/A	6
Dance Camp	52	79
Early Arrival North	97	85
Early Arrival South	54	108
Early Arrival South Specialties	205	115
Late Stay North	131	224
Late Stay South	56	109
Late Stay South Specialties	253	110
Camp Close Out	N/A	36
TOTAL	2,738	2,358

School-age camp registration is well ahead of last year’s pace, when we reported 1,633 registrations during the April board report.

Dance/Baton

Dance Activity	Winter/Spring 2025	Winter/Spring 2026
Junior Company	7	7
Performance Company	9	9
Star Dance Company	28	35
Company Tap	10	21
Creative Movement	0	4
Ballet/Tap	50	70
Ballet/Jazz	40	47

Jazz/Hip Hop	47	55
Tap	4	11
Specialty	27	37
Total	229	296

- There were 10 private lessons in the month of March
- The STAR Dance Company participated in their second competition of the season, the Turn It Up Regional competition in Frankfort, IL. The company received the Studio Class Act Award.

Athletics

Youth Sports Activity	Winter 2025	Winter 2026
Shotokan Karate	134	135
Tae Kwon Do	22	17
Hot Shots Sports	N/A	82
VolleyKidz	20	121
Gymnastics	233	387
Indoor Futsal	N/A	50
HUSC Indoor Soccer Fundamentals/TOCA	N/A	86
Total	409	878

- The winter session of all the Youth Sports Activity classes wrapped up at the end of March. Spring classes will start the weeks of March 30 and April 6.
- Staff was pleased to see enrollment numbers for general youth athletics classes more than double, with the introduction of two indoor soccer programs and Hot Shot Sports. The new gymnastics studio at Willow Rec Center also contributed to the increased activity.

Youth Basketball League

The Youth Basketball League season ended February 28 for grades 1-4. The 5th-8th grade boys and girls finished up on March 7 with end of season tournaments. The district hosted the 7th/8th grade boy's tournament at Willow, while Palatine and Rolling Meadows hosted 5th/6th boys and girls as well as 7th/8th grade girls. Notably, one of our 5th/6th grade boys' teams won their end of season tournament.

Spring Youth Soccer

Registration for the spring soccer season closed on March 18. Participation is slightly lower than spring 2025 but remains higher than the fall 2026 total of 225. Notably, the most significant decline is at the Pre-K and Kindergarten levels. Staff have observed similar trends across programs throughout this school year. Enrollment history was requested and obtained from Districts 15 and 54, which confirms a decrease in student populations within these grade levels.

Practices started the week of March 31 and the first weekend of games will start on April 12 and will conclude on May 30 with our fun spring fling date set for Sunday, May 31. The program is off to a great start and staff continues to add more participants to teams' rosters.

Level	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
Pre K	35	23
Kind	50	32
1 st /2 nd Boys	58	57
1 st /2 nd Girls	23	25
3 rd /4 th Boys	36	43
3 rd /5 th Girls	15	19
5 th /6 th Boys	40	43
Total	257	242

Youth Baseball

Youth baseball was offered again this spring, and the District introduced a girls' youth softball program; however, the softball program did not run due to insufficient registration. Additionally, there were not enough participants to form baseball teams at the 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade levels to enter PCBS. Staff contacted registered participants and encouraged them to enroll directly with PCBS.

Kindergarten through 4th grade teams began practices the week of April 6, with 3rd/4th grade teams scheduled to play their first games the weekend of April 18. We have seven teams across these age groups.

Field Rentals

Staff continue to secure rental agreements for the 2026 season. These rental groups include Seminole Sports, Gametime Events, Northwest Travelers, Signature Stars, Rage Baseball, HUSC Soccer, and Grand Sports Soccer. Youth baseball and softball tournaments will begin at Cannon Crossing Sports Complex in April. NW Travelers will be utilizing/renting the fields at Fabbrini Park and South Ridge Park.

Pickleball League

The Adult Pickleball League at Triphahn began on March 30 with 14 total teams. The league will move to Fabbrini pickleball courts in the summer.

Aquatics

- Swim Lessons: Winter Session 2 began on February 17 and concluded on March 21.
- Seascape passes went on sale on February 4 with a 20% discount promotion through March 31. As of March 31, 312 passes have been sold for the 2026 season compared to 94 through the same date in 2025. Last season's promotion was two guest passes with the purchase of a membership.

Adults & 50+

50+ Programs/Events	<u>Date</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>
Tai Chi	2/18-3/25	10
Yoga for Arthritis	3/4-4/8	4
Movement Expressions	3/5-4/23	9
Seniors out Socializing Early Bird-Chef Pings	3/11	22
St. Patrick's Day Bingo	3/17	27
Pub Trivia	3/19	21
Seniors out Socializing -Maggiano's	3/20	12
March Birthday Lunch	3/27	7

Daily and weekly drop-in Programs for 50+

50+ Drop-in Programs	<u>Days</u>	<u>March Total Count</u>
Pickleball	T, TH	224
Volleyball	M, T, F	251
Card and Games	T, TH, F	192
Mahjonn	W	73
Ping Pong	M-F	115
Billiards	M-F	135
Wii Bowling	T, TH	35
Book Club	4 th Monday	19
Stitching Stars	F	12
Walking Club- (Began March 11)		8
Crafting Club	1 st & 3 rd Monday	16
Total		1,080

- A Senior Open House and Wellness Fair was held on Friday, April 10 at the Triphahn Center, featuring 19 vendors and approximately 150 attendees. The event included Tai Chi and Gentle Yoga demonstrations, as well as free glucose, memory, and hearing screenings provided by vendors.
- Three Pickleball passes were sold in March, bringing the total to 47 passes sold to date.
- The senior email newsletter continues to be distributed on the first Wednesday of each month to approximately 13,000 individuals.
- The Senior Program Manager attended the IPRA Senior Committee Meeting, the Senior Services Networking Group, and the Village of Schaumburg's Moretti's Senior Luncheon in March.

Special Events/Outreach

- Mom/Son Country Western night, March 7 at Triphahn, 21 enrolled. The night included an ice cream sundae bar, photo station, crafts, bingo, and a DJ w/ plenty of country dancing.
- Doggie Egg Hunt, March 29 at Bo's Run, 22 enrolled.
- Promoted Senior Open House at the Club after Water Aerobics and Senior Fit classes on March 27 and March 31.
- April 4 was the Annual Egg Hunt which was offered at Pine (8:45 am), Fabbrini (10:45 am), and Cannon (12:45 pm). Due to a week of rain and wet fields the decision was made to move the egg hunt inside to Triphahn gym and activity rooms. There were 84 for the first timeslot, 250 for the second, and 133 for the third.
- The Supt of Outreach and Special Events attended the following meeting/outreach opportunities:
 - March 3 & April 7, Cultural Awareness
 - March 16, Arts Commission
 - March 21, Celebrating Woman's History Month event at Encore Village
 - March 25, Fishing Derby planning meeting with the Hoffman Chamber of Commerce
 - April 1, District 54 Resource Fair at Addams Junior High for school social workers, psychologists, and nurses.

Upcoming Outreach/Events

- April 25, Earth Day Spring Clean Up at Vogelei Park, from 8:00 am -10:00 am. The Parks Department is running this event.
- May 2, Family Kite Day at Fabbrini Park, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Free event with Kite Demos, yard game, a craft, and Kona Ice.
- May 9, Community Garage Sale at Seascape Parking Lot from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Currently 19 vendors registered.
- May 9, Seeding Bombing Event, Fabbrini Park from 8 am- 10am run by Parks Department
- May 16, Ribbon Cutting at Vogelei and Kids to Parks Day, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The children's entertainment includes the Bubble Guy and Andy Head, the Juggler truck plus two inflatables. Food trucks scheduled to attend: Kona Ice, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and a Barbecue Food truck. The parking lot will be closed to the public as it will house vendors, food trucks and the HE fire truck. There will be a shuttle bus provided from Churchill School and the AT&T lot. The parking lot will be filled with our vendors and food truck. HE Police traffic officers will be assisting at this event.

Friends of HE Parks Days

- The first event of the year was the St. Patrick's Skate at Triphahn on March 15 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm with admission fees going towards the foundation. There were 34 skaters.
- The next event will be at Toptracer on April 25 from 1 to 4 pm. 50 % of rental fees will go towards Friends of the Parks.

Communications & Marketing Report

The launch of the new Hoffman Estates Park District website on March 18 has significantly expanded our digital reach, with total active users increasing by 25.4% compared to March 2025. A major highlight is the emergence of the search function as a top three most-visited page with 2,413 views validates our promotional focus on this feature. The data confirms that users are actively adopting the new search tools to discover programs and facilities, leading to a significantly more productive experience for the community.

While direct traffic saw a substantial 48.7% increase, organic search experienced a slight 12.9% dip, which is a typical short-term result of search engines re-indexing a new site. Total page views saw a dramatic 63% increase year-over-year (March 1-31). This growth is a direct result of improved user engagement. The average number of views per active user rose from 2.79 to 3.63, meaning residents are exploring more of our content during every visit.

Our email performance confirms a highly successful digital expansion, with total distribution increasing by 62.7% to over 355,000 emails year-over-year. While this larger audience led to a lower open rate of 19.89% across our 12 newsletters, our Click-to-Open Rate (CTOR) grew by 54% to 3.63%.

March social media performance showed exceptional growth, highlighted by a 16.9% year-over-year increase in total views to 160,311. Interactions are up (77.5%) and video views (77%) over February, demonstrating the effectiveness of our recent video content. With our total following now surpassing 10,700 across Facebook and Instagram, these metrics reflect a rapidly expanding and highly engaged digital audience.

FACILITIES DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

Recommend the April Facilities Report to be included in the April Executive Director's Report for Board approval.

Bridges General Programs:

- March Madness had 25 teams this season. Congratulations to our winning team of Pat Norton, Dick Evans, Troy Evans, and Jeff Lang with a fantastic score of -16.
- Master's Toptracer Event had 6 teams for this Master's Theme.
- Par 3 Challenge had our largest field of 46 players for this event on April 9.
- Breakfast with Bunny on March 28 serviced 90 adults, 34 kids, and 22 children under 3.

Golf Rounds

MONTHLY ROUND TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average

751	248	1,400	914	961	855
YTD ROUND TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average
751	248	1,737	914	961	922

Range Information

MONTHLY RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average
615	351	1,014	681	764	685
YTD RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average
648	553	1,739	757	1,044	948

Toptracer Hour Totals

MONTHLY TOPTRACER RESERVATION HOUR TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average
409	584	696	781	493	593
YTD TOPTRACER RESERVATION HOUR TOTALS					
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Average
409	965	1,412	1,217	953	991

Food & Beverage

March

1 breakfast meeting servicing 30 guests
 Breakfast with Bunny serviced 90 adults, 34 kids, and 22 children under 3

April

2 breakfast meetings servicing 65 guests
 1 awards banquet servicing 49 guests
 1 all-day meeting servicing 22 guests
 1 memorial servicing 100 guests
 1 christening servicing 80 guests

2026 Total Shotgun Events: 33 (booked through March)
 2025 Total Shotgun Events: 33
 2024 Total Shotgun Events: 32

Weddings

2026

2 ceremony only

2 receptions only

8 ceremony and reception

2027

1 ceremony and reception

2025

9 ceremony and receptions

2024

9 ceremony and receptions

2 receptions only

Marketing

Bridges

In March, Bridges promoted upcoming golf and special events for 2026 through a variety of marketing campaigns, both in print and online. Promotions were executed for Toptracer Range, Fish Fry (Live Music), Golf Course Open, and Breakfast with Bunny and updates were made to the marquee and website event pages. Targeted emails throughout the month promoted Toptracer Range open (weather permitting), Toptracer Range leagues, Course Open, TaylorMade Fitting Experience, Fish Fry dates, Breakfast with Bunny, Toptracer Range Family Day, Golf Outings, and more.

Created window graphics for Halfway House and The Tap Inn to be installed in April

Metric Category	Bridges
Area Summary	Promoted 2026 golf, Toptracer Range, and special events. Highlighted Breakfast with Bunny, Live Music at Fish Fry, golf course opens, tournaments, and events on websites for registration, etc.
Campaigns	Toptracer Range Open, 2026 Events, Fish Fry, Toptracer Range Leagues, Breakfast with Bunny, Golf Course Open, Golf Outings, TaylorMade Fitting Experience
Marketing Materials	Website event updates, updated and printed Halfway House and beverage cart menus, 2026 events collateral, and marquee
Social Media Posts	38 total posts across 2 platforms (FB & IG)
Email Campaigns Sent	26 targeted blasts
- Open Rate (%)	46%
- Click Through Rate (%)	4%
C&M Community Events Attended	HE Chamber Board Meeting, HE Chamber Events, SBA Events, IPRA Marketing Meet Up roundtable

OTHER

In March, staff continued to promote park district programs and events throughout the community. Brian W. attended the monthly HE Chamber Board of Directors meeting along with HE Chamber and SBA events which provided an opportunity to further promote park district initiatives and strengthen community relationships.

Brian W. attended the IPRA Marketing Meet Up roundtable and gathered new strategies and insights and contributed to a couple of golf committee meetings where their outings will be at Bridges.



March 2026

Membership Totals	<u>3/31/2025</u>	<u>01/01/2026</u>	<u>03/31/2026</u>	<u>Var. +/-</u>
Totals	3,179	3,348	3,252	-96

Member Services/Sales & Fitness

- **March New Member Enrollments:** The Club finished March new enrollments with 111 new members enrolled. Enrollment has been a bit slower than expected, but revenue is still exceeding budget due to the dues increase. We'll be rolling out some new promotions over the next couple of months to help boost enrollment.
- **Referral Program Success:** Member referrals are a key indicator of membership satisfaction. In March, we had 26 new members joining as the result of a referral from an existing member, this is 23% of new members this month being referred to us from existing members, an excellent referral rate. Q1 brought in a total of 96 member referrals. Each member referring received a free month of dues.
- **United Healthcare Renew Active Program:** We had 130 Renew Active pass holders visit the Club in March, with 3 new members joining through this program this month.
- **Member Engagement and Facility Usage:** We had 2,684 unique visits this month, meaning 82% of active members used the facility at least once in the month of March. This indicates a high participation number in relation to total number of members.
- **Community Outreach:** The Club, in partnership with Ascension, offered a free colorectal cancer awareness table and blood pressure screening on March 26 at The Club.

- **Facility Rentals:** Facility rental numbers are starting to pick up slightly, with lots of requests coming in for the spring months
 - 40 volleyball rentals
 - 15 pickleball court rentals
 - 7 pickleball group classes
 - 6 basketball court rentals
 - 4 birthday parties
 - 4 room rentals
 - 3 overnight lock-ins
 - 1 youth basketball tournament

- **Fitness Team/Operations Team Initiatives:**
 - The Club staff offered a St. Patrick’s themed all-ages Zumba in March.
 - The Club fitness invited Dick Pond of Hoffman Estates to come in and offer gait analysis and shoe recommendations on March 14. This same day we offered a trainer table staffed with two of our trainers to answer questions for members.

Marketing

The Club

March delivered strong performance driven primarily by organic search and local visibility, with consistent lead volume and continued growth in overall engagement. SEO and brand-driven search continue to be the primary drivers of inbound activity.

Key Highlights & Wins

- Strong organic lead growth, with calls increasing 45% month-over-month
- Google Business Profile continues to drive significant volume with 325 calls and strong visibility
- Website traffic remains high with consistent engagement across key pages
- SEO dominance across key search terms with major keyword improvements
- Organic search continues to be the primary driver of traffic
- Strong call volume with high answer rate

Marketing collateral and digital TV slideshows were created to promote monthly member specials, April Gains Pop-up classes, rentals, massages, and referrals.

<u>Metric Category</u>	<u>The Club</u>
Area Summary	Performance Snapshot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic leads: 77 (↑ 45%) • Google Map leads: 325 (stable high volume) • Facebook leads: 33 • 2 new GMB reviews: 5 stars

Campaigns	Member Promotions, Referrals, St. Patrick's Day Zumba Party, April Gains Pop-Up Classes, Rentals, Massage, and Personal Trainers
Marketing Materials	Website event updates, posters, tabloids, flyers, in-house TVs, and VOHE marquees
Social Media Posts	48 total posts across 2 platforms (FB & IG)
Website Traffic (Users)	4,186 users / 6,860 sessions
Top Pages / Content	Home page, membership, swimming, and guest visits
Top Google Queries	Club Prairie Stone, fitness club Hoffman Estates, gym Hoffman Estates, health club Hoffman Estates, fitness classes Hoffman Estates, gym rentals Hoffman Estates, fitness club South Barrington
C&M Community Events Attended	HE Chamber Board Meeting, HE Chamber Events, SBA Events, IPRA Social Media roundtable

TC Ice Operations

Ice Operations

- Hosted the Shirley Abilitylab Sled hockey tournament 3/6-3/8 totaling 12 games
- Hosted the LTS Chicagoland Championships on 3/22 totaling 16 hours on both rinks, this event featured Olympic Gold Medalist Katarina Gordeeva.
- Hosting the CCM Chicago Shuffle Tournament April 17-19
- Finalizing all summer ice requests, including internal camps
- Rink 1 is scheduled to come out in July as part of our annual ice melt
- On 3/28 Glen Ellyn Speed Skating hosted an event featuring several U.S. Olympic speed skaters
- Had 9 private rentals and parties in addition to contractual and internal programming in March including 2 home school groups

Public Skate

- St. Patrick's Day themed skate had 87 skaters; this was a Friends of HEParks sponsored event and fundraiser.
- Skate w/Bunny had 90 skaters enrolled
- (4) public skates in March totaling 361 skaters

Figure Skating

- Ice Show group number music is finalized and will have corresponding costumes to the music
- Costumes for the Group numbers are in the process of getting sized up and ordered
- Currently we have 268 enrolled in our spring figure skating classes that started the last week in March and run through May.
- HSA will be performing at the All-State Arena during the Chicago Wolves game intermission on 4/19

- We are working on hosting another seminar at the end of August featuring Olympic gold medalists Danny O`Shea and Ellie Kam
- Both high school teams traveled to Fort Wayne, IN for the 2026 Midwestern/Pacific coast sectional championship and both teams finished first.

Hockey

- Spring Wolf Pack is in full swing. Preskates took place 3/9 & 3/11, evaluations took place 3/16 & 3/18. We have 6 Wolf Pack teams competing in NWHL this spring.
- NWHL scheduling meeting took place on 3/22 for the Wolf Pack teams. Teams will play 8 regular season spring games. Teams will be re-tiered, and playoffs will take place on the weekend of 5/15-5/17, championship games will take place the weekend of 5/29-31 for teams that advance.
- Wolverines girls will have weekly skills and scrimmages 3/23-5/27. Wolverines will field 3 tournament teams U10/12, U14, U16/19. These teams will compete in local tournaments and will be an additional fee to the current program fee.
- Spring Jr. Wolf pack classes started 3/31 and will go through 5/30.
- NEW CLASS - JR WOLF PACK MITE PREP. We introduced a new hockey class specifically designed for kids 5-8 years old. The purpose of this class is to prepare players for a team environment and teach the fundamentals of game structure (offsides, positioning, lining up correctly for faceoffs, line changes). This will help with the seamless transition from classes to team play.

Spring Hockey Classes	2026	2025
Jr. Wolf Pack (Level 1)	34	53
Jr. Wolf Pack (Level 2)	40	33
Jr. Wolf Pack (Level 3)	25	32
Jr. Wolf Pack (Mite Prep)	8	New for 2026
Total	107	118

Spring WP Hockey League Team Counts	2026	2025
8U	1	1
10U	1	1
12U	1	3
14U	2	2
18U	1	1

Girls Spring Skills Clinic	2026	2025
8U/10U/12U Girls	16	18
14U 16U 19U Girls	41	27
Total	57	45
Wolverines Tournament Teams	2026	2025
10U/12U	1	1
14U	1	1
16/19U	1	1

Triphahn and Willow Centers

	March 31, 2025	January 1, 2026	March 31, 2026	Change
Memberships	803	687	779	92
Racquetball Members	21	20	22	2
Dog Park Members	432	453	416	-37

- TC/WC had 47 new members in the month of March 2026.
- There was a total of 122 Healthcare members who used TC or WC.
- TC had 104 rentals for the month of March.
- WC had 171 rentals for the month of March.
- Bo's Run hosted a Doggie Egg Hunt, bringing back a popular program from the past. There were 20 dogs that attended finding eggs filled with treats and prizes.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

Recommend the April Administration & Finance Report be included in the April Executive Director's Report for Board approval.

Finance:

- Auditors were on-site April 14-16, and communicated the audit has gone well, especially for a new audit.
- Completed and filed Illinois Department of Employment Security reports for 1Q2026. Going forward, all reports will be filed by Paycom.
- Developed quarterly balanced scorecard.

Technology:

- A new camera was installed in the main gym at Willow Rec Center and the existing camera was upgraded to increase visibility of the entire gym including the exit doors.
- The Axis M1055 camera with night vision works well. The camera in the Triphahn Center's server room was replaced. We will be upgrading other cameras with the need for night vision using this model.
- The two existing cameras covering the gym at Triphahn Center were upgraded to improve visibility.
- IT installed a new security camera, an emergency wall phone, and the Comcast TV box to the newly installed 65" TV in the strength room.
- IT plans to install an emergency wall phone in the gymnastics studio and the cardio room as well.
- For the Comcast Fiber Upgrade, IT worked with SNI to prepare all routers, switches and firewalls at Triphahn Center and the Parks Maintenance building for the cut over of our fiber network. Comcast has scheduled the cut over for Triphahn Center on April 22 and Parks building on April 23. We anticipate minimal downtime as we move cabling from one hardware to another.
- IT installed a new TV and Reach player for the Reach TV system on the north side of Triphahn Center. Both the main lobby and north side reach players are now showing a daily schedule of events.
- IT has completed the setup of the new HR and IT work order ticketing system at our custom domain, servicedesk.heparks.org, and presented the new portal at our recent FT staff meeting.
- The email address, support@heparks.org will no longer be available to create tickets. All staff have been notified to utilize the new portal to open tickets/requests.
- IT is wrapping up the initial KnowBe4 cybersecurity awareness training sent out to users, with 91% completion. Staff is preparing the next campaign of random phishing emails with remedial training if needed. IT also presented a recap along with examples of phishing emails at our recent full-time staff meeting.

Human Resources:

Recruitment and Onboarding:

- Human Resources onboarded 98 rehire packets through the Paycom system. Two in-person orientations were conducted for full-time employees, covering organizational policies, benefits, and workplace expectations. All full-time staff completed required Sexual Abuse Prevention and Cybersecurity Training on April 9, 2026.
- Staff continues to partner with Paycom representatives to streamline and consolidate data to ensure alignment with agency policies. Development of the HRIS platform remains ongoing, with a focus on improving hiring and onboarding efficiency for part-time and seasonal staff. During this reporting period, two Recreation Supervisors were successfully recruited and hired.

Risk Management:

- With the onset of improved weather and increased park utilization, staff have been conducting inspections of playgrounds to ensure appropriate signage is in place and safety standards are maintained.

Benefits Administration:

- To complete our transition to IPBC, Human Resources conducted a one-week open enrollment period for Voluntary Life Insurance through the PlanSource portal. Employees were provided the opportunity to confirm or modify coverage through April 17.

Weekly Board Updates 3.20.2026

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New HEParks Website Has Launched!

Take a look at our brand-new website - the address is the same: heparks.org , but the experience is modern and user-friendly. While there are a few behind-the-scene items we are still working on and the management and updates will remain ongoing, we are proud of the feedback we have received so far, and the smooth integration with our registration software.

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Daily Herald Article - New HEParks Website Launch

Attached is a short article published in the March 26 edition of the Daily Herald, regarding the launch of our new website.

Celebration of Life for Cary and Sue Collins - April 25 - Bridges of Poplar Creek County Club

The Collins family invite our current Commissioners and Staff to a celebration of life for their parents, Cary and Sue, who were always very supportive of the Hoffman Estates Park District and Village. The celebration will take place at Bridges of Poplar Creek on Saturday, April 25 from 10am to 2pm. An informational flyer is attached. If you would like to attend, please RSVP no later than Friday, April 10 to Mickey Walker at mickey21@foxvalley.net or Cat Totin Burrell at cctburrell@hotmail.com.

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Submitted Content

Hoffman Estates Park District launches redesigned, user-friendly website



The Hoffman Estates Park District announced the launch of its redesigned website on Wednesday. *Courtesy of Hoffman Estates Park District*

Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

Posted March 25, 2026 2:41 pm

After a year of planning, collaborating and innovating, the Hoffman Estates Park District has announced the launch of its newly redesigned website, heparks.org.

This new site delivers a faster, more user-friendly digital experience for residents and visitors.

This new digital experience reflects the district’s ongoing commitment to accessibility, convenience and community engagement.

Developed using valuable input from both staff and community members, the updated website introduces a range of features designed to better serve users of all ages and abilities, including streamlined navigation, enhanced mobile responsiveness, an interactive facilities map and expanded tools to browse, discover and register for programs.

To bring this vision to life, the district partnered with Prolific Digital, an award-winning digital marketing agency based in Louisville, Kentucky.



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Weekly Board Updates 4.3.2026

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Upcoming Events

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April 24 - We Gotta Bingo Theatre Shows

Apr 25 - Earth Day - Spring Clean Up

Apr 25 - Friends of HEParks Days @ Toptracer

Apr 25 - We Gotta Bingo Theater Shows

Apr 26 - We Gotta Bingo Theater Shows

May 2- Kite Day

May 9 - Spring Seed Bomb - Volunteer Event

May 9 - Community Garage Sale

May 16 - Kids to Parks Day

June 1 - Friends of HEParks Days - Golf the Green

HEParks is Seeking Community Representatives for its Standing Committees

With our annual board meeting coming up in May, we have a few seats opening up on our standing committees (Buildings & Grounds, Recreation & Facilities, and Administration & Finance). The Community Representative attends one meeting per month (3rd or 4th Tuesday) and provides input from a resident perspective regarding the projects and topics that are discussed with the Board of Commissioners. Each committee is made up of five residents and two Park Commissioners, and committees make recommendations to the full Board. Community Representatives, however, do not vote as members of the full park board. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this volunteer position, please share this [link](#) with them, or have them reach out to Cindy Flynn. This has been advertised in the Daily Herald and on the website

Friends of HEParks Days at Toptracer - Saturday, April 25 - All Day

Bring your family and friends to Toptracer on Saturday, April 25 to practice your golf swing and play interactive games. A portion of all bay rentals on this day will be donated to the Friends of HEParks Foundation, helping at-risk families in Hoffman Estates access and enjoy recreational opportunities. Reservations for Toptracer can be made up to seven days in advance at this [link](#). More information can be found on our Toptracer webpage [here](#).

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Grand Re-Opening of Vogelei Park AND Kids to Parks Day - Saturday, May 16 - 11am-2pm

Join at at our newly renovated Vogelei Park on Saturday, May 16 for a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony (11:00am). This extensive, fully-inclusive community park has so many opportunities for play for children and adults of all abilities. This celebration will coincide with the annual Kids to Parks Day event, which is a National Day of Outdoor Play. This free event will include outdoor games, exploration, entertainment, and fun activities for kids of all ages. Food trucks will be on-site as well with food available for purchase. Mayor McLeod and village trustees will be in attendance. Commissioners, please let Cindy know if you plan to attend the ribbon cutting and/or Kids to Parks Day events.

NRPA Annual Conference - September 29 - October 1 - Philadelphia

Registration for this year's NRPA Conference begins May 11 (approximately four weeks from now). If you are [thinking](#) about attending, please let Cindy know as soon as possible. We can cancel registrations for a small fee until September 1, so it is better to register and cancel than to try to register and book a hotel room later. We cannot reserve rooms at most hotels until we have completed a registration for you, and the headquarters hotel and other locations nearest

the conference will sell out within the first day. The conference will take place at the Philadelphia Convention Center from Tuesday, September 29 (9:00am opening general session) to Thursday, October 1 (last session ends at 3:30pm).

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Craig

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IAPD 2026 Summer Golf Tour

This summer, the IAPD Golf Tour will make stops at *Old Orchard Country Club in Prospect Heights (Monday, June 22)* , *Bridges of Poplar Creek (Monday, July 20)* and *Foxford Hills Golf Club in Cary (Monday, September 14)*. HEParks will enter a foursome in each of the three

events. The first two outings begin with registration and warm-ups at 11:00 a.m. (lunch is on your own), with a 12:00 shotgun start, followed by dinner, awards and raffles 4:30-6:00 p.m. The third outing will be one hour earlier (10am check-in, 11am shotgun, 3:30 dinner). Commissioners, please let Cindy know if you are interested in participating in one or more events.

2026 IAPD Governance and Leadership Forum - Various Dates/Locations June-September

IAPD is offering an educational opportunity for board members where you can network, share ideas, challenges and successes, and meet others who also serve their local park districts as Board Commissioners. Topics will include Boardsmanship, Legal Responsibilities, Ethics, Conflict Resolution, and Running an Efficient Board Meeting. IAPD will offer this forum from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. On the following dates/locations: Tuesday 6/23 at Plainfield Park District; Monday 7/27 at Normal Parks & Recreation; Tuesday 8/11 at South Barrington Park District, and Thursday 9/17 at Wilmette Park District. If you would like to attend any of these forums, please let Cindy know.

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Upcoming Neighborhood Block Parties

Here is a list of upcoming neighborhood block parties. Mayor McLeod tries to attend each one – feel free to stop by!

665 N. Hundley Street

Sunday, May 31

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1:00-1:30 p.m. (Mayor, police/fire requested at 4:00)

Have a great weekend!

Craig