



Park District of Oak Park Municipal Directory

PARK DISTRICT PROFILE

Summary of Purpose

The Park District of Oak Park, created in 1912, serves the recreational needs of the 52,000 residents of Oak Park, providing over 3,000 recreation programs and special events annually. Overseen by a Board of five elected officials, the District owns an Administrative Center, two outdoor pools, an indoor ice rink, the Oak Park Conservatory, Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home, a gymnastics & recreation center, seven recreation centers plus 13 parks totaling 83 acres of parkland. Our mission is: "In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities."

Parks & Facilities

Each year, the Board of Commissioners approves a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which maps out the future direction of the Park District of Oak Park regarding park renewal and facility improvements. A full copy of the current CIP can be found online at www.pdop.org.

Andersen Center & Park	824 N Hayes	(708) 383-6904
Austin Gardens	167 Forest	
Barrie Center & Park	1011 S Lombard	(708) 383-6905
Carroll Center & Park	1125 S Kenilworth	(708) 383-6906
Elizabeth F Cheney Mansion	220 N Euclid	(708) 725-2500
Oak Park Conservatory	615 Garfield	(708) 725-2400
Dole Center	255 Augusta	(708) 725-2100
Euclid Square	705 W Fillmore	
Field Center & Park	935 Woodbine	(708) 383-6907
Fox Center & Park	624 S Oak Park	(708) 383-6908
Lindberg Park	1151 N Marion	
Longfellow Center & Park	610 S Ridgeland	(708) 383-6909
Maple Park	1105 S Maple	
Mills Park & Pleasant Home	217 S Home	(708) 383-2654
Oak Park Gymnastics Center	218 Madison	(708) 725-2200
John L Hedges Administration Center	218 Madison	(708) 725-2000
Randolph Tot Lot	300 S Grove	
Rehm Pool & Park	515 Garfield	(708) 725-2300
Ridgeland Common Pool, Rink & Park	415 Lake	(708) 725-2300
Scoville Park	800 W Lake	
Stevenson Park	49 Lake	(708) 383-6910
Taylor Park	400 W Division	
Wenonah Tot Lot	850 S Wenonah	

ADA & Inclusion

Neil Adams, Project Manager, serves as the ADA Coordinator for the District and has the responsibility of supervising the Park District's transition to ADA-accessible parks and facilities.

The Park District works closely with our partner, West Suburban Special Recreation Association, which allows residents of all ages with disabilities can participate in year-round programming specifically designed to meet their individual needs or are able to participate in Park District programs with inclusion support.

For assistance and information on accessibility at the Park District of Oak Park, contact Neil Adams at neil.adams@pdop.org or call him at (708) 725-2250.

Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan has been adopted by the Board of Commissions to establish direction and goals for the District. A full copy of the current Strategic Plan can be found online at www.pdop.org.

Budget

The 2013 Operating Budget is \$14,214,367. The Park District also budgeted \$29,607,714 in 2013 for Capital Expenses. In 2013, the Park District received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 5th year in a row, reflecting our organization's commitment to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. A full copy of the current budget can be found online at www.pdop.org.

Taxes

The tax rate for the Park District increased with the 2005 voter approved referendum. Tax rates by their nature are dependent upon the amount of money asked for annually and the community's assessed value of property. In 2011, the community's equalized assessed value decreased 14% resulting in an increase in the tax rate to 0.518.

Park District Revenues are generated mainly from property taxes which are used to support maintenance and capital improvements of parks and facilities. In 2012, the District issued a \$9,995,000 bond. Without this bond issue, property taxes comprise almost 60% of the Park District's revenue. The second largest revenue source is program fees.

Board of Commissioners

The Park District of Oak Park is governed by five elected Oak Park residents who voluntarily give service to the community. The Commissioners elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary each year.

Park Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the John Hedges Administration Center, 218 Madison St, Oak Park. Residents are invited to attend and are welcome to make suggestions or comments to improve the services the Park District provides.

Committee of the Whole meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St, Oak Park. There is no public comment at these meetings.

The District welcomes the opportunity to assist residents and visitors with disabilities. If you need special accommodations for a Park Board meeting, please e-mail Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant at karen.gruszka@pdop.org or call her at (708) 725-2017.

Board of Commissioners

Jessica Bullock, President
Paul Aeschleman, Vice President
Victor Guarino, Treasurer
Sandy Lentz, Secretary
David Wick, Commissioner

Citizen Committees

The Park District values community input and involvement and has organized four citizen-led volunteer committees to work with the Park Board of Commissioners and staff for the betterment of the District and our community. These committees include:

Park District Citizens Committee (PDCC) oversees the implementation of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plan and provides a valuable communication channel between the Park District and the citizens of Oak Park.

Ben Ahring, Chair
Pat Bauhs, Citizen
Brian Crawford, Citizen
Jeff Gillman, Citizen
Nathan Helsabeck, Citizen
John Lawson, Citizen
Julie MacCarthy, Citizen
Mike Nowicki, Citizen
Kassie Porreca, Citizen
Cate Readling, Citizen
Laura Stamp, Citizen
Leah MacCarthy, Student Representative
Stephen Hawthorne, Student Representative
Jan Arnold, Park District Staff
Diane Stanke, Park District Staff
David Wick, Board of Commissions Representative

Citizen Committees (continued)

Greening Advisory Committee (GAC) acts as a liaison between the Park District and the community, helping implement the Park District's Environmental Policy, assisting the Park Board in identifying and exploring sustainability issues and environmental initiatives, helping determine annual projects, and maintaining the Green Team, the Park District's park stewardship program.

Doug Chien, Chair
Terry Grace, Citizen
Don Nekrosius, Citizen
Ginger Vanderveer, Citizen
Chris Wollmuth, Citizen
Peggy McGrath, Citizen
Ben Ahring, PDCC Representative
Jan Arnold, Park District Staff
Henrietta Yardley, Park District Staff
Mike Grandy, Park District Staff
Diane Stanke, Park District Staff
Patti Staley, Park District Staff
Travis Stephen, Park District Staff
Karen Rozmus, Village of Oak Park Staff
K. C. Poulos, Village of Oak Park Staff

Art Advisory Committee acts as a resource and provides expertise in the area of fine arts; maintains an inventory, inspects, and provides public education on existing art in the Park District; works to encourage the contribution of funds to the Park District Artworks Acquisition and Maintenance Fund and recommends the designation of these funds; and works with other public and private entities and individuals on art-related activities.

Patrick Dahlstrom, Chair
Paula Waldron, Co-Chair
Wade Iverson, Citizen
Lisa Dodge, Citizen
Mark Moroney, Citizen
Neil Adams, Staff
Shari Wenzel, Staff

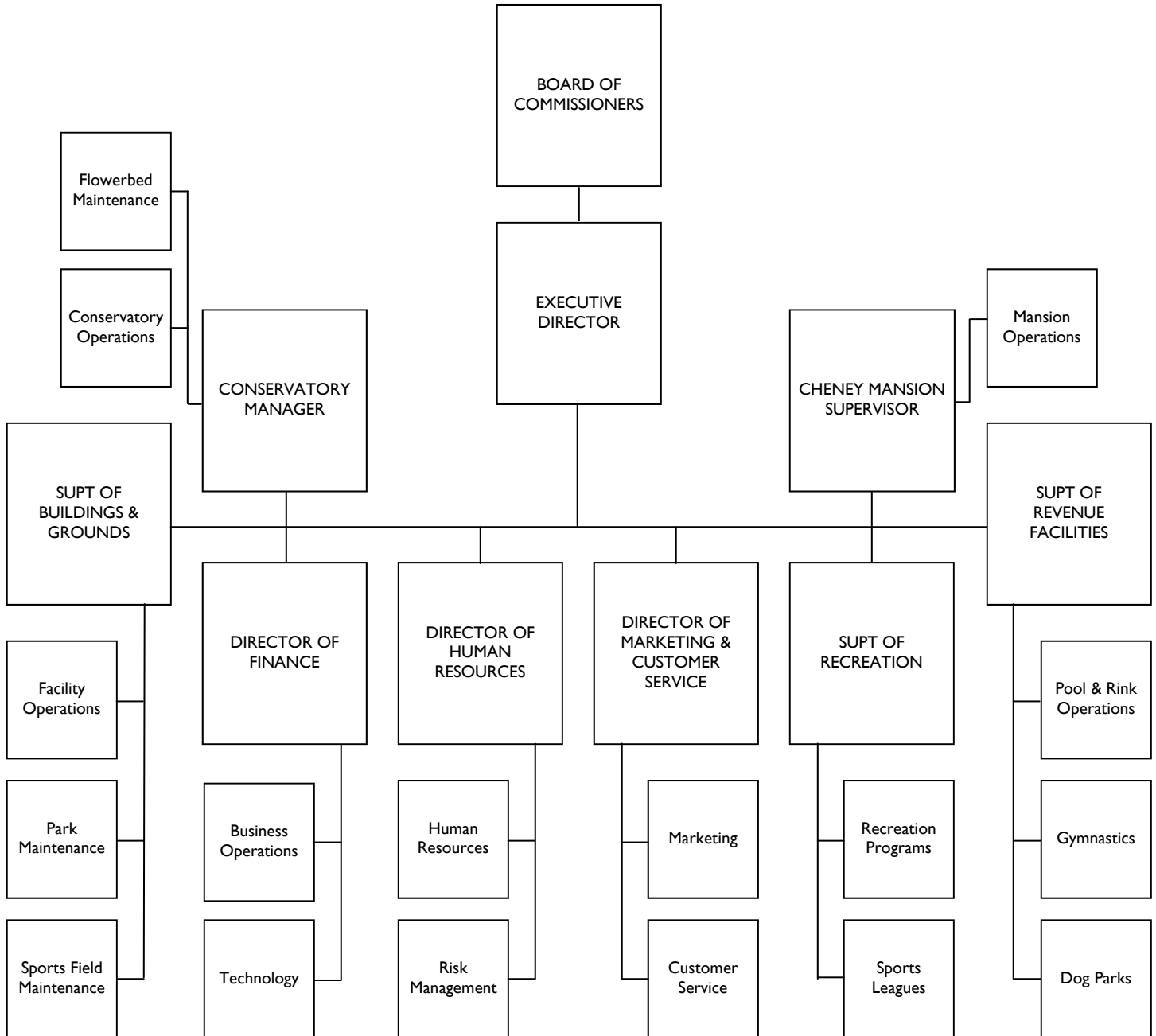
Senior Advisory Committee provides guidance and recommend direction to the Park District regarding the development and implementation of recreational activities for senior citizens.

Pat Poskitt, President
Gary Strange, Vice President
Angela Skalla, Secretary
Rose Hermanns, Citizen
Hilda Schlatter, Citizen
Sandy Rowe, Citizen
Kate Sniegowski, Park District Staff
Shari Wenzel, Park District Staff

PARK DISTRICT STAFF

The Executive Director, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is responsible for the administration of the Park District, which employs 50 full-time staff and over 495 part-time, seasonal, and temporary workers.

Organizational Structure



Administrative Staff

Jan R Arnold,	Executive Director	jan.arnold@pdop.org	(708) 725-2020
Maureen McCarthy	Superintendent of Recreation	maureen.mccarthy@pdop.org	(708) 725-2021
Michael T Grandy	Superintendent of Building & Grounds	mike.grandy@pdop.org	(708) 725-2050
William Hamilton	Superintendent of Revenue Facilities	bill.hamilton@pdop.org	(708) 725-2304
Kyle Cratty	Director of Finance	kyle.cratty@pdop.org	(708) 725-2015
Diane Stanke	Director of Marketing & Customer Service	diane.stanke@pdop.org	(708) 725-2022

(as of August 21, 2013)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Requesting Information

In accordance with 5 ILCS, Par. 140/1, Freedom of Information Act, the Park District of Oak Park shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of this Act.

All requests to inspect, copy, or certify public records must be submitted to the District in writing. The District encourages requestors to submit their requests on the convenient Park District of Oak Park Freedom of Information Request Form provided by the District which can be found at the District's Administration Center or online at www.pdop.org.

The District will review all written requests and will respond to each written request to inspect, copy, or certify public records in a manner consistent with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act after payment of any fees, if applicable

Requests and other communications regarding District records relating to a request to inspect, copy, or certify public records, all requests for copies of FOIA rules, and all requests for any other information relating to the District's implementation of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act must be directed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Park District of Oak Park
218 Madison St
Oak Park, IL 60302
Facsimile: (708) 383-5702
E-mail: foia@pdop.org

Established Fees

Copies (8.5x11" or 8.5x14", B&W)
- First 50 pages Free
- Additional pages \$0.15/side

Other Types of Records with Set Fees
- Actual Cost

Certification
- \$1.00/record plus copy cost

Mailing
- Cost of Postage

If the requested records are of a type not listed above, then the fees charged for copying the records will be the actual charges incurred by the District, and the above fees will not apply. The above fees will also not apply if the fee for the requested records is otherwise fixed by statute. If the requested records are produced on an electronic medium, then the Requestor must pay the actual cost of the medium.



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