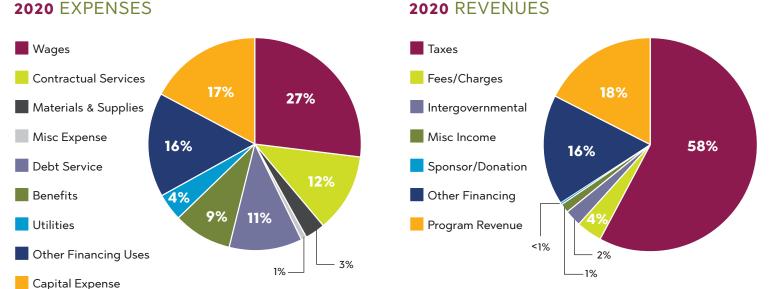
#### **2020 EXPENSES**



#### WHAT DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS SUPPORT?



#### \*ENROLLMENT STATS 2020

Activity	2020	2019	2018
Adult Athletics	156	1,260	1,271
Frank Lloyd Wright Races	652	2,128	1,728
Community Programs	2,329	5,270	5,315
Active Adults	211	1,303	569
Early Childhood	200	1,181	1,315
Visual and Performing Arts	829	3,104	3,173
Health, Fitness, Martial Arts	1,687	1,521	1,532
Gymnastics	1,145	5,393	5,440
Ice	3,255	5,979	5,815
Aquatics	151	1,872	1,925
Teens	155	991	910
Youth Athletics	1,518	5,572	5,629
Nature/Environmental	2,018	2,528	2,120
Total	14,306	38,102	37,165

#### \*PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY YEAR

 2020	14,306	
2019	38,102	
2018	36,742	

#### \*PASS SALES

2020	2,740	
2019	14,077	
2018	16,467	

\*Program participation and pass sales were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. No spring programs were held, pools did not open, camp offerings were reduced and the fall season of classes were paused and eventually cancelled.







#### **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Park District of Oak Park had many achievements in 2020 in spite of the challenges that COVID-19 brought to us. We realigned programs and camps to meet the continuously changing State of Illinois COVID guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our participants while continuing to offer innovative and exciting programs and events for all residents. Pre-registration was introduced for many of our activities to socially distance groups and adhere to capacity guidelines such as public skate, The Great Pumpkin Smash and Fright at Night. Other activities headed outdoors such as fitness programs, Visits with Santa, and the Winter Greens Market. And still other programs went virtual including Preschool Zoomers, Martial Arts, Conservatory lectures, and many Cheney Mansion 21+ activities.

We offered online shopping at the Conservatory plant sales with convenient curbside pickup. We introduced free, DIY activities such as scavenger hunts, Parkopoly, nature bingo and a web page chock full of fun projects to do at home. Our Petite Wedding package was unveiled and well-received The Park District also assumed responsibility for all rentals at Pleasant Home, introducing an interactive rental website at pleasanthomeop.com. We moved dog park permit applications online and while our in-person customer service locations were closed, we supported our program registrants online throughout the year. We are looking to the future to the time when we can meet the recreation needs of our community in the way you have come to expect. In the meantime, we will continue to be flexible, creative and innovative to ensure you have healthy and safe outlets in which to pursue your recreational interests.

A major initiative throughout 2020 was the launch of the design process for the Community Recreation Center. The Park District Board and staff worked with teams from Perkins & Will Architects and Bulley & Andrews Construction Company to develop 90% design drawings utilizing the input collected at three virtual community meetings as well as information collected during the 2016 CRC Feasibility Study. With no new tax dollars used for the facility, the Parks Foundation has been working steadily throughout the year to secure private donations from foundations, corporations and individuals. Currently, approximately 50% of the \$18.5 million needed to build this facility has been raised. Look for future updates as we venture into 2021.

#### **Awards & Recognition:**

- Achieved CAPRA reaccreditation from the National Parks and Recreation Association.
- Received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 11th year in a row and the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 8th year in a row.
- Recognized with IAPD's Best of the Best Award for Green Practices for the 5th year in a row.
- Executive Director Jan Arnold received the IAPD Professional of the Year Award.
- Program Manager Mike Loszack was recognized as the IPRA Young Professional of the Year.

#### **Capital Projects**

- New walking loop, new playground with accessible surface, kick/hit practice wall and game play area introduced at Stevenson Park at the completion of the park renovation project made possible with a \$400,000 IL Dept. of Natural Resources OSLAD grant.
- Awarded a \$400,000 OSLAD grant for the renovation of Rehm Park.
- Awarded a \$421,500 Illinois Museum Grant for the installation of a geothermal system at Pleasant Home.
- Awarded a \$192,000 OSLAD grant for the purchase of property adjacent to Carroll Park.
- Six fitness stations and intergenerational playground equipment installed at Randolph Park.
- One roll hill, swings and steppers installed as part of the Wenonah Park renovation project.
- Two new tennis courts constructed at Rehm Park in place of the outdated courts.

#### **New Initiatives**

- · Launched the design process for the Community Recreation Center working with Perkins + Will Architects and Bulley & Andrews Construction Company.
- New bike repair stations were installed at Scoville, RCRC, Field, Longfellow and Barrie Parks.

### Recreation

### 144 students

participated in the full-day childcare program while remote learning through D97.



### 500+ kids

participated in summer & fall youth sports adapted to meet COVID-19 restrictions.

### 652 walkers & runners

participated in the Do-It-Yourself Frank Lloyd Wright Races in 2020.



#### 24 medals

were awarded to eight WSSRA athletes from Oak Park who competed in the Special Olympics Swim Meet in March.

### 300+ adults

enjoyed late summer/fall adult softball leagues under safe guidelines of play.



from 16 Chicagoland gymnastics centers participated in the 3rd Annual Boys Gold Medal Invite hosted by the Park District.



### 208 campers

took over Ridgeland Common **Recreation Center participating** in a wide variety of fun and safely supervised activities.

### 40 days of virtual camps

included 141 zoom calls between counselors and kids, 82 bags of supplies delivered, 32 different craft projects completed, and 16 different science experiments conducted!

# **Special Facilities**

### 395 skaters

enjoyed three RCRC special events. Blackhawk Night once again featured Blackhawks' organist, Frank Pellico.

### 142 Ice Bears

finished off their successful season in March despite the cancellation of NWHL Championship.



**Historic Properties** 

9 weeks of virtual

summer concerts

by the Symphony of Oak

Park & River Forest with

the Cheney Mansion as

## **Partnerships**

# Thousands of face coverings

collected and distributed by staff to local nonprofits and community members.



### Two D97 school sites

used to provide all-day chilcare to meet the needs of Oak Park families during the pandemic.

# Four blood drives

hosted by the Park District.

# 5,146 hours of time

donated by Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers.

### 50+ people

enjoyed the Drive-In Bingo event offered in partnership with Beyond Hunger, Oak Park Brewery and the Park District.

Two well-deserving residents

Service Awards from the Park District.

**Don Nekrosius and Nancy Teclaw, received Community** 

COMMUNITY CENTER

### 525 pounds of produce

donated to local food shelters from the Cheney Mansion garden.



**PARK DISTRICT** of OAK PARK

### One new website

launched for Pleasant Home rentals as part of the transition for PDOP to begin managing all rentals at this facility.

# 11,000+ plants grown

at the Conservatory for the Annual Plant Sale with curbside pick-up offered.



# 100s of families

safely enjoyed Halloween and Holiday special events hosted at Cheney Mansion.

their backdrop.



# **Business Ops & Technology**

### One energy dashboard

Park District's savings from solar energy and sustainable design at the newly expanded Carroll Center.



## \$3 million in savings

due to successful bond refunding in 2019 & 2020.



# 2.588 trees

owned by the Park District and inventoried through Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management are available to explore at pdop.org.

### **Green Initiatives**

### Two 1,200 sq. ft. classrooms

constructed as part of the Carroll Park addition project that features a passive house design with a geothermal system, super insulation, solar panel system, fourmeter energy usage monitoring system, and a rain garden. This project was made possible through a \$577,000 grant from the IL Clean Energy Community Foundation.

### One bioswale

installed at Stevenson Park in partnership with the Village of Oak Park.



### 25% decrease

in electricity usage systemwide since 2016.

# **Marketing & Customer Service**

### \$18,752.66 scholarship funds

redeemed to meet the needs of 142 households and 387 unique individuals in 2020.



# \$41,023 in fee reductions

provided to families as part of the new **Childcare Discount Membership Program.** 

### 15.000 active followers

on PDOP social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube..