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.

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<td>Andersen Center &amp; Park</td>
<td>824 N Hayes</td>
<td>(708) 725-2712</td>
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<td>Austin Gardens</td>
<td>167 Forest</td>
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<td>Barrie Center &amp; Park</td>
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<td>Elizabeth F Cheney Mansion</td>
<td>220 N Euclid</td>
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<td>(708) 725-2029</td>
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<td>Gymnastics and Recreation Center</td>
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<td>Mills Park &amp; Pleasant Home</td>
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<td>(708) 383-2654</td>
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<td>John L Hedges Administration Center</td>
<td>218 Madison</td>
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<td>Randolph Park</td>
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<td>Taylor Park</td>
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ADA & Inclusion

Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, 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 to 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 Chris Lindgren at chris.lindgren@pdop.org or call him at (708) 725-2050.

Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan has been adopted by the Board of Commissioners 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 2019 Operating Budget is $17,826,191. The Park District also budgeted $2,995,000 in 2019 for Capital Expenses. In 2018, the Park District received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 9th 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 2017 tax year, the community’s equalized assessed value increased 19.4% resulting in an decrease in the tax rate to 0.564.

Park District Revenues are generated evenly from property taxes and earned revenue which are used to support maintenance and capital improvements of parks and facilities. Earned revenue (program fees) comprise 51% of the Park District’s revenue. The second largest revenue source is property taxes at 49%. The Park District reached its goal of being at a 50/50 revenue mix in 2018.
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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.

Regular Park Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the John L. 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 John L. Hedges Administration Center, 218 Madison St, Oak Park. Public comment is also available 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 email Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant at karen.gruszka@pdop.org or call her at (708) 725-2017.

Board of Commissioners
Sandy Lentz, President
David Wick, Vice President
Kassie Porreca, Treasurer
Christopher Wollmuth, Secretary
Jake Worley-Hood, Commissioner

Citizen Committees
Active Adult Advisory Committee (AAAC) provides guidance and recommend direction to the Park District regarding the development and implementation of recreational activities for senior citizens.

Nancy Teclaw, Citizen
Megan Pawellkiewicz, Park District Staff
Maureen McCarthy, Park District Staff
Jan Arnold, Park District Staff
Jake Worley-Hood, Board of Commissioners Representative

Citizen Committees (continued)
The Park District values community input and involvement and has organized 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.

Laura Stamp, Chair
Colin Boltz, Citizen
Ozzie Bruno, Citizen
Carrie Gallagher, Citizen
Dr. Robert Kleps, Citizen
Steve Miller, Citizen
Karen McMllin, Citizen
Kevin Cohen, Citizen
Lauren Vander Berg, Citizen
Christina Waters, Citizen
Mike Biardo, Citizen
Frank Patterson, Citizen
Jan Arnold, Park District Staff
Diane Stanke, Park District Staff
David Wick, Board of Commissioners Representative

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) 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 green team volunteer opportunities.

Cathi Knickerehm, Chair
Adrian Fisher, Citizen
Terry Grace, Citizen
McLous Robinet, Citizen
Andrea Green, Citizen
Alice Tulley, Citizen
Karen McMllin, Citizen
Gordon Walron, Citizen
Leah Pryor, Park District Staff
Patti Staley, Park District Staff
Travis Stephen, Park District Staff
Jan Arnold, Park District Staff
Dave Wick, Board of Commissioners Representative

(as of October, 2019)
The Executive Director, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is responsible for the administration of the Park District, which employs 52 full-time staff and over 495 part-time, seasonal, and temporary workers.

Organizational Structure

Executive Director

Supt of Parks & Planning
- Facility Operations
- Parks Maintenance
- Sports Field Maintenance

Director of Finance
- Innovation & Strategy
- Technology
- Business Operations

Director of Human Resources
- Human Resources
- Risk Management

Director of Marketing & Customer Service
- Marketing
- Customer Service

Supt of Recreation
- Cheney Mansion & Operations
- Recreation Programs
- Sports Leagues
- Dog Parks

Supt of Special Facilities
- Pool & Rink Operations

Director of Horticulture & Conservatory Operations
- Flowerbed Maintenance
- Conservatory Operations

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
Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, chris.lindgren@pdop.org, (708) 725-2050
William Hamilton, Superintendent of Special 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
Paula Bickel, Director of Human Resources, paula.bickel@pdop.org, (708) 725-2028
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 online at www.pdop.org or at the District's Administration Center.

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) 725-2117
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.