

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1124
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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. 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. (voice vote)
6. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
Motion to reconvene the Board Meeting. (voice vote)
7. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A through M. (roll call)
 - A. Tall Oaks Playground / M26-047 (see B&G May packet)
 - B. Triphahn Center Replacement Windows / M26-046 (see B&G May packet)
 - C. Wolf Pack & Timberwolves Merger / M26-043 (see Rec & Facilities May packet)
 - D. Wintrust Resolution / M26-049 (see A&F May packet)
 - E. Armored Car Service / M26-042 (see A&F May packet)
 - F. Fourth Amendment to the Sears Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants / M26-050 (see A&F May packet)
 - G. Surplus Ordinance / M26-048 / O26-004 (see A&F May packet)
 - H. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,390,997.07 (see A&F May packet)
 - I. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District Wide Operations Statement (See A&F May packet)
 - J. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 4/21/2026 (see B&G May packet)
 - K. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 4/21/2026 (see Rec & Facilities May packet)
 - L. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 4/28/2026 (see A&F May packet)
 - M. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 4/28/2026
8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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9. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Motion to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. (voice vote)
10. OLD BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn the meeting. (voice vote)

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1123
April 28, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on April 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacGregor

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, Wilson, and Winner; Director of Waters, General Manager Cinquegrani, Superintendents Barton, Miletic and Wirth, Managers Meschewski, Johnson, Bavaro, Karbowski, and Schwarz, Coordinator Tsonis

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler, to approve the agenda as presented.

4. Recognition:

A. Longevity Proclamation – Brittany Meschewski

President Friedman recognized Brittany Meschewski for her 15 years of service.

B. Employees of the Quarter – Tina Tsonis and Jacquelyn Johnson

President Friedman recognized Tina Tsonis and Jacquelyn Johnson for being named the full-time and part-time employees of the quarter, respectively.

C. Best of Hoffman – Gul Ahuja

President Friedman recognized Gul Ahuja for being named the Best of Hoffman (Volunteer of the Quarter) for the 1st Quarter 2026.

5. Comments from the Audience:

Executive Director Talsma introduced new employees:

- Justin Waters - Director of Marketing & Web Management
- Jessica Karbowski, Program Manager – Dance and Early Childhood
- Mark Bavaro – Aquatics Manager

Justin Waters, Nick Cinquegrani, Kimberly Barton, Karrie Miletic, Nick Wirth, Brittany Meschewski, Jacquelyn Johnson, Mark Bavaro, Jessica Karbowski, Connor Schwarz, and Tina Tsonis left the meeting.

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to recess the Board Meeting at 7:14 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 Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

8. Consent Agenda:

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

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 MacGregor

- 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)

- 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

President Friedman highlighted the following:

- He was able to play a round of golf today at Bridges
- Staff handled the beaver issue well. He thanked the couple personally who came to the meeting. Executive Director Talsma said we emailed everyone who had contacted us, and 100% of the people who attended the meeting were in support of the motion.
- He asked if everyone had completed the SEI filing – yes they have.
- He reminded everyone of upcoming events: Kite Day on May 2 (moved to South Ridge); Garage Sale on May 9, and Vogelei/Kids to Parks Day on May 16.
- He registered for the IAPD Governance & Leadership Forum
- He signed up for the three IAPD Golf Outings
- He was appointed to the IAPD Honors & Resolutions Committee
- He will attend the NRPA Conference in Philadelphia
- This is the first spring since 1989 that he hasn't had a HEParks team to coach. Still coaching another team and his granddaughter's flag football team.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

The motion carried by voice vote.

11. Old Business:

None

12. New Business:

None

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dressler thanked the marketing department for helping with the cancer survivor party in June. They will bring the selfie station.

Commissioner McGinn said Executive Director Talsma handled the beaver responses proactively. He added that he participated in the Earth Day cleanup last Saturday. He thanked Director Huguenot for having the foresight to put up a screen on the first disc golf hole, and thanked Commissioner MacGregor for helping with the design. He will attend Kite Day, the Garage Sale, and Seed Bombing. He is excited to hear about the potential of turf at Cannon Crossings.

Executive Director Talsma said Director Huguenot is planning a public meeting for May 13 at the Triphahn Center. After that he will put together more concrete plans with approximate numbers.

Commissioner Kaplan is looking forward to the Legislative Conference next week in Springfield. Kudos to Executive Director Talsma and staff – you are doing a great job. Thank you to Commissioner Chhatwani for doing the fraud events.

Commissioner Chhatwani said she has volunteered for Junior Achievement at various locations; she attended a job fair at Hanover Park on behalf of Bank of America (200 attendees); she has presented three educational sessions on fraud and scam for seniors, including at HEParks; she attended the Bon Appetit event; she attended a DA Committee for IAPD in Glen Ellyn. Altogether, she has completed 20 events through April of this year. She received an award from Bank of America for completed 500 hours of volunteering in 2025. She wanted to recognize everyone on the B&G Committee for having an engaging conversation last week.

Commissioner Evans had his granddaughter in from Seattle. They loved Vogelei Park, which was packed on a weekday. He also took her to the pool at The Club, which was fun. It's nice to have those facilities available. He asked how the Community Representative recruiting is going. Executive Director Talsma said that as of now we have enough for four reps on each committee. We have one new candidate and can switch one from A&F to Rec & Facilities.

Commissioner Dressler would be happy to share the Facebook posts about the Community Rep application, but it won't let her share. Deputy Director Bechtold said he will check with Marketing.

14. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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. 1124**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2026

PARKS DIVISION REPORT

MOTION

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

ADMINISTRATION & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Triphahn Center Renovation

Staff worked with Williams Architects on the window replacement portion of the project. Bids have been accepted and a memo to recommend a contractor is being presented this month. New lighting in the hallways has been ordered and will be installed once they arrive.

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. Landscape and restoration work have been ongoing and will continue through the summer, but most items are completed. We could not plant six trees and two shrub beds due to all the rain in April; these plantings will now take place in the fall. The asphalt work on the path and the installation of the bike repair station has been completed.

The Roof at The Club

Since late April the roof project at The Club has been moving along nicely and has entered the final phase of the project. We anticipate the roof installation being completed by early June.

Cannon Crossings OSLAD

Staff have continued to work through the design and budgeting phase of this project. A community meeting was held on 5/13/2026 at Triphahn Center with five residents in attendance. Staff will be presenting the project to the board this summer with final plans and budget.

AQUATICS AND BUILDINGS

Triphahn Center:

- Troubleshooting was done for main elevator at TC by Mitsubishi and TK Elevator. TK is recommending a valve rebuild and oil change.

- Replaced pressure switch tubing on Rink 1 dehumidifier.
- Belts were changed for dance room RTU.
- Adjusted VAV 5 – heat valve was letting excess hot water to south side Rec office.
- Installed block heater for the back-up generator.
- Repaired leaking toilet in women’s handicap stall.

The Club at Prairie Stone:

- Replaced emergency lights in the lap pool area.
- Replaced women’s locker room light fixtures above lockers.

Bridges of Poplar Creek:

- Packing deteriorated on Bridges elevator – working with Mitsubishi for quote and repair work.

Seascape & Splash Pads:

- Repaired Funbrellas and set up tents at Seascape.
- Pressure washed and prepped pool for repainting blue lane lines. Installed new chlorinator pumps.
- Deep cleaned bath house and repaired leaking valves.
- All areas of the pool where concrete had failed were sealed with hydraulic cement.
- Re-cemented all pipe penetrations in the surge tank.
- Cleaned and repaired broken deck chairs.
- All splash pads have been started up and tested.

PARKS

Vogelei:

- Removed construction fence from around the new playground and conducted safety checks.
- Cut PVC cleanout pipe next to playground and leveled the ground.
- Installed flag tape around playground and dirt for new sod. All sod has been installed, all bare soil tilled, seeded and blanketed.
- Landscaping crew has continued work at Vogelei. Tree rings cut on all trees; all tree rings and beds were mulched.
- Annual and pollinator gardens were installed. All dead/damaged shrubs and trees were replaced; five new trees were added to the garden.
- Water feature in the sensory garden was completed and plants installed/mulched. Concrete bases were dug out for wooden benches in the sensory garden, then three benches were installed. ‘Park Rules’ sign was added at sensory garden and ‘Bioswale’ sign was removed and reinstalled.
- Completed prep work for the pond feature. Filled in and compacted gravel under the pond base, then poured concrete and installed pond base.
- Ran electrical from the marquee sign to the new fountain. Installed electrical for pond fountain.

- Added rip rap around the bridge and along the pond.
- Logs were delivered and installed for outdoor classroom, which is now complete.
- Turned on water to new drinking fountain. Built new 1"RPZ.
- Installed A-frame at missing section of asphalt.
- Removed rusted table by Vogelei Barn and added a new bench in front of the barn.
- Poured new bench pad by bank shot sports and backfilled dirt around it, then installed new bench.
- Installed new bike racks and bike repair stations.
- Built and installed new 'Park I.D.' sign at the North entrance and replaced the broken 'Park Rules' sign.
- Replaced the 'No Swimming' sign on the East side of the pond.
- Missing/broken slats were replaced in the privacy wall of the women's bathroom.
- Installed new threaded rod for hanging pots in the green house.
- Cleaned out old Safety Town storage in the barn.
- Removed dirt to extend width of North path entrance. Gravel added and prep work was done for new asphalt at North entrance, behind tee box #6. Cut out pathways and did clean-up for new asphalt.
- Installed new sign at the first tee of disc golf.
- Worked with Kings III to fix phone in Vogelei House elevator.

Parks & Forestry:

- Fixed sewer grates in both sides of the dog park at Freedom Run that were displaced from the storm water.
- Removed dead beaver from storm grate at South Twin Park.
- Rebuilt Canterbury Fields water meter unions and missing copper pipe.
- Fabbrini bathrooms were not flushing due to high water/flooding. They were tested when conditions were dry enough and new ejector pump will be needed & replaced by HT Strenger.
- Turned on all drinking fountains.
- Fixed washed-out mulch at South Ridge.
- Installed menu board on Cannon concession building.
- Installed Park ID sign at Cannon and repaired basketball hoop.
- Mow crews have started mowing and are catching up after the flooding. All parks are getting mowed and cleaned up from winter.

Playgrounds & Athletic Fields:

- Removed and transported dirt from the baseball trench at Fabbrini to golf course maintenance building. Raked out the grass to fix areas that were run over with the skid loader.
- Repaired a broken swing at Fairview Elementary playground.

- Cleaned up washed-out mulch at Birch, Fabbrini and additional playgrounds.
- Fence repairs were done at Cannon on Field 2, first base side.
- Removed and installed a new volleyball net at South Ridge.
- Removed tree branches at Victoria playground.
- Conducted routine playground checks and inspections.
- Installed home run fence at Fabbrini and installed warning track on Steve field.
- Added new mound and repaired infield at Johnson field.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Motion:

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

Recreation Division

- Summer registration started on April 16, and most classes will be starting the first or second week of June.
- Kimberly Barton completed her Aquatic Facility Operator certificate on April 23.
- Aquatic Orientation and Lifeguard and Cashier Trainings will take place in the month of May. Seascape will open on Saturday, May 30.
- Camp Staff Trainings will be held the weeks of May 18 and May 25.
- Camp starts on June 1, with staggered enrollment due to differing school district end dates: District 54’s last day is Tuesday, May 26, and District 15’s last day is Wednesday, June 3.

Early Childhood

- Preschool Graduations will take place on May 14 and 15 at Bridges.

Preschool Enrollment	24/25 WC	25/26 WC	24/25 TC	25/26 TC
3’s & 4’s Preschool	33	33	60	55
Preschool Registration	25/26 WC	26/27 WC	25/26 TC	26/27 TC
3’s & 4’s Preschool	27	21	31	46

School-Age STAR

- There are 454 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 344 children enrolled, an increase from 317 during the 2024/2025 school year.
- The District 15 program had 110 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. Staff will be meeting with District 15 staff on May 28 at Whiteley School to discuss potential options.

- Enrollment for 2026/2027 is underway, and there are currently 439 participants registered. Staffing for the 2026/2027 school year is also underway.

	Before 3 days	After 3 days	Before 5 days	After 5 days	25/26 Enrollment	24/25 Enrollment
District 54						
Armstrong	5	8	21	23	57	57
Fairview	5	9	13	21	48	42
Lakeview	0	3	7	24	34	37
MacArthur	9	17	34	44	104	92
Muir	3	4	14	22	43	47
Lincoln Prairie	7	15	19	17	58	44
District 15						
Whiteley	11	16	32	51	110	109
Total	40	72	140	202	454	428

School Days Out/Break Camps

- There were 16 participants who attended the School Day Out on April 3 at Triphahn Center.
- There is a Half Day School off on May 20 for District 54 and May 21 for District 15.
- The last School Day Out will be held on May 22.

Day Camp

Early Childhood (2-6 Years Old) Camp Enrollment

Camps	2025 Enrollment	2026 Enrollment as of 4/30/2026
Preschool Camp TC	58	30
Preschool Camp WC	61	23
Kinder Camp TC	48	33
Kinder Camp WC	37	45
Busy Bees TC	N/A	43
Busy Bees WC	N/A	30
Ready for Kindergarten Camp	47	N/A
Splash and Explore TC	316	83
Splash and Explore WC	326	207
Splash and Explore Early TC	50	11
Splash and Explore Early WC	34	22
Splash and Explore Late TC	83	57
Splash and Explore Late WC	100	71
CIT	8	N/A
Total	1,168	655

At this time last year, total enrollment for early childhood camps was at 893. Specifically, the Splash and Explore registrations are slightly behind last year’s numbers, and staff will continue to monitor this trend. As noted in previous board reports, we have confirmed with area school districts that student populations at these ages are lower than previous years and many of the campers in Splash and Explore in 2025 have moved up to School Age camps for 2026.

School Age (7-13 Years Old) Camp Enrollment

Camps	2025 Total Enrollment	2026 Enrollment as of 4/30/2026
Camp Hoffman 5-day North	305	485
Camp Hoffman 5-day South	257	361
Camp Hoffman 3-day North	149	166
Camp Hoffman 3-Day South	158	117
Teen North	104	130
Teen South	196	133
Sports	318	226
STEAM	321	397
Theater Camp	N/A	6
Dance Camp	52	79
Early Arrival North	97	172
Early Arrival South	54	118
Early Arrival South Specialties	205	170
Late Stay North	131	240
Late Stay South	56	129
Late Stay South Specialties	253	138
Camp Close Out	N/A	39
TOTAL	2,738	3,106

School-age camp registration continues to trend well ahead of last year’s pace, when we reported 2,158 registrations during the May 2025 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	222	296

- There were 6 private lessons in the month of April
- The STAR Dance Company participated in their third competition of the season, the Luxxe Dance Competition in Northlake, IL.

Athletics

Youth Sports Activity	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
Shotokan Karate	134	124
Tae Kwon Do	22	18
Hot Shots Sports	N/A	38
VolleyKidz	21	34
Gymnastics	233	388
Flag Football Clinic	N/A	13
Basketball Clinics & Camps	63	74
Total	409	878

- The first session of spring Youth Sports Activity classes started the weeks of March 30 and April 6 and wrapped up at the end of April and beginning of May. The second sessions will begin the first and second weeks of May.
- Staff are pleased to see enrollment numbers for general youth athletics classes continue to grow with increased participation in volleyball, basketball clinics, and gymnastics.

Spring Youth Soccer

The Youth House League Soccer Program has been off to a little rainy, but great start this spring. Games began on April 12, and the season will continue throughout May, culminating with the Spring Fling Fun Day on Sunday, May 31.

Level	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
Pre K	35	23
Kind	50	31
1 st /2 nd Boys	58	56
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	44
Total	257	241

Youth Baseball

Youth baseball games are underway at the Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang levels. Shetland is being played in-house with four teams, while the two Pinto teams are partnering with Rolling Meadows, and the Mustang team is competing in the PCBS league. There were not enough participants to field teams at the Bronco, Pony, or Colt levels; however, enrolled players were referred to register through PCBS for placement on a team.

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. Although the month of April was a very wet month, we were able to get through all weekend tournament dates for Seminole Sports at Cannon Crossings for the month of April. Shout out to our park maintenance staff for all their hard work. Everyone is looking forward to a dryer month in May.

Pickleball League

The Adult Pickleball League at Triphahn began on March 30 and will wrap up on May 18 with 14 total teams. The league will move to Fabbrini pickleball courts in the summer.

Aquatics

- Seascape passes went on sale on February 4 with a 20% discount promotion through March 31. As of April 30, 367 passes have been sold for the 2026 season compared to 260 through the same date in 2025.
- Spring swim lessons started the week of March 30 and will conclude on May 2. There will be a break until the week of June 8 for swim lessons due to summer staff training.

Type of Lesson	Spring 2025	Spring 2026
Parent/Tot	15	5
Tots	12	11
Group Classes	85	79
Adult	8	8
Scholarships	2	0
Private Lessons	0	4
Total	122	107

Adults & 50+

50+ Programs/Events	<u>Date</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>
Tai Chi	4/1-5/6	8
Seniors out Socializing-I Smell Bacon	4/8	9
Yoga for Arthritis	4/15-5/20	4
Pub Trivia	4/15	22
Seniors out Socializing-Bar Louie	4/17	7
April Birthday Lunch	4/24	6
Chicago Botanic Gardens Trip	4/29	10
Seated Yoga	4/30-6/18	8
Movement Expressions	4/30-6/18	4

Daily and weekly drop-in Programs for 50+

50+ Drop-in Programs	<u>Days</u>	<u>April Total Count</u>
Pickleball	T, TH	193
Volleyball	M, T, F	232
Card and Games	T, TH, F	187
Mahjongg	W	47
Ping Pong	M-F	182
Billiards	M-F	130
Wii Bowling	T, TH	49
Book Club	4 th Monday	21
Stitching Stars	F	32
Walking Club- (Began March 11)		3
Crafting Club	1 st & 3 rd Monday	18
Total		1,094

- 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.
- The monthly senior email newsletter continues to be distributed on the first Wednesday of each month to approximately 13,000 individuals.
- Indoor Pickleball will conclude May 26. Outdoor Pickleball passes at Fabbrini have begun being sold.

- The Senior Program Manager attended the IPRA Senior Committee Meeting, the Senior Services Networking Group, the Village of Hoffman Estates's Moretti's Senior Luncheon, and the Dementia Friendly Committee in April.

Special Events/Outreach

- On April 22, we celebrated our Administrative Professionals by delivering flowers to all the centers. We are so thankful for all our hard-working staff.
- April 25, Earth Day Spring Clean Up was at Vogeley Park, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The Parks Department led this event where trees were planted, garbage was collected and seeds were distributed. There were 15 volunteers in attendance.
- May 2 was the perfect weather for Family Kite Day at South Ridge Park (the event was switched from Fabbrini Park due to wet areas) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This free event included Kite Demos by Chicago Kite, yard games, kite craft, and Kona Ice. There were approximately 150 in attendance.
- On May 9, the Seed Bombing Event took place at Fabbrini Park from 8:00 am to 10:00 am led by the Parks Department and there were 12 volunteers in attendance. The Community Garage Sale was also held on May 9 at Seascape Parking Lot from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with 45 vendors registered.
- The Supt of Outreach and Special Events attended the following meeting/outreach opportunities:
 - April 7 & May 5 - Cultural Awareness Committee
 - April 10 - Star Dance Competition in Northlake
 - April 30 - NWSRA Leadership meeting

Upcoming Outreach/Events

- May 16, Ribbon Cutting at Vogeley 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 plus two inflatables. Food trucks scheduled to attend: Kona Ice, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and a Fernando Kitchen truck. The parking lot will be closed to the public. The lot 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. HE Police traffic officers will be assisting at this event.
- May 30, Unity Day at the Village from 12:00 to 3:30 pm. Food, craft, and entertainers are included in the day.
- Friday Fun Day Concerts begin in June at the Vogeley Pond Shelter. A great list of children's entertainers has been booked.

Friends of HEParks Days

- The Toptracer event was held on April 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with 50% of rental fees going to the Friends of HEParks Foundation. There were 29 in attendance.
- The next event is June 1, a golf day at Bridges.

Communications & Marketing Report

April 2026 website data show a 50.3% year-over-year increase in total website views, reaching nearly 67,000 visits. More importantly, our active user base expanded by 33.6%, proving that the new platform is attracting and retaining a larger portion of our community. Top pages viewed this month were “Programs & Activities,” “Day Camp,” “Kids to Parks” Event, and “Job Opportunities.”

Our social media platforms acted as the primary engine for this growth, shattering all previous engagement records. Total social media views surged to over 567,000, an 823% increase compared to April 2025. This growth was driven by a strategic shift toward high-reach video content, most notably the Vogelei Park & Barn promotional reel. This single video, posted on April 10, achieved a historic 136,000+ views, outperforming our previous record of 13,000 views by more than tenfold. This "viral" success allowed us to reach a massive new audience, with 85.5% of our total views coming from non-followers, effectively introducing the district's amenities to thousands of potential new patrons.

The most important metric was that between that reel, and a picture of the playground we added 412 new followers to our Facebook page alone.

Campaigns were created to promote NFL Flag Football League, Try Racquetball for Free Day, the Summer Program Guide Release, Youth Track & Field, Community Garage Sale, Kite Day, Senior Open House, and the Earth Day Spring Clean-Up Day.

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)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

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

Finance:

- Continue follow up work on year-end audit
- Prepare schedules for annual report
- Finalize departmental job descriptions and posted for Staff Accountant opening
- Document procedures for bank courier

Technology:

Security Camera Upgrades

The following facilities underwent security camera upgrades, replacements, or repurposing efforts:

Bridges of Poplar Creek

- Back Office Safe
- Halfway House
- Liquor Closet
- Main Bar Register
- Main Bar
- Poplar Bar
- Pro Shop Register
- Range Building

Seascope Aquatic Center

- Safe Room

Desktop Refresh Program

IT continues upgrading computers throughout the District, prioritizing front-desk workstations to enhance customer service and operational efficiency for patrons. To date, 4 of 20 computers have been deployed.

Summer Camp Technology Setup

IT is updating District-issued smartphones assigned to summer camp locations to ensure iOS software and E-Pact applications are current and operational. To date, 3 of 10 phones have been completed.

Comcast Fiber Upgrade

IT partnered with Comcast to transition the District's fiber network to new 1GB concurrent speed service. All facilities — including TC, Parks, BPC, WC, and VOG — have successfully transitioned and are experiencing improved upload and download speeds. The Club is scheduled for cutover on May 18.

KnowBe4 Cybersecurity Training

The initial mandatory cybersecurity training campaign achieved 100% staff completion. A new Quarter 2 campaign is being launched, along with ongoing random phishing simulation tests for staff.

Seascope Seasonal Setup

IT is organizing and installing the necessary hardware to prepare Seascope for summer operations, with deployment planned prior to May 20. Staff is also working closely with the Seascope Manager to provide training hardware, login credentials, and related technology support.

Vogelei Park Security Camera Project

Due to recent incidents at the park, IT has been obtaining vendor quotes for a security camera solution. Power and network connectivity remain limited, and IT is coordinating with Parks staff to determine feasible locations for 110V power installation and potential pole placement for camera equipment.

A cellular and solar-powered cloud-based solution has proven cost-prohibitive. As an alternative, IT is exploring a point-to-point (P2P) solution similar to the system utilized in the Seascapes parking lot. This option would require power access and a clear line of sight to the Vogelei barn in order to connect to the existing ExacqVision security camera system.

IT Network and Server Services

IT is evaluating additional vendors to supplement the server and network support currently provided by Sterling Networks. This effort is intended to ensure backup support is available if projects cannot be completed within required timelines or if additional technical resources are needed.

Human Resources:

Recruitment and Onboarding

Human Resources processed 90 rehire packets through the Paycom system. Three in-person orientations were conducted for seasonal aquatic and camp employees, covering organizational policies, benefits, and workplace expectations.

Staff continues to collaborate with Paycom representatives to streamline and consolidate data to ensure alignment with agency policies and procedures. Development of the HRIS platform remains ongoing, with a continued focus on improving hiring and onboarding efficiency for full-time, part-time, and seasonal staff. During this reporting period, recruitment and interviews are underway for one Accountant position.

Risk Management

Staff submitted a SMART goal to PDRMA related to cybersecurity initiatives for the 2026 Risk Management Review (RMR). As part of this goal, staff has committed to conducting quarterly cybersecurity training sessions, along with periodic phishing simulations designed to reinforce employee awareness and strengthen cybersecurity practices.

Weekly Board Updates 5.1.2026

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Upcoming Events

May 2- Kite Day

May 9 - Spring Seed Bomb - Volunteer Event

May 9 - Community Garage Sale

May 13 - Cannon Crossing Public Input Meeting

May 16 - Kids to Parks Day

May 19 - Storytime at the Park

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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.

Kite Day - Saturday, May 2 - LOCATION CHANGE - South Ridge Park - 11am-2pm

Ready for a sky-high adventure? Join us at Fabbrini Park for a free family Kite Day! Bring your kites, family, and friends for a day filled with breezes and smiles. Due to field conditions, this event has moved to South Ridge Park.

Grand Re-Opening of Vogelei Park AND Kids to Parks Day - Saturday, May 16 - 10am-1pm

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Community Representative Interview - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 19 - 6:45 p.m.

We received one application for our open Community Representative positions. We have invited her to meet the board for an informational interview on Tuesday, May 19, just fifteen minutes before the start of the B&G Committee Meeting. A special board meeting with closed session has been scheduled for this short interview. A copy of the application is attached to this email. Please let Cindy know if you are NOT able to arrive early for this interview.

Daily Herald Article - Vogelei Park Grand Opening

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Hoffman Estates to open fully inclusive playground

Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

The Hoffman Estates Park District is inviting the community to a celebration Saturday, May 16, for the grand opening of the new fully inclusive playground at Vogelei Park & Barn.

The event, held in conjunction with the Kids to Parks Day of Outdoor Play, will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 650 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates.

Festivities will kick off with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 7,500-square-foot playground. The space was

designed to be universally accessible, featuring dedicated structures for children of all abilities in two age groups, 2-5 and 5-12.

The project was funded, in part, by a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources — the single largest grant ever awarded to the district.

Entertainment will include the Twister City Bubble Show from 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. and a juggling performance by Andy Head from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Fernando's Street Kitchen food truck, with sweet treats from Kona Ice.

The district will provide a free shuttle service running every 10 minutes from 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Shuttles will pick up from Winston Churchill Elementary School and the AT&T building on Jones Road. On-site parking is restricted to limited handicap spaces, and police will be present to assist with neighborhood traffic flow.

The parking lot will be closed to the public at 5 a.m. and re-open at 2 p.m.



COURTESY OF HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

The Hoffman Estates Park District will celebrate the opening of its new fully inclusive playground at Vogelei Park Saturday, May 16.



COURTESY OF JOE CICERO, MCHENRY OUTDOOR THEATER

Clockwise from bottom center: Rylee Espinosa; Karl Plancon; Steven, Taylor and Levi Espinosa; and Rachel, Danika and Donovan Plancon playing "Uno" before the start of the "Twister" and "Twisters" double feature at

The American Songster

Dom Flemons brings his 'Bronze Buckaroo' program to Harper

Submitted by Harper College News Bureau

When Dom Flemons takes the stage at Harper College on May 21, he won't just be performing songs. He'll be guiding audiences through a broader story about American music and culture; one that involves Black cowboys, segregation-era Hollywood, and the extensive



time periods.

"It allowed me to have some freedoms," Flemons said. "It doesn't play to the rules of one form or another."

That independence, Flemons believes, resonates especially strongly with younger audiences who grew up in a streaming era unconcerned with strict genre divisions.

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Northwest Fourth Fest – July 1-5 – Including Parade on Saturday, July 4

Join the community for this annual festival, organized by the Village of Hoffman Estates and HEParks, including plenty of live music, food, carnival rides and games, a drone show and fireworks! The festival runs from Wednesday, July 1 through Sunday, July 5. The event takes place near the NOW Arena at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, while the Hoffman Estates – “Celebrating 250 Years, from Sea to Shining Sea” Parade takes place along Illinois Boulevard on Friday morning. A drone light show will wow the crowds on the evening of the 4th, while fireworks take place Friday evening, with live music both nights. More details are available at the [Northwest Fourth Fest website](#).

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