**2018: The Year of Sustainability**

Sustainability is a core value of the Park District of Oak Park and in 2018 we continued to take giant steps to lessen our impact on the environment.

**Solar Panels in our Parks**

- The District added solar panels to the roofs of the Oak Park Conservatory and Fox Center (photo above) in 2018 and in January 2019 solar panels were installed at the Administrative Center.
- The solar fields were expanded on the roofs of Longfellow Center and Ridgeland Common.
- Austin Gardens had solar panels installed in 2015 bringing the total number of facilities with solar photaic systems to six.

**Bees, Bulbs and More**

Oak Park residents made over 1,000 pledges identifying actions you and your family will take to make our community more sustainable. For each pledge, Green Mountain Energy Sun Club provided $100 for the Oak Park Conservatory sustainability project, for a total of $100,000, toward the installation of solar panels (completed in 2018), a water harvesting system, the addition of observable working honeybee hives and a tea composting unit (to be completed in 2019). Thank you to all who pledged their support.

Interior lighting at all seven recreation centers, the Oak Park Conservatory and Rehm Pool was replaced with LED bulbs through a ComEd grant. The District expects annual energy savings of $12,250 and a reduction in energy consumption by 43%. Exterior lighting was replaced in 2017 with similar funding.

A cistern was installed in Field Park to capture and repurpose water from the splash pad to irrigate the adjacent park land. This brings the number of cisterns in our parks system to four.

**Awards and Recognition**

- For the third year in a row, the Park District is the recipient of the Illinois Association of Park District’s Best Green Practices Award.
- The Illinois Council of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Illinois) named the Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center as one of Illinois’ 200 Great Places in honor of the state’s Bicentennial in 2018.
- For the ninth straight year the Park District received the Government Finance Officer’s Budget Award reflecting the PDOP’s commitment to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.
- The PDOP Aquatics staff was awarded the 2018 Platinum International Safety Award for achieving the highest quality lifeguard professionalism and operational standards.

**Additional 2018 Accomplishments**

Oak Park Township provided up to an additional 6,000 rides to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities in Oak Park and River Forest due to a new intergovernmental agreement with the Park District.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) cabinets were installed in 10 park locations for the safety of our park visitors. All Park District facilities are already equipped with AEDs.
**Recreation**

300+ enjoyed the first-ever, pop-up Winterfest

8 Clubhouse Afterschool sites

59% of the 2,151 FLW Races participants were returning walkers & runners

150 performed in *Just Dance* spring dance recital

1,797 visits to the Stevenson Center Cubhouse

61 participated in Fitness in the Parks

Walk With the Doc program launched

4 NEW Neighborhood Nights

1,000s of residents enjoyed Scoville Park concerts and movies

**Special Facilities**

Hosted 16 gymnastics centers at First USAG Boys Invitational

1,163 students in Gymnastics program

Happy 5th anniversary to the Gymnastics and Recreation Center

3,587 hot dogs sold at the pools

Lifeguard staff is in the top 16% of aquatic operations worldwide

98,846 pool visits

50th Annual Ice Show at Ridgeland Common

$11,300 raised by Ice Bears for local charities

264 campers in first-ever RCRC Winter Break Camp

**Administration & Technology**

36,746 program registrations

16,467 passes sold

7,226 households served

9,899 volunteer hours worked

1 three-year strategic plan developed

5 major computer upgrades

3 individuals, Tom Kindler, Charlie Saville and Laura Thompson, received Community Service Awards

**Partnerships**

OPRF Community Foundation donated $5,000 for summer camp scholarships

525 lbs. of food from Cheney Mansion garden donated to Food Pantry

6 OPFYI inserts shared by the Park District and Library

85 Oak Park residents used a WSSRA inclusion aid
### Capital Projects & Green Initiatives

- **5** bottle-fill, drinking fountains installed
- **8,636** less gallons of water used in 2018 vs. 2017
- **55** new trees were planted
- **10** facilities with new energy-saving thermostats
- **180** playground inspections completed
- **4** park master plans reviewed & updated
- **10,000+** clay tiles installed on the Pleasant Home roof
- **118,403** in grant dollars secured for **5** sustainability projects
- **181,450** annual savings through sustainability efforts
- **10** parks received new AEDs

### Historic Properties

- **1,000+** toured Cheney Mansion and Pleasant Home during Open Door Chicago
- **140** enjoyed Cheney’s Adult Taste on Tap
- **44** weddings, **20** private celebrations & **18** corporate events at Cheney Mansion
- **$40,000** raised for the Pleasant Home stained glass restoration project
- **45,026** Oak Park Conservatory visitors in 2018
- **850** children celebrated at **54** Conservatory birthday parties
- **2,000+** natives and perennials grown at Conservatory, planted in our parks

### Marketing & Outreach

- **464** persons from 206 households awarded **$67,057** in scholarships
- **$72,000+** secured in sponsorships & advertising
- **4** program guides delivered featuring **3,000+** programs
- **10,085** park and facility rentals
- **17** trees and **2** benches donated to Memorial Tree Program
- **952,050** pdop.org page views
- **822** new Facebook likes

PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK
2018 REVENUES

BUDGET TRENDS
Since 2012, taxes have increased on average 1.66% while earned revenue has increased on average 11.13%.

Five budgets in 2018 surpassed $1 million dollars in revenue (Gymnastics, Rink, Aquatics, General Recreation, and Sports & Fitness)

Cheney Mansion Fund not only has a positive fund balance, but it is now in compliance with the District’s Fund Balance Policy. A net income of $79,101. puts the fund at an 80% balance.

Revenues are 6.75% higher than budgeted and expenses are down approximately 8.45% compared to the 2018 budget.

ENROLLMENT STATS

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(‘Fitness classes under passes) | 1,514 | 1,423 |

WHERE DOES YOUR TAX DOLLAR GO?

PASS SALES

| 2015   | 12,746 |
| 2016   | 13,662 |
| 2017   | 13,873 |
| 2018   | 16,467 |

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY YEAR

| 2015   | 31,163 |
| 2016   | 31,739 |
| 2017   | 34,012 |
| 2018   | 37,165 |

WHERE DOES YOUR TAX DOLLAR GO?

Cook County 4.57%  Other 2.39%
Village of Oak Park 10.30%  Library 4.43%
Park District of Oak Park 4.62%  Elementary School District 97 36.78%  High School District 200 24.36%

Tinley College 2.51%  Water Reclamation 3.29%