

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026
6:30 P.M.**



*SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
9300 WEBER PARK PLACE
SKOKIE, IL 60077-4200*





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION, IF REQUESTED
- V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - *A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2026
- *VIII. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUGUST 2026
- IX. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- *X. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
 - A. Referendum Presentation by Legal Counsel
- XII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance Renewal
 - B. Authorization to Dispose of Fixed Assets Ordinance #26-005
 - C. Approval of Skatium Cooling Units Installation
 - D. Approval of Dr. Bessie Rhodes OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization
 - E. Review of Preliminary Design of Timber Ridge Park/Bessie Rhodes Property
 - F. Review of Sports Park East Field Design
 - G. Authorization for Business Related Travel for Park Board Commissioners
- *XIII. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Parks Division Report
 - B. Recreation and Facility Divisions Report
 - C. Marketing and Sponsorship Report
 - D. Information Technology Report

E. Community Committee Report

XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Director Comments

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

*Consent Agenda

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

•Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness•Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JULY 21, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Elsa Fischer
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Susan Aberman
Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj
Commissioner Courtney Williams

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services William Schmidt
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn
Superintendent of Recreation & Facilities Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

President Fischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m. and called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Seven residents spoke about the proposed referendum and asked the Board to consider adding a baseball field to the Skokie Sports Park East proposed park plan. They noted that with only one large field at Laramie Park it is difficult for children and adults to reserve space to play. President Fischer thanked the residents for attending and sharing their concerns.

Ms. Tuft informed the residents that the Board would consider revising the referendum language that evening to include baseball. She explained that, in 2016, the District considered plans for Skokie Sports Park East and affiliates expressed interest in baseball. However, when the District was able to begin redeveloping Skokie Sports Park East in 2024, the baseball affiliates did not attend the meeting to provide input, so adding a baseball field was not considered. She also noted that if a baseball field was included, artificial turf is not permitted on MWRD property.

President Fischer stated that the permitting procedures for Caleb Field at Laramie Park would also be reviewed before the next season to make it more equitable for Skokie residents. She noted that some non-residents use the park, and that the Park District relies on non-resident participation to help make programs and facilities successful.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Aberman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2026, minutes of the Referendum Meeting of June 7, 2026, minutes of the Referendum Meeting of June 6, 2026, bills payable for the month of June/July 2026, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS – POSSIBLE REFERENDUM

Mr. Paul Hanley of Beyond Your Base presented the survey results for the possible referendum, reviewing the survey details. Following the presentation, he stated that the referendum had a chance of passing, with 54% of respondents in favor.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #26-002 PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION OF ISSUING \$53,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Ms. Tuft stated that she had consulted with the bond consultant about the proposed referendum resolution and ballot question, and both were revised to allow baseball to be included if the Board decided to add it to the project. She noted that the resolution differed from the version included in the Board packet and asked the Board to review it. If approved, the resolution would place the referendum on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

President Fischer stated that the public would need to be informed about the updated referendum plan if baseball were added. Commissioner Aberman said the Board is committed to doing what is best for the community and that the language is being changed to be more inclusive.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve Resolution #26-002 providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$53,000,000 general obligation park bonds to the voters of the District at the November 3, 2026, general election. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #26-004 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE PARKS AND PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT REGARDING BICYCLES, E-BIKES, E-SCOOTERS AND OTHER E-POWERED DEVICES, WEAPONS AND FIREARMS, AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Ms. Tuft stated there were three proposed amendments to the Conduct Ordinance. The proposed amendments add language regarding abusive language and gestures, revises the definition of a weapon, and includes a restrictive ordinance prohibiting motorized scooters, e-bikes, and e-powered devices from District property.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Ordinance #26-004 amending sections 2.12(a)(3), 2.40(b), and 3.02. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. The motion carried.

LARAMIE PARK SYNTHETIC TURF REPAIRS

Mr. Guynn stated that repairs are needed for the synthetic field at Laramie Park, which receives heavy use, particularly around home plate, and the bases. The field will be closed for six to seven days in August so the contractor can complete the repairs. The cost is \$26,300, and sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund. The District will contract with the same company who installed the turf initially. Ms. Tuft noted that the work was not budgeted and thus wanted to make the Board aware of the repairs and cost.

There was no motion for approval as this was informational only.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice President Jaffe said he hosted a pickleball tournament for his birthday at the Rally Room. He said the courts are great, the staff was helpful, and it was a really nice event.

Commissioner Williams participated in Unplug Illinois Day and attended several of the planned activities. Ms. Labus noted that the event is sponsored by IAPD, and Commissioner Williams stated that it was well attended.

President Fischer thanked staff that worked on the SPD app and also thanked staff who worked on the 4th of July celebration.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft reported that an incident occurred at Gross Point Park on July 19 involving several youths who were arguing. During the incident, one youth lifted his shirt and displayed what appeared to be a firearm, prompting a call to police. The item was later determined to be a BB gun, and the individual will be suspended.

Mr. Guynn stated that playground renovations are planned for next year at Lockwood and Shawnee Parks and asked whether the Board could schedule a public meeting at each site in August. The board picked the date of August 19 at 6 p.m. at one park and 7 p.m. at the other park.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Tuft stated that Hamlin Park is one of the Park District's MWRD leased properties. The O'Brien Plant is undergoing renovations, and the construction company has

requested use of the south end of the park for equipment storage during construction, agreeing to pay for use of the property. The Board discussed possible charges. Mr. Guynn stated that the company agreed to pay \$1,000,000 for four years of use and showed the Board the area of the property that would be used on the screen.

After using the field, the company would restore the soccer field. Mr. Guynn is working with MWRD to determine whether the Park District can sublease the property and whether MWRD would be entitled to any payment. Ms. Tuft asked whether the Board was open to the arrangement, and the Board indicated support with the possibility of charging more.

No recommendation was needed as this was informational only.

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION

President Fischer stated that tentative dates had been identified for the Board retreat and asked the Board to agree on the retreat topics before Ms. Tuft began searching for a facilitator. The Board reviewed the focus areas and agreed on a list. President Fischer asked whether three hours would be enough, and Commissioner Williams suggested four hours, which the Board accepted. The tentative dates are November 18, 23, and 30, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams moved to enter into Executive Session pending litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(11). Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioner vote. Motion carried.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:21. There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Aberman moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Elsa Fischer
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

August 18, 2026



SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2026
SIGN IN SHEET



NAME (Please Print)	SIGNATURE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Daniel Schwartz		
Parv Hanley		
Jonathan Rich		
Matthew Endie		
Mases Hagopian		
Dylan Kehoe		
JINSKY JEANPOIS		
Max Gorenstein		
JOEL GORENSTEIN		
Stavel Noaboy		
Edwin Kach		
STUART RICH		
Scott Spolter		
Samantha Spolter		
Ari Spolter		
OREN DEKALO		
Andrea Rich		
Jim Botloff		
SID SINKER		
Deanna Deutschman		
BARBARA W BLYVASS		
Anna Lipson		

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**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
August 18, 2026**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of July 31, 2026, are in the board packet.

As of July 31, 2026, \$7,158,297.24 of the 2025 first installment tax levy has been received; \$150,347.59 was received in July 2026.

Second installment tax bills are expected to be delayed, with a due date anticipated by October 2026.

We have opened a U.S. Treasury Market Fund to increase interest earnings. Interest rate is 3.29%.

We have also worked with our relationship manager at CHASE to increase earnings credit rate to 230 bps from 180 bps. There will be no monthly fees and interest earned on checking increased to 220 bps from 170bps.

The tax collections by year are listed at the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments report.

Account details are available on request. If you have any questions, please let me know.

William G. Schmidt
Treasurer, Skokie Park District

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS**

**August 18, 2026
(As of 07/31/2026)**

GENERAL FUND

CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.20% \$10,359,263.22

Savings:0.5% 209,611.11

U.S. TREASURY PLUS MONEY MARKET FUND @3.29% 1,000,000.00

INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/27 – 3.45% 655,306.38

INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93% 286,921.86

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93% 273,875.34

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: \$12,784,977.91

TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 07/31/2026)

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,876,000.39	96.67%
2020	11,041,668.75	97.23%
2021	11,465,631.66	98.19%
2022	12,413,775.40	99.02%
2023	12,674,871.62	98.16%
2024	13,457,421.10	98.32%
2025	7,158,297.24	51.52%



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Referendum Presentation by Legal Counsel

Summary: The District's attorney, Andrew Paine from Tressler LLP, will present information regarding the referendum. The presentation is attached.

Recommendation: None. Informational only.

Motion: None. Informational only.

The Dos and Don'ts of Referendum Advocacy

Presented by:

Andrew S. Paine | apaine@tresslerllp.com

Skokie Park District

August 11, 2026

Today's Topics

- » Referenda/Public Questions
 - › Prohibited Political Activities
- » Dos and Don'ts of Referendum Advocacy
 - › Park District Employees
 - › Commissioners
- » Common examples of “political activity”
 - › What is allowed and what isn't
- » Q&A

Prohibited Political Activity

Prohibited Political Activity

» State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1 *et seq.*)

- › The Act requires all units of local government, including Park Districts, to adopt ordinances or resolutions regulating political activities and the making and accepting of gifts in a manner no less restrictive than the provisions of the Act.

» Model Ethics Ordinance – developed by Illinois Attorney General

- › Park District has adopted the same (or a very similar) ordinance

Key Definitions

- » “Officer” means an elected or appointed official, regardless of whether he/she is compensated for service in his/her official capacity.
 - › This term includes park commissioners, and park board/district officers, such as the secretary and treasurer, who are appointed by the park board.

- » “Employee” means a full-time or part-time employee or a contracted employee of the park district
 - › Does not include a true independent contractor.

Key Definitions

- » “Compensated time” means, with respect to an employee, any time worked by or credited to the employee that counts toward any minimum work time requirement imposed as a condition of his/her employment, but does not include any designated holidays, vacation periods, personal time, or compensatory time off, and does not include any period when the employer is on a true “leave of absence.”
- » “Leave of absence” means any period during which an employee does not receive (i) compensation for employment, (ii) service credit towards pension benefits, and (iii) health insurance benefits paid for by the park district.

Key Definitions

- » Please note: With respect to officers or employees whose hours are not fixed, “compensated time” includes any period of time when the officer or employee is on premises under the control of the park district *and any other time when the officer or employee is executing his/her official duties, regardless of location.*
- » This definition creates an issue with respect to employees, such as the Director, whose duties require them to be “on call” at all times and whether that means that all of their time is “compensated time”.

Key Definitions

» “Prohibited Political Activity” means:

- › Preparing for, organizing, or participating in any political meeting, political rally, political demonstration, or other political event;
- › Soliciting contributions, including but not limited to the purchase of, selling, distributing, or receiving payment for tickets for any political fundraiser, political meeting, or other political event;
- › Soliciting, planning the solicitation of, or preparing any document or report regarding anything of value intended as a campaign contribution;
- › Planning, conducting, or participating in a public opinion poll in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;

Key Definitions

» “Prohibited Political Activity” means:

- › Surveying or gathering information from potential or actual voters in an election to determine probable vote outcome in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;
- › Assisting at the polls on election day on behalf of any political organization or candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- › Soliciting votes on behalf of a candidate for elective office or a political organization or for or against any referendum question or helping in an effort to get voters to the polls;
- › Initiating for circulation, preparing, circulating, reviewing, or filing any petition on behalf of a candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;

Key Definitions

» “Prohibited Political Activity” means:

- › Making contributions on behalf of any candidate for elective office in that capacity or in connection with a campaign for elective office;
- › Preparing or reviewing responses to candidate questionnaires;
- › Distributing, preparing for distribution, or mailing campaign literature, campaign signs, or other campaign material on behalf of any candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- › Campaigning for any elective office or for or against any referendum question;

Key Definitions

» “Prohibited Political Activity” means:

- › Managing or working on a campaign for elective office or for or against any referendum questions;
- › Serving as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to a political party convention;
- › Participating in any recount or challenge to the outcome of any election.

Key Restrictions

- » Park District “officers” and “employees” are prohibited from:
 - › Intentionally performing any “prohibited political activity” during any “compensated time”;
 - › Intentionally using any funds, or property, or resources of the Park District in connection with any “prohibited political activity” at any time;
 - › Intentionally requiring at any time any other officer or employee to perform any prohibited political activity (i) as part of that officer’s or employee’s duties, (ii) as a condition of employment, or (iii) during any compensated time off (such as paid holidays, vacation or personal time off); and
 - › Intentionally requiring any other officer or employee to participate in any prohibited political activity in consideration for that officer or employee being awarded additional compensation or any benefit, whether in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment or otherwise, or from awarding additional compensation or any benefit in consideration for his or her participation in any prohibited political activity.

Park Commissioners and Prohibited Political Activities

- » Because park commissioners serve without compensation, unless a commissioner is receiving compensation as an appointed officer (e.g. the Board/District secretary or treasurer) he/she is free to personally engage in any of the fifteen listed prohibited political activities above.
- » However, certain restrictions still apply.

Park Commissioners and Prohibited Political Activities

» Examples of permissible Commissioner activities include:

- › Attend gatherings to speak about the benefit of referendum passage in their own homes, in the homes of other citizens or at locations other than Park District facilities. They could attend gathering in Park District facilities provided they only present factual information and do not use the gathering to persuade or urge persons to vote for the referendum proposition.
- › Distribute literature urging passage of the referendum provided no Park District funds were used to draft the text of the literature, print the literature or mail or otherwise distribute the literature, no Park District facilities or equipment were used in the endeavor and no Park District employees on compensated time were used in the endeavor (keep in mind the definition of during any “compensated time”).

Park Commissioners and Prohibited Political Activities

» Examples of permissible Commissioner activities include:

- › Telephone, fax, e-mail, text, or mail literature to people urging referendum passage, provided Park District telephones, fax machines, postage meters, stamps, funds or staff on compensated time are not used, and Park District funds are not used to reimburse the cost of the calls or transmissions paid for by the commissioners, staff or others, and provided Park District employees during compensated time are not used to assist in any of these efforts.
- › Obtain public records from the Park District pursuant to a FOIA request, which records will be used in connection with a referendum passage effort. In such instances I recommend that the District not waive the fees for record copies unless such waiver is pursuant to a clearly established Park District policy with respect to waiver of fees for public records not in excess of a certain number of pages. I recommend that waiver not be based on a finding that disclosure of the record furthers a public interest.

Park Commissioners and Prohibited Political Activities

» However, certain restrictions still apply. Keep in mind that commissioners may not:

- › Use any park district funds, property or resources including without limitation Park District telephones, offices, postage, stationery, or other Park District property or the services of Park District employees while they are on “compensated time” as defined above; or
- › Require any park district officer or employee to engage in any of the fifteen activities listed above (i) as part of his/her duties (i.e. while on duty), (ii) as a condition of employment or appointment, (iii) during any compensated time off (i.e. paid holiday, vacation or personal time off), (iv) whether on or off duty in consideration for that officer/employee being awarded additional compensation or any benefit, whether in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, comp time off, continued employment or otherwise; or
- › Award an employee or officer additional compensation or any benefit in consideration for his/her participation (on or off duty) in any of the listed prohibited political activities (park commissioners could not “reward” an employee for assisting in the passage of a referendum by giving him/her a bonus, extra time off, a gift, etc.) or
- › Authorize or direct an employee or officer of the Park District to use any Park District funds, property or resources to engage in any of the prohibited activities whether on or off compensated time.

Dissemination of Factual Material

- » Park District funds, property and resource may be authorized and/or used by commissioners, officers and employees for dissemination of factual information, only, relative to any referendum question. Examples of such permitted activities would include:
 - › Printing and mailing of fact sheets which contain just factual information concerning the referendum question. It must be emphasized that there cannot be any “persuasion” language in this document.
 - › Commissioners and staff (but only those staff who are truly not on compensated time) may attend meetings, coffees and the like to persuade persons to vote in favor of the referendum so long as no Park District funds, property or resources are used in connection with these gatherings.
 - › Commissioners and staff (even on compensated time as part of their official duties) may conduct and attend meetings where only factual information is presented and may use Park District funds, property or resources in connection with these gatherings.
 - › “Friends” of the Park District or similar organizations or groups can campaign for the referendum, including printing and distributing documents urging referendum passage, provided again that no Park District funds, property or resources can be used in connection with that effort.

Questions?





Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Keli Stonitsch, Director of Human Resources

RE: Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance Renewal

Summary: The District's health insurance coverage through the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) is up for renewal effective January 1, 2027. For the District's current PPO plan, BCBSIL proposed a 25.4% rate increase. The HMO plan increase is 15.8%.

To reduce costs, the District reviewed alternative PPO options and selected the BCBSIL BCO plan, with a 16.9% increase. The District will retain its current HMO plan at the 15.8% increase. The PPO plan change will result in an estimated annual savings of \$94,894.

The District's current monthly health insurance premium of \$123,720 will increase to \$144,292 effective January 1, 2027.

In addition, the District will increase employee contribution percentages toward the monthly HMO and PPO health insurance premiums as follows:

HMO

	CURRENT - 2026 Employee % Contributions	2026 Employee Monthly Premium	NEW - 2027 Employee % Contributions	2027 Employee Monthly Premium	Diff. per month	Diff. Per Paycheck
Employee Only	11.36%	\$100.00	15.00%	\$147.00	\$47.00	\$23.50
Employee + Children	18.64%	\$292.00	20.00%	\$349.00	\$57.00	\$28.50
Employee + Spouse	21.92%	\$366.00	23.00%	\$428.00	\$62.00	\$31.00
Family	27.68%	\$652.00	29.00%	\$761.00	\$109.00	\$54.50

PPO

	CURRENT - 2026 Employee % Contributions	2026 Employee Monthly Premium	NEW - 2027 Employee % Contributions	2027 Employee Monthly Premium	Difference per month	Diff. Per Paycheck
Employee Only	11.03%	\$110.00	15.00%	\$175.00	\$65.00	\$32.50
Employee + Children	18.26%	\$324.00	20.00%	\$414.00	\$90.00	\$45.00
Employee + Spouse	21.37%	\$404.00	23.00%	\$508.00	\$104.00	\$52.00
Family	27.21%	\$726.00	29.00%	\$904.00	\$178.00	\$89.00

The Dental PPO plan premium rate is increasing 9.9% effective January 1, 2027. There are no premium rate changes to the Dental HMO, Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Vision Insurance. The table below outlines total monthly premium increases per carrier.

Carrier	2026 Monthly Premium	2027 Monthly Premium
BCBS of IL	\$123,720	\$144,292
Delta Dental of IL	\$4,922	\$5,434
Securian (Life)	\$851	\$851
VSP	\$1,042	\$1,042
Total	\$130,535	\$151,619

Recommendation: Continue using the IPBC for health, dental, vision and life insurance for 12 months beginning January 1, 2027, with a total monthly premium of \$151,619, based on current census.

Motion: Move to approve the IPBC for health, dental, vision and life insurance for 12 months beginning January 1, 2027, with a monthly premium of \$151,619, based on current census.



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

RE: Authorization to Dispose of Fixed Assets Ordinance #26-005

Summary: Staff requests authorization to dispose of the following assets:

Assignment/ Vehicle Number	Year	Mileage/ Hours	Vin Number #	Manufacturer
#111 F750	2008	46,053	3FRXF75E48V646187	Ford
#700 Heavy duty trailer	1995	N/A	4U161AFX1S1X32599	Dynaweld
Toro Zero Turn Riding Mower	2006	2,585	N/A	Toro
#209 Ballfield Machine	2011	1,129	N/A	Toro

The above vehicles and equipment have outlived their useful life and will be disposed of through an outline auction.

The only vehicle in the fleet that requires a commercial driver's license (CDL) to operate is listed to sell and will eliminate the requirement of staff needing to possess or obtain a CDL license moving forward. The process of obtaining a CDL has become very expensive and time consuming and the size of the truck is not conducive to getting into and around in parks. The large trailer pulled by that vehicle is also listed as it will no longer be of use without the truck.

Staff is requesting authorization to dispose of the assets at the best price available, with funds to be placed back into the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Ordinance #25-005 authorizing the disposal of various fixed assets.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance #25-005 authorizing the disposal of various fixed assets.

Ordinance No. 26-005
An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale
Of Personal Property Owned By
The Skokie Park District

WHEREAS, the Skokie Park District is the owner of the following **vehicles or equipment** purchased several years ago for a specified and limited purpose;

Assignment/ Vehicle Number	Year	Mileage/ Hours	Vin Number #	Manufacturer
#111 F750	2008	46,053	3FRXF75E48V646187	Ford
#700 Heavy Duty Trailer	1995	N/A	4U161AFX1S1X32599	Dynaweld
Toro Zero Turn Riding Mower	2006	2,585	N/A	Toro
#209 Ballfield Machine	2011	1,129	N/A	Toro

And

WHEREAS, at least three-fifths (3/5) of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District finds that the said personal property is no longer necessary or useful to the Park District in that, because of its age and condition, cannot be utilized for any of the Park District's current needs or operations;

WHEREAS, the Park District wishes to authorize its conveyance or sale of the personal property or otherwise investigate sources for the conveyance or sale of said property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS as follows:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to authority granted to the Park District under 70ILSC 1205/8-22 and the findings of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District as set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance incorporated herein as part of this Ordinance, the Skokie Park District is hereby authorized to convey or sell the equipment listed in any manner designated by the Board, with or without advertising said sale or conveyance.

SECTION 2: That the Board of Park Commissioners shall authorize staff to dispose of the said personal property by auction to the public, staff or any form of sale in which the Park District can attain a reasonable value for the property.

SECTION 3: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED this 18th day of August 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this 18th day of August 2026.

President
Skokie Park District

Attest:
Secretary



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

RE: Approval of Skatium Cooling Units Installation

Summary: Staff is seeking approval to purchase and install cooling units at the Skatium. This purchase is being made through the OMNIA joint purchase program and the proposal is attached.

This project will add cooling units to reduce temperatures in the mechanical room and keep related equipment within appropriate operating ranges. The temperatures currently exceed the recommendations for the equipment housed there and have led to issues with the performance of some of the equipment, most notably the compressors.

A heat load analysis was completed by PremiStar to confirm that the equipment specified will be adequate. PremiStar will be completing the work and has been involved with many other Skatium repairs as well as preventive maintenance.

There is \$55,000 budgeted for this project in the capital fund. The total cost for this equipment and associated work is \$74,095, which includes a 3-ton cooling unit, a 5-ton cooling unit, electrical work, and a structural engineering survey. There are two large projects being moved out of the capital fund this year, the Skokie Heritage Museum windows (\$190,000), and the Devonshire boiler replacement (\$120,000 budgeted), so there is ample room for the overage past the budgeted amount. The installation will occur as soon as the equipment arrives.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the proposal of PremiStar for the Skatium Cooling Units Installation for \$74,095.

Motion: Move to approve the proposal of PremiStar for the Skatium Cooling Units Installation for \$74,095.



PremiStarSM

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Date : August 4, 2026

**To Kurt Van Helms
Skokie Park District
9300 Weber Park Place
Skokie, IL 60077**

RE: Compressor Room Cooling

PremiStar proposes the following:

Objective Summary: Provide cooling to compressor room focusing the cooling on the compressor and control panel side of the room. Due to the limited installation location space available, we designed 2 separate split systems that best fit and accommodate the space and requirements available.

Provide and install 1x Carrier 4 ton cooling only split system R454B 15 SEER 1 stage to include the following:

1. Interior air handler with hangers and hardware
2. Second drain drip pan installed below indoor air handler.
3. 1x Return air filter rack installed on AHU with air filter.
4. Supply ductwork lined with 1" interior insulation. With 3 double deflection diffusers installed.
5. Condensate P trap with Drain line to closest floor drain in room.
6. New line-set with low voltage communication wiring.
7. Roof utility porthole Roofing allowance included
8. Roof condensing unit roof rails roofing allowance included.
9. Crane pick rental for AC unit.
10. Digital wall stat with 24 volt loose wiring included
11. Added low ambient controls to allow for cooling down to 10F.
12. Leak check system after pipe completion, evacuation of system vacuum test before charging.
13. Install electric service to new equipment as required.
14. Clean up work site.

Provide and install 1x Carrier 3 ton side wall heat pump split system R454B modulating capacity.

1. 1x Interior sidewall unit
2. 1x Exterior AC condensing unit variable speed inverter compressor
3. Roof utility port hole roofing allowance included
4. Roof equipment rails roofing allowance included
5. Line set with communication wiring
6. Wired remote digital T stat with low voltage wiring included.

7. Condensate drain pump with drain piping to closest room drain source.
8. Leak check system after pipe completion, evacuation of system record vacuum test before charging
9. Install new electric service to equipment as required.
10. Start up check adjust system.
11. Clean up work site.

_____ **Price for the above work (tax excluded) \$69,494.00**

_____ **Alternate add for a 5 ton split system instead of 4 ton Add \$1605.00**

_____ **Structural Engineering survey add \$2996.00**

Warranty: 1 year total parts on equipment with 5 year compressor parts per vendor terms conditions.

Clarifications Notes Exclusions:

- All work performed by local 597 Pipe Fitters and or local 265-73 Sheet Metal Workers.
- Invoicing: 33% down payment, with progress billing of 33% when equipment is accepted, with balance due upon completion.
- Not included in this proposal is: Overtime labor, testing or balancing, fire alarm controls or interlocks, smoke fire detectors, painting, shop drawings, permit fees, structural modifications or alterations. Note new power electric service to included indoor air handler and two outdoor condensing units.
- Price is firm for 30 days and is subject to price at time of order due to materials/labor increases out of our control. ** Tariff Notice All pricing is subject to tariff volatility and can change without prior notice.

Thank you for your confidence in PremiStar and for the opportunity to be of service to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 708-927-6207.

Sincerely,
PremiStar (formerly RMC)

Chuck Caporale
Sr. Sales Engineer
ccaporale@premistar.com

Customer's Acceptance:

By _____

Title; _____

Date _____

PO# _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSAL

1. NO MODIFICATIONS

The contract arising by acceptance of your offer pursuant to this proposal shall not be amended, modified or rescinded except by written agreement signed by an authorized official of each party, expressly referring to this contract. The Purchaser understands that no sales person or other representative of the Seller has the authority to make any agreement, contract, warranty, term, promise, condition or understanding, express or implied, which is not expressed herein or in a written modification of this contract signed by authorized officials of each party.

2. REMEDIES OF SELLER

Prior to the installation of the equipment and materials to be furnished and sold pursuant to this contract, title to said equipment and materials shall remain with the Seller, and, in the case of non-payment, Seller shall be entitled to any and all remedies of an unpaid or an unpaid seller under the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code, including the right of the seller to repossess said equipment and materials with or without legal process. After any or all of said equipment and materials have been installed pursuant to this contract, then as to that part of said equipment and materials which have been installed, and the labor and service related thereto, the Seller shall have the right to place a mechanic's lien against the premises where said equipment and material have been installed pursuant to the applicable statutes and law relating to mechanic's liens for the furnishing of labor and materials. Any payment due Seller under this contract is payable on receipt of Seller's invoice. A late payment charge of 1½% per month (annual percentage rate of 18%) shall be added to the unpaid past due balance after 30 days and purchase agrees to bear any legal expense incurred including cost of correction.

3. WARRANTIES

The Seller, unless equipment is sold without installation service, shall provide labor, free of charge, to install replacement parts of the machinery and apparatus sold hereunder that may become defective in workmanship or material within thirty days from the date of installation. Parts shall be covered under warranty for the length of the manufacturer's warranty from the date of purchase. The Seller's obligation shall be merely to furnish and install duplicate parts as provided herein, and the Seller shall not be liable for defects arising from normal wear and tear, or breakage caused by carelessness or negligence in operation, nor is Seller responsible for any alterations that may be made in the machinery and equipment without its consent. THE FOREGOING WARRANTIES ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OR MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

4. LIMITS OF LIABILITY

The Seller shall in no event be held liable or accountable to the Purchaser and/or to any other party whatsoever for the actual, incidental and/or consequential damages or losses due to, but not limited to, any one of the following: interruption in use of equipment, or stoppage of production, failure to maintain desired temperatures or humidity levels, electrical power surge or loss, high or low voltage, inadequate power, blown or burned out main or branch fuses, open circuit breaker, lack of adequate natural gas or fuel supply or pressure, inadequate or excessive water supply or pressure, inadequate or excessive hot water or steam supply or pressure, water in oil, contamination of water supply or atmosphere, accident, freezing, flooding, lightning, storms, malicious mischief, willful damage, misuse, abuse, negligence, fire, explosion, theft, clogged filters, delays in installation and/or services, time or manner of service of any equipment, failure to meet completion dates, engineering and/or design defects, improper installation, operation of equipment beyond design conditions, labor disturbances, strikes, riot, civil commotion, lockouts, commercial delays, spoilage, loss of business, asbestos, rust or corrosion, the inability to procure materials and/or parts from the usual source of supply, war conditions, Acts of God or for any contingencies that are unavoidable or beyond the control of the Seller. Seller is not responsible for conforming to any governmental codes, laws and/or regulations. Under no circumstances shall Seller be responsible or liable for any indirect, incidental or consequential damage or alleged personal injury of any kind relating to or arising out of the existence, effect, removal or treatment of an Organic Pathogen (i.e., any type of bacteria, virus, fungus, mildew, wet or dry rot, mold or mycotoxin, as well as their spores, odors and byproducts, along with any reproductive body they produce, and any material containing them). In no event, shall the Seller be liable to the Purchaser and/or to any party whatsoever for actual, incidental and/or consequential damages or losses. Seller shall not be required to identify, detect, encapsulate, or remove asbestos, or products or materials containing asbestos or similarly hazardous substances. Seller shall not be liable for any losses or damages due to inability of the building structure to properly support the equipment installed. It is expressly agreed that the seller assumes no liability for negligence or failure whatsoever. All labor is to be performed during Seller's regular working hours unless so specified otherwise in writing.

5. INSTALLATION AND COMPLETION

Unless specifically enumerated in proposal as Seller's responsibility, Purchaser is responsible for: providing access (and removing structures or objects which interfere with this access) to equipment installation location; for structural supports for all equipment supplied; for local permits and codes; for providing adequate utility source (gas, electric, steam, water) adjacent to equipment. Completion dates are estimates only. No contract will be made to complete on a specified date unless in writing, signed by the Corporate President or Secretary of the Seller.

6. INSURANCE

Purchaser agrees to insure said merchandise against the hazards of fire at Purchaser's sole cost and to be responsible in any event for any loss or damage to the said machinery and equipment by fire, theft or other casualty. Purchaser agrees to assign to the Seller upon request the proceeds of any insurance paid by reason of loss from any cause whatsoever to the merchandise described herein. Seller shall apply said proceeds to the balance due by the Purchaser under this contract.

7. ASSIGNMENT

No transfer, renewal, extension or assignment of this contract or any interest hereunder or loss, injury, or destruction of said property shall release the Purchaser from his obligation hereunder. Every assignee of the Seller and/or its assigns shall be entitled to all the rights and remedies of the Seller. The term "Seller" wherever used in this contract includes Seller's successors and assigns, unless otherwise defined.

8. ACCEPTANCE

Prior to written acceptance by Seller, the Seller shall have no responsibility for any work performed or financial obligations incurred by or on behalf of the Purchaser in anticipation of Seller's acceptance.

9. CANCELLATION

After written acceptance by Purchaser, should the Purchaser decide to cancel all or any part of the work specified in this proposal, the Purchaser shall reimburse to the Seller any costs already incurred, including but not limited to restocking fees for parts and equipment affected by such cancellation.

PremiStar



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

RE: Dr. Bessie Rhodes OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization

Summary: As part of the OSLAD Grant process the Illinois Department of Natural Resources requires a Resolution of Authorization where the agency applying for the grant guarantees that funds are available and that the project will be completed or parcel purchased in the time frame allowed. A copy of the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization is attached for execution. This resolution must be approved to be included in the grant application due August 31, 2026.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board execute the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization.

Motion: Move to approve the execution of the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies.

OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization

Form OS/DOC-3

Applicant (Sponsor) Legal Name: _____

Project Title: _____

The _____ (Sponsor) hereby certifies and acknowledges that it has the sufficient funds necessary (includes cash and value of donated land) to complete the pending OSLAD project within the timeframes specified herein for project execution, and that failure to adhere to the specified project timeframe or failure to proceed with the project because of insufficient funds or change in local recreation priorities is sufficient cause for project grant termination which will also result in the ineligibility of the local project sponsor for subsequent Illinois IDNR outdoor recreation grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles following project termination.

Acquisition and Development Projects

It is understood that the project must be completed within the timeframe established. The OSLAD timeframe is two years as is specified in the project agreement. The Billing Certification Statement must be submitted within 45 days of the grant expiration date and the last reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the grant expiration date. Failure to do so will result in the Project Sponsor forfeiting all project reimbursements and relieves IDNR from further payment obligations on the grant.

The _____ (Sponsor) further acknowledges and certifies that it will comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of 1) the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program (17 IL Adm. Code 3025); 2) the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705); 3) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Illinois Displaced Persons Relocation Act (310 ILCS 40 et. seq.), as applicable; 4) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et.seq.); 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83-352); 6) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135); 7) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259); and 8) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (PL 101-336); and will maintain the project area in an attractive and safe condition, keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility, cease any farming operations, and obtain from the Illinois DNR written approval for any change or conversion of approved outdoor recreation use of the project site prior to initiating such change or conversion; and for property **acquired** with OSLAD assistance, agree to place a covenant restriction on the project property deed at the time of recording that stipulates the property must be used, in perpetuity, for public outdoor recreation purposes in accordance with the OSLAD programs and cannot be sold or exchanged, in whole or part, to another party without approval from the Illinois DNR, and that development at the site will commence within 3 years.

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED that the _____ (Sponsor) certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached application is true and correct.

This Resolution of Authorization has been duly discussed and adopted by the _____ (Sponsor)
on the _____ day of _____ (month), _____ (year)

Name (printed / typed)

Attested by: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Title



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Dr. Bessie Rhodes OSLAD Grant Preliminary Design

Summary: As part of the OSLAD Grant process the Illinois Department of Natural Resources requires that a preliminary design be submitted. This layout is intended solely to support the grant application and is not a final design or a commitment to any specific plan. The design is being finalized and will be available for discussion at the board meeting.

Recommendation: None, informational only.

Motion: None, informational only.



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director, Breanne Labus, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities, and Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

RE: Sports Park East – Field Design

Summary: As a response to the July Board meeting, Wight & Co. were asked to redesign Sports Park East to incorporate a baseball field. Adding a baseball field eliminated one soccer field. The revised design is attached.

Staff does have some concerns about errant baseballs and cricket balls given the close proximity of the fields to one another, as well as to Oakton Street and McCormick Boulevard. Netting will likely be the solution. If the project moves forward, we will determine the appropriate netting based on the final design and cost.

Staff also completed an analysis of the need for another regulation sized baseball field (90-foot bases), similar to the field at Laramie Park. The analysis shows that the District is able to meet the field needs of Skokie Youth and Skokie Baseball on its smaller fields; there is limited need from the affiliates for a regulation field. However, the affiliates do utilize Laramie occasionally and have expressed the desire to use it more often.

The analysis also showed that many resident and non-resident groups rent the field. In 2025, Laramie Park was rented 166 times—75 rentals by residents and 91 by non-residents—generating \$24,365 in revenue. In addition to these rentals, Skokie Park District leagues used the field approximately 138 times. Staff did not track how many rental requests were denied due to limited availability, but based on the current level of use, we are confident that a second field at Sports Park East would be heavily utilized. The additional revenue would help support the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the field.

Staff also plan to revise the current field reservation process to give resident groups, including affiliates, priority when reserving the Laramie Park field.

Staff also clarified the requirements for a potential turf infield with

MWRD. There is a possibility of installing a turf infield, but the material would need to be PFAS-free. This option will require further investigation and may be incorporated in the design if the project moves forward, if the product is deemed reliable, and if the cost is feasible.

Recommendation: Staff recommends including the addition of a regulation sized baseball field (90-foot bases) in the project design at Sports Park East and sharing it with the community.

Motion: Move to include a regulation sized baseball field (90-foot bases) in the field design at Sports Park East and share it with the community.





Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: August 18, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Authorization for Business Related Travel for Park Board Commissioners

Summary: Based on Public Act 99-0604 and the District's Travel Policy Ordinance # 16-013, Park Board Commissioners participating in official business-related travel must have travel approved in advance by a roll call vote of the Board.

For September 29-October 1, 2026, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Commissioners Fischer, Williams and Kasalo - Terihaj will be attending.

Recommendation: Recommend approval of travel for Commissioners Fischer, Williams and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 29-October 1, 2026.

Motion: Move to approve business related travel for Commissioners Fischer, Williams, and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania September 29-October 1, 2026.



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report August 2026



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The exterior painting project at the Tot Learning Center is complete.
- The contractor has finished the log chinking restoration at the Skokie Heritage Museum.
- The stair tread replacement was completed at Sports Park bringing an end to upgrades at Sports Park.
- The horticulture staff cleared and wood chipped downed branches from the recent windstorms.
- The contractor completed their portion of the Gross Point camera installation, and the operations staff installed the hardware and camera. The camera is now live.
- The horticulture staff removed and installed the Story Stroll boards at Peccia Park.
- The operations staff lined the basketball courts at Devonshire, Gleiss, and Terminal parks.

**Skokie Park District
Recreation and Facilities Board Report
August 2026**

**Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities – Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation - Mary Amato
Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities – Corrie Guynn**

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties

Aquatics and Rowing

	2025	2026
Pool Passes	\$347,328	\$369,076
Birthday Parties	\$17,195	\$20,010
Private Rentals	\$18,320	\$20,230
Daily Fees - DAC	\$25,058	\$27,070
Concessions - DAC	\$10,980	\$9,046
Daily Fees - SWP	\$171,828	\$191,570
Concessions - SWP	\$37,355	\$42,165

Devonshire

	2025	2026
Room Rental	7	6
Birthday Parties	0	4

Emily Oaks Nature Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	3	2
Birthday Parties	4	2

Oakton/Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Room Rental	12	17
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	30	39
Exploritorium Group Visits	13	12

Park Services

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	3	5

Rally Room

	2025	2026
Room Rental	n/a	5
Court Rental (with Room)	n/a	2

Skatium

	2025	2026
Birthday Party Rentals	6	6
Studio Rink Rentals	N/A ice removed for summer	N/A ice removed for summer
Main Rink Rentals	9	3

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Room Rental	0	0

Weber Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	4	5
Birthday Parties	5	2

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Admissions	2,903	3,078

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Visits	1,146	1,318

Skokie Sports Park

	2025	2026
Range	\$170,646	\$162,923
Simulator	\$3,532	\$3,350
Grass Tees	\$4,025	\$3,930
Mini Golf	\$49,117	\$49,522
Batting Cages	\$9,646	\$10,236
Concessions	\$6,092	\$6,665
Alcohol	\$5,077	\$5,515
Total	\$248,135	\$242,141

Weber/Athletics

	2025	2026
Open Gym	100	169

Late Night	710	329
Table Tennis	71	88
Open Pickleball	n/a	11
Private Tennis/Pickleball	20	4

Weber Golf Course

Revenues	2025	2026
Greens Fees	\$35,807	\$34,925
Rentals	\$1,627	\$1,878
Concessions	\$1,439	\$1,292
Alcohol	\$1,409	\$1,389
Total	\$40,282	\$39,484

Childcare Enrollment

Devonshire Preschool

	2025/2026	2026/2027
2's	15	15
3's	33	16
4's	30	29
Enrichment*	36	9
Total	114	69

*More enrichment registration will occur when fall registration opens August 15.

Emily Oaks Growing Sprouts

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	22 + 1	21 + 8

SPACE

	2025	2026
AM	201	231
PM	582	577
Total	783	808

Tot Learning Center

	2025	2026
Infants	7	13
Toddler 1	12	17
Toddler 2	16	16
2/3's	15	17
Preschool	19	19
Pre-K	17	17
Total	86	99

Athletics- Curt Evans

Athletic Fields

	2025	2026
NBL Basketball	8 Teams	8 Teams
Torah Softball	10 Teams	10 Teams
CSYBA Baseball	12 Teams	9 Teams
Cricket	4 Groups	6 Groups

Aquatics – Scott Runkle

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Winter in July was held at the Devonshire Aquatic Center with over 100 participants.
- Both facilities were closed due to wildfire smoke which affected revenue.
- Select campers participated in the World's Largest Swim Lesson at both facilities.

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Sunday Concert on July 12 featured Ben Tator and the Tator Tots for the children's performance and the Jolly Ringwalds, for all ages. Audience numbered 250. On July 26, The Rhythm Rockets performed for 275 people.
- DCFS Accreditation review of files was completed on August 5. The review will be completed with classroom management inspection on September 18.
- Guys and Dolls auditions were held with 75 auditioning, casting is ongoing.
- The Historic Show, Kiss and Tell will be performed on August 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Pancake Breakfast in the Woods (306 people served), (285 tickets sold + 16 volunteers + 5 staff/volunteers)
- Perfect weather, helpful volunteers, and a steady line of customers contributed to a successful event Pancake Breakfast in the Woods on July 12.
- Two sponsors supported the Pancake Breakfast financially but were not present.
- This event generated \$2,344 in gross revenues, plus sponsorship fees.

Drop-in Programming (Classes/Groups)	2025	2026
School Group + Self-guided	2 + 0	0 + 1
Scout/Youth Group Activities + Self-guided	0 + 3	2 + 0
Total	5	3

Volunteer Program (July)

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	32.75
At-home Projects	2.0
Land Management	16.5
Kawaga Garden Workday	7.0
Wildflower Workday	7.0
Facility Support	0.75
Special Events (Pancake Breakfast)	85.0
Total Hours	151.0

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Drive-In Movie: 72 cars participated
- Red, White & Blue Active Adult Bingo: 100 participants
- Storybook Corner: 10
- Sensory Play & Create: 78
- Parent-Tot Yoga: 59
- Paint & Play: 89

Skatium Ice Arena – Brandi Luecke

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Skatium has addressed several issues since the last board report but continues to be plagued by additional mechanical issues.
 - o Roof Top Unit 3 has a bad condenser fan that needs to be replaced.
 - o Storms overnight from July 2 into July 3 caused a power failure that locked out the rink chiller system and the boilers. PremiStar came in to do a hard restart of the equipment. Ice temp went up to 28 degrees during the course of the outage, but thankfully there was no loss of ice nor damage to the equipment caused by the failure.
 - o There was a leak in the hydronic water system due to a gasket being dried out and crushed, leading to a noticeable loss of water and the system needing to be manually filled back up. The leak was located in the part of the system that is in the compressor room. The damaged gasket was replaced.
 - o Compressor 2 began to leak oil; the source of the leak was a damaged oil filter gasket (similar gasket issues to compressor 1). PremiStar believes that the gaskets are not holding up due to the compressor room being too warm and the compressors running too hot because of it.
- Carpet in the Skatium lobby is not holding up, and there are several holes and frays in the carpet. Scharm Floor Covering came in on July 29 and laid down two different test areas of carpet.
- The backflow for the Zamboni fill station line (domestic 140° line) was flowing consistently. Chicago Backflow investigated the issue and had to replace the backflow valve.

- The Skatium's Ammonia Gas Detection System had its annual inspection and testing completed on July 8.
- Hockey Director, Joe Schulz, ran street hockey activities in the Kids Zone at the Farmer's Market on July 19 and was able to engage with 50 families. Foam pucks with the Skokie Flyers logo and Public Skate passes were passed out to the families.
- Figure Skating summer camp has been thrilling audiences every Friday with an exhibition of their amazing skating skills. On Friday, August 7, the camp welcomed special guest Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners at the invitation of Josina Morita, Commissioner of the 13th District whose daughter, Meiko, is a skater at the camp.

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Five volunteers contributed over 32 service hours, and museum staff responded to five research requests, including one for a law professor in California under contract for Hachette Book Group with a forthcoming book on the attempted Nazi demonstration in Skokie for its 50-year anniversary 2027-2028.
- The Meyer family log cabin restoration project to restore its exterior daubing to more historically- and preservation-appropriate materials was completed, along with a fun social media video explaining more about the cabin's history and significance.
- Museum staff collaborated with the Downtown Skokie Merchants Collaborative to host a free movie showing on Brown Street. The movie was *National Treasure* in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The museum provided themed activities before the show. About 70 people attended. A handful of attendees and passersby gave enthusiastic compliments and thanks for hosting the event.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Several days of poor air quality limited the number of patrons on the driving range.
- Birthday parties and pavilion rentals remain consistent.
- The pavilion tee mats were replaced and received praise from many patrons.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Children enrolled in the Preschool, Pre-K, and 2/3s classroom enjoyed off-site field trips to Chuck E Cheese, Pirates' Cove, "The Three Little Pigs" at the Chicago Children's Theatre, and Kohls Children's Museum.
- On-site presentations and activities included the summer reading program from the Skokie Library, Fun in the Sun.
- Family pool night was canceled due to weather. Plans are underway to reschedule.

- July curriculum included two weeks of Community Helpers, where parents were invited to host an age-appropriate presentation. Parents presented on banking (Northshore Bank), music, dentistry (AR Dental Innovation), and policing (Evanston Police Department).

Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Several days of poor air quality limited play on the golf course.
- The second Night Golf Scramble was held on July 10 and filled to capacity with 36 participants.
- The Illinois Junior Golf Association will be holding a tournament on August 6 and is expected to bring participants from all over the state.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Currently hiring for a vacant full-time equivalent custodial position.
- Additional cameras were installed in the gymnasium for better viewing and safety.

Fitness First

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Water Fun Run held on July 11 had 27 participants, setting a new participation high for the event.

Memberships

	2025	2026
Active Members	4,264	4,596
Visits*	17,856	16,806
Personal Training Tickets	203	249
Massage Tickets	74	72
Pilates Tickets**	67	27

*Fitness First gate was down again during July resulting in fewer swipes for visits

** We are still seeking a second Pilates instructor and the drop in Pilates is due to Kathy Corigan's retirement.

Photos

The social media coordinator is tasked with taking district photos, with help from the entire C&M staff, and with the occasional assistance of SPD staff and a freelance photographer. A few photos from the past month:



Active Adult 60+ Chicago Cruise & Skokie Story Stroll

Night Golf at WPGC & the new Emerson playground

Social Media — See the following pages for a full social media report.

The C&M department executes the bulk of its advertising now through Facebook boosts, targeting unique demographics with each post, depending on the program, event or facility/park. The social media coordinator takes photos, creates posts and advertising boosts on Facebook, as well as posts on Instagram, TikTok, X and Bluesky. The coordinator also shoots and produces videos for the website, social media and staff use.

Top Projects

- Referendum Information
- SPD website migration
- SPD App Campaign
- Redevelopment of backlotbash.com (complete)
- 'Stand Up Skokie' Summer Campaign
- Oakton Park interpretive sign has arrived



Websites

C&M staff designed, built and maintain four websites, including three major special event sites. Skokieparks.org continues to evolve. The site is translatable in 250 languages.

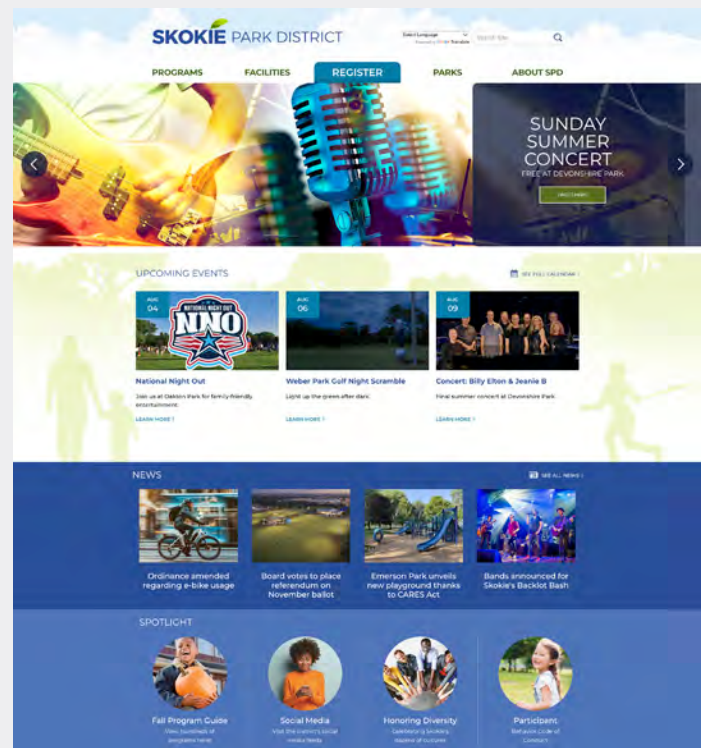
July '26 skokieparks.org analytics

- Active Users – 51,291 (June – 48,321)
- Total Page Views – 137,166 (June – 128,850)
- User Interactions – 267,455 (May – 252,457)

July '26 Top 10 web pages by visits

(June '26 ranking)

1. Homepage (2)
2. Skokie Water Playground (1)
3. Skokie Fireworks Festival (–)
4. Skokie Sports Park (3)
5. Devonshire Aquatic Center (4)
6. The Exploritorium (6)
7. Event Calendar (–)
8. Weber Leisure Center (8)
9. Weber Park Golf Course (10)
10. Swimming Classes (–)



Digital Ad Marquees

In addition to a select few special event ads run in the Pioneer Press and dozens of Facebook ads, the district runs advertising on three outdoor lighted signs, including two double-sided signs, one at Weber and one at Oakton, and a sign facing the Edens Expressway at Park Services. (This one features major events and revenue facility promo only, as Skokie resident traffic is less than 15% of drive-by viewership.)

The district also places ads on indoor eight TV lobby monitors at most district facilities.



Weber and Oakton outdoor lighted sign message

Publications Profile

The C&M department creates more than 210 publications annually, including the current guides below and:

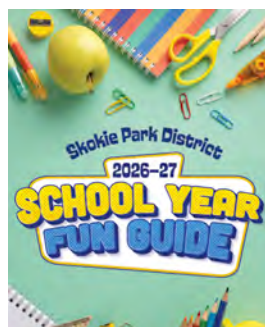
52 SPD weekly e-newsletters, 50 weekly email editions of both *TLC Today* and *Active Adult 60+ Weekly Happenings*, monthly e-newsletters for Fitness First, seasonal e-editions of Hockey, Figure Skating, Skokie Heritage Museum, Summer Camp and Devonshire Theatre e-newsletters, as well as Summer Fun and School Year Fun Guides, and an Annual Report.

Two Fall Program Guides



The 100-page online Fall Guide is now posted. An abbreviated 24-page new-look printed Spotlight Guide is now in all 25,000+ Skokie homes. The Winter Guides are now in pre-production.

School Year Fun Guide



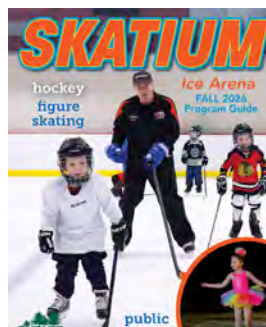
The 8-page folded mini School Year Fun Guide is now in all 25,000+ Skokie homes, highlighting events September through May 2027.

Fall Prime Times



The 8-page activity guide was mailed this month to more than 4,000 Skokie homes with residents age 60 and over. The Winter Guide will go into production in October.

Fall Skatium Guide



The now 8-page Fall Skatium Guide was mailed to 16,000+ homes with children 10 and younger in them, in Skokie, nearby suburbs and in northern Chicago.

Monthly Happenings



This monthly happenings guide, features new and unique ways to have fun, including special events, one day classes, workshops, outings and pop-up events.

District News



New stories are posted on the website and sent to local news organizations.

July 22 —The Skokie Park District board of commissioners last night voted 5-0 to place the district's \$53 million, 20-year bond referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot.

District E-News



The district e-news is sent every Friday to more than 18,000 mostly Skokie emails.

National average open rate – 33%

SPD June open rate – 52%

Weekly e-news included special events, news, the referendum, e-bikes, concerts and movies,



The district sends news releases to, and is covered by, the *Skokie Review*, *The Record North Shore*, *Patch*, *Evanston Now* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

Sponsorship

The Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for summer and fall 2026. \$34,000 has been secured for Skokie's Backlot Bash thus far, as well as more than \$50,000 in other event funds, including in-kind donations.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

July 2026





NOTES & INSIGHTS

Social Media Follow Totals:

- Facebook: 403 new follows, 23 unfollows, 10,762 total
- Instagram: 352 new follows, 56 unfollows, 5,648 total
- X is down 2 followers. 2144 total followers.
- Bluesky is up 31. 204 total followers.
- TikTok is up 147 followers. 1233 total followers.

Higher Frequency Posts (FB): ACT Prep Boost(2.66), Swim Lessons Boost (2.65), Yoga Brunch (2.58)

Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.

High Engagement Posts (FB): Skokie Fireworks Fest Update (284), Reduced Pool Passes (260), Skokie Backlot Bash Announcement (200).

These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.



VIDEO: NOTES & INSIGHTS

Content Strategy:

- How can I "Gen Z" this?
- Does this trend align with our brand?
- How do we feature more part-time college-age staff?
- Can we introduce more lighthearted, fun short-form videos?
- The question remains, does reaching family non-decision makers raise our enrollment?

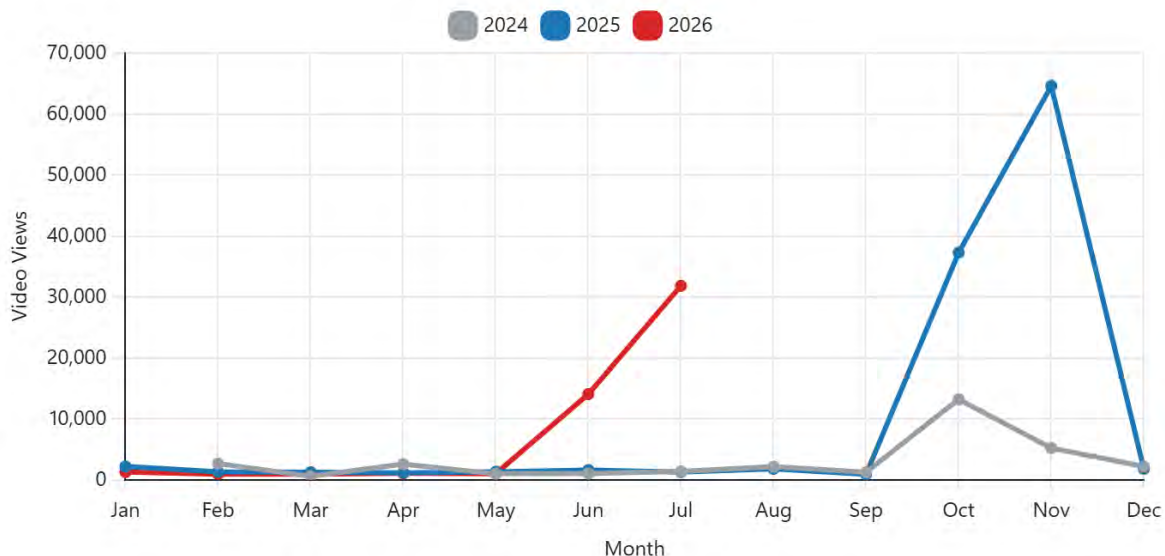
The Effect:

- Videos featuring part-time age staff increased our reach. They were able to carry our message through shares, reshares, comments, etc. between their families, friends, and potential employers.
- Because we started featuring our staff more often, our featured staff started engaging more frequently with our other posts as well.
- Our staff sees the success of these fun videos and wish to be a part of them as well.

Next Month's Goals:

Increase number of videos per week, increase views, & stay consistent with part-time staff vids.

TikTok Video Views by Month and Year

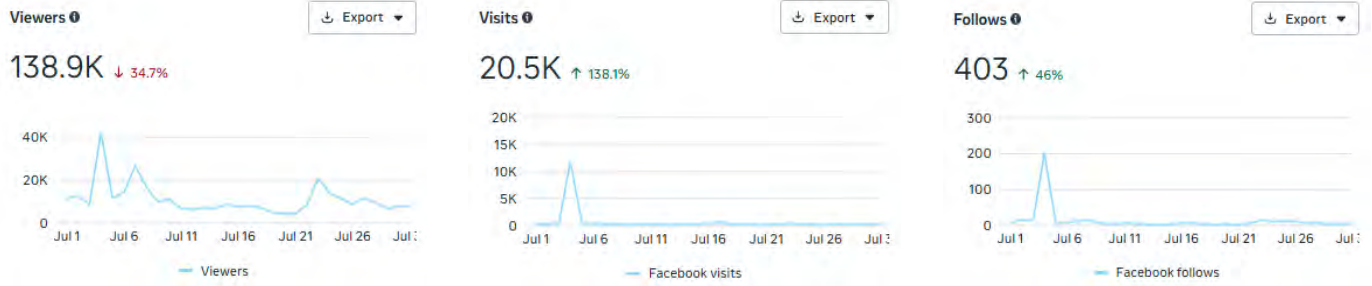


SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

Facebook Reach & Viewers is the number of people who saw any Facebook content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts, stories and ads. It also includes reach from other sources, such as tags, check-ins and Page or profile visits. This number also includes reach from posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

Instagram Reach is the number of people who saw any Instagram content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

Page visits are the number of times our page or profile was visited. Follows are the number of times accounts followed us in the selected time period.



- We hit 755 new followers between FB & IG! This is our biggest single month total, beating out our previous record on June '25 (602 follows)!
- Our biggest post this month was our Fireworks Festival post, along with the video that followed.
 - With a heavy downpour affecting our fest, we were one of a few places still doing a fireworks display under tough circumstances.
 - Rachel made sure every question was answered on our social media comments section. This helped put people at ease, helping them make the decision to come on out, and have a great time with us!
 - Our video that followed helped turn any lingering negative sentiment into positive engagements, as we filmed our staff giving their best fireworks impressions.
 - Through lighthearted messaging, we were able to acknowledge the tough stuff: Yes, it was rainy. No, things weren't ideal, but we had a really great time, nonetheless.
- **Trending Topics:**
 - Facebook: Announcements, events, and general updates.
 - Instagram: Announcements & videos/posts featuring part-time staff.
 - TikTok: Bill speaking Gen Z. This video (as of 8/6/26) has 1058 likes, 26 comments, 80 saves, and 9.9k views.



Top 5

FACEBOOK POSTS

Impressions are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Facebook now uses the terms “Viewers” & “Reach”, with similar definitions and totals.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Viewers: 39,685

Views: 64,136

Interactions: 267

Link Clicks: 1

Reactions: 200

Comments: 42

Shares: 20

Saves: 5



Viewers: 32,774

Views: 47,391

Interactions: 189

Link Clicks: 965

Reactions: 127

Comments: 39

Shares: 16

Saves: 7



Viewers: 21,089

Views: 30,956

Interactions: 181

Link Clicks: 178

Reactions: 120

Comments: 15

Shares: 31

Saves: 15



Viewers: 15,725

Views: 28,304

Interactions: 105

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 85

Comments: 9

Shares: 8

Saves: 3



Viewers: 11,302

Views: 15,941

Interactions: 122

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 90

Comments: 8

Shares: 19

Saves: 5

Top 5 INSTAGRAM POSTS

Impressions (views) are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Reach is still the same on Instagram.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.

Fireworks Festival Update

skokieparks



Reach: 9,609

Views: 22,833

Interactions: 413

Likes: 345

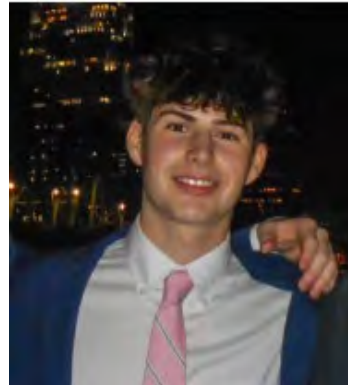
Comments: 7

Shares: 43

Saves: 15

Staff Spotlight Post: Eric S.

skokieparks
Skokie, Illinois



Reach: 7,075

Views: 15,259

Interactions: 171

Likes: 109

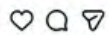
Comments: 8

Shares: 51

Saves: 3

Pool Closed Due To Air Quality

skokieparks



skokieparks POOLS CLOSED
Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquat... MORE

Reach: 3,900

Views: 7,754

Interactions: 78

Likes: 61

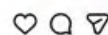
Comments: 1

Shares: 9

Saves: 5

Parks & Recreation Professionals Day

skokieparks



skokieparks HAPPY PARK AND RECREATION
PROFESSIONALS DAY!... MORE

Reach: 3,795

Views: 9,190

Interactions: 204

Likes: 148

Comments: 1

Shares: 49

Saves: 3

Gen-Z Cabin Renovation w/ Bill

skokieparks
Skokie Heritage Museum



Reach: 3,488

Views: 4,467

Interactions: 302

Likes: 186

Comments: 13

Shares: 88

Saves: 12

Top 5 BOOSTED POSTS

Impressions are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Reach is now known as “viewers”.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Viewers: 15,073

Views: 25,990

Interactions: 280

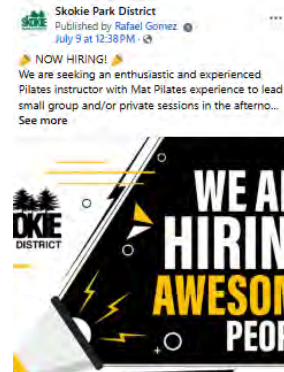
Likes: 255

Comments: 2

Shares: 18

Saves: 5

Link Clicks: 49



Viewers: 10,127

Views: 20,286

Interactions: 135

Likes: 105

Comments: 0

Shares: 25

Saves: 4

Link Clicks: 584



Viewers: 9,354

Views: 18,734

Interactions: 45

Likes: 40

Comments: 1

Shares: 3

Saves: 1

Link Clicks: 260



Viewers: 7,540

Views: 14,360

Interactions: 29

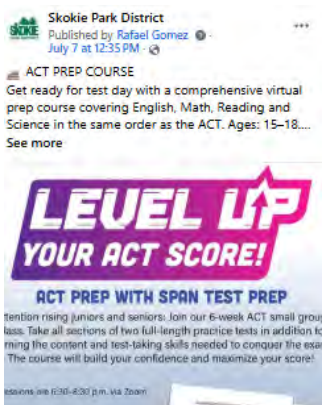
Likes: 16

Comments: 0

Shares: 10

Saves: 3

Link Clicks: 731



Viewers: 6,957

Views: 15,349

Interactions: 19

Likes: 10

Comments: 1

Shares: 2

Saves: 6

Link Clicks: 160

Top 5 TikTok POSTS

Impressions are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”. Reach is now known as “viewers”.

Interactions are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

Link clicks are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Reactions are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.

Gen-Z Cabin Renovation w/ Bill



Run Time: 1:39

Reach: 6,011
Views: 8.4k
Likes: 879
Comments: 27
Shares: 337
Saves: 66
Completion Rate: 3%
Avg. View Time (s): 14.86

“What Sound Does A Firework Make?”



Run Time: :41

Reach: 6,064
Views: 7k
Likes: 266
Comments: 4
Shares: 49
Saves: 22
Completion Rate: 6.6%
Avg. View Time (s): 11.88

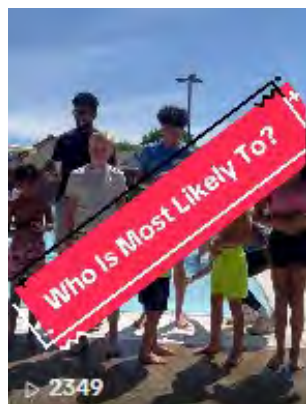
“Do You Work Here?” Meme



Run Time: :8

Reach: 5,073
Views: 5.9k
Likes: 95
Comments: 2
Shares: 16
Saves: 9
Completion Rate: 31.3%
Avg. View Time (s): 6.26

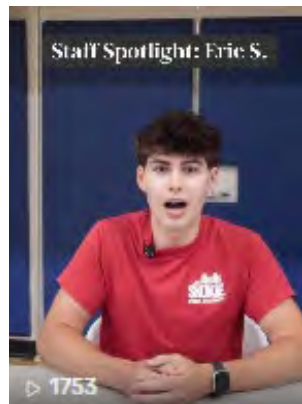
“Who Is Most Likely To?” Camp Video



Run Time: :52

Reach: 1,840
Views: 2.3k
Likes: 55
Comments: 4
Shares: 30
Saves: 3
Completion Rate: 3.7%
Avg. View Time (s): 14.24

Staff Spotlight Video: Eric S.



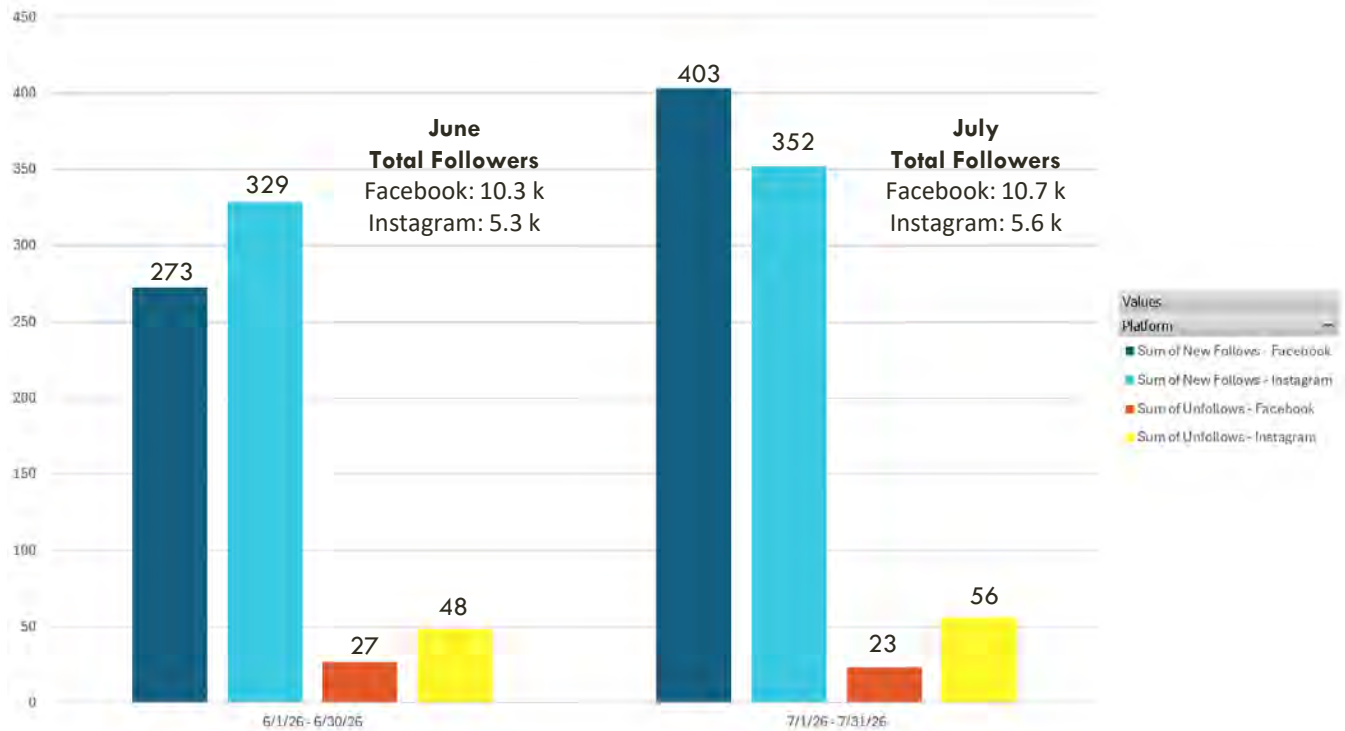
Run Time: 1:23

Reach: 1,396
Views: 1.8k
Likes: 46
Comments: 1
Shares: 12
Saves: 1
Completion Rate: 1.2%
Avg. View Time (s): 9.84

Reach: Number of unique people who saw your post. Counted Only Once.
Views: Number of times your post was seen.
Views / Reach = Frequency

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.
Green: Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

Follows vs. Unfollows: June – July



Reach: Number of unique people who saw your post. Counted Only Once.

Views (Impressions): Number of times your post was seen.

Views / Reach = Frequency

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.

Green: Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
SKOKIE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL UPDATE: Fireworks are still scheduled for 9:30 p.m. at Niles West High School. Fireworks will be back this summer, and we are excited to have them back. (blank)	64136	36543	284	1.76
BANDS ANNOUNCED FOR SKOKIE'S BACKLOT BASH! Skokie's Backlot Bash will be back this summer, and we are excited to have them back.	47391	32858	200	1.44
(blank)	33405	19249	143	1.74
DIVE-IN MOVIE: BEETLEJUICE Bring your floaties and the family to the Devonshire Aquatic Center for a splashy movie night.	30956	20931	187	1.48
SKOKIE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL UPDATE: We are monitoring the weather and hope to proceed with fireworks on Saturday, August 4th.	28304	15255	110	1.86
REDUCED POOL PASSES ON SALE STARTING 7/24! Just a few weeks left of our pool season! Grab your 2-club tournament tickets now.	23384	13874	260	1.69
🏊 NOW HIRING! 🏊 We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Pilates instructor with Mat Pilates certification.	18900	9408	118	2.01
🌧️ THANK YOU, SKOKIE! 🌧️ Rain, changing schedules, and a little extra fog couldn't stop one of our most popular events.	17081	10589	141	1.61
MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER! Summer Swim Lessons at the Skokie Water Playground are the perfect way to cool off.	16079	6060	17	2.65
🌱 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & HOT DOGS AT OAKTON PARK 🌱 Join us on August 4 for free veggie, halal, and pizza.	15945	10373	134	1.54
BOARD VOTES TO PLACE REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 3 BALLOT After reviewing the results of a community survey, the Board of Commissioners will place a referendum on the November 3 ballot.	15912	9557	176	1.66
📖 ACT PREP COURSE Get ready for test day with a comprehensive virtual prep course covering English, Math, and Science.	15883	5964	14	2.66
🏊 NOW HIRING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARESPACE, Skokie Park District's before and after school program, is seeking staff.	14369	5843	26	2.46
★ STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ERIC S. ★ Eric is in his second year as Camp Director for Skokie Sports Camp North.	12858	9337	71	1.38
🧘 YOGA BRUNCH IN THE GAZEBO! 🧘 Enjoy a relaxing Yoga class followed by a light brunch and Mimosa.	12573	4880	44	2.58
📅 THIS WEEKEND: SKOKIE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL AT NILES WEST Coming out to this weekend's Skokie Fireworks Festival.	12233	7433	52	1.65
ORDINANCE AMENDED REGARDING E-BIKE USAGE The Skokie Park District board of commissioners has amended the ordinance regarding e-bike usage.	11898	6819	104	1.74
HUNGRY? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! Tonight's fireworks are still on! Stop by Niles West and celebrate with us.	11474	6616	43	1.73
EMERSON PARK UNVEILS NEW PLAYGROUND THANKS TO CARES ACT! Skokie Park District staff are excited to announce the opening of the new playground.	11104	6508	74	1.71
★ STAFF SPOTLIGHT: KALILAH C. ★ Kalilah is a Director with Camp Skokie Junior for the 4- and 5-year olds.	10424	7394	46	1.41
CAMP STAFF PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNER! Congratulations to Miranda Espinoza from Earth Adventure Camp for perfect attendance.	10327	6832	69	1.51
BEAT THE HEAT WITH US! The Skokie Park District offers many ways to cool off this summer. Take a dip in the pool.	9042	6482	37	1.39
🌭 HOT DOGS RECAP 🌭 Thanks for stopping by our Hot Dogs in the Park event yesterday. We hope you enjoyed it.	7469	4734	37	1.58
📖 NEW STORY STROLL! 📖 Skokie Story Stroll moves to Mamaceqtaw Park on July 8, sponsored this time by the Devonshire Aquatic Center.	7134	5223	38	1.37
HAPPY PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY! It takes an incredible team to make the Skokie Park District what it is.	6821	4227	49	1.61
Chat, we cooked. Chill Bill is serving facts about the Meyer fam crib. After careful consultation with multiple sources, we have determined that the Meyer fam crib is located in the Devonshire Aquatic Center.	5574	5270	158	1.06
🎉 CELEBRATE UNPLUG ILLINOIS DAY THIS SATURDAY! 🎉 On July 11, Unplug Illinois Day, communities across the state will celebrate.	5200	3788	14	1.37
HAPPY BOBA AT THE POOL As a cool treat, Happy Bobas will be at Skokie Water Playground 12:30-6 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th.	5062	3690	6	1.37
★ STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ELLIE B. ★ Ellie is a manager and swim lessons supervisor at the Skokie Pools, and will be re-opening the pool.	4892	3302	47	1.48
POOLS RE-OPENING AT 3 & 4 PM Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquatic Center will re-open their pools for the summer.	4816	3192	14	1.51
SUMMER FUN AT THE EXPLORITORIUM Looking for a place to beat the heat with your little one? The Exploratorium has the perfect spot.	4557	3113	62	1.46
🏊 HAPPY NATIONAL LIFEGUARD DAY! 🏊 Today, we're celebrating the incredible lifeguards at the Skokie Water Playground.	4437	2831	56	1.57
🎭 IMAGINATION IN ACTION 🎭 Yesterday, we stopped by one of our newest summer camps, The Imagination in Action.	4203	2726	49	1.54
SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: BILLY ELTON & JEANIE B Join us for our final Sunday Summer Concert of the season.	4082	2954	6	1.38
📖 STORYBOOK CORNER 📖 Join us on August 4 for books, songs, and more during playtime in the Exploratorium.	3698	2719	16	1.36
🏌️ NIGHT GOLF IS BACK! 🏌️ Make sure to register early for Weber Golf's biggest event! Groups of two or more.	3536	2570	11	1.38
Thank you for coming out to the fireworks this past weekend! 🎆 #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #skokiefireworks	3484	3192	61	1.09
★ Staff Spotlight Interview with Kalilah C. ★ #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #skokiecamps #spdstaffs	3328	3412	18	0.98
NIGHT GOLF SCRAMBLE AT THE WEBER PARK GOLF COURSE Groups of two will compete under LED lights.	3099	2231	6	1.39
🍷 ACTIVE ADULTS: SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BINGO 🍷 Say goodbye to summer with delicious ice cream and bingo.	2616	1789	13	1.46
🏏 LEARN TO PLAY CRICKET THIS SUMMER! Join our Cricket Basics Workshop for players ages 7-15! Presented by the Devonshire Aquatic Center.	2589	1756	14	1.47
MOVEMENT WORKSHOP WITH NEW INSTRUCTOR LIN KHAN! Level up your audition game with our new movement workshop.	2458	1728	3	1.42
POOLS CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST 3PM ON JULY 17 Skokie Water Playground and Devonshire Aquatic Center will be closed.	2311	1221	9	1.89
📖 YOUR FALL PROGRAM GUIDE IS HERE! 📖 Fall classes and events are now viewable online — and we hope you like them.	2202	1533	10	1.44
Wow! These campers are on their way to becoming top chefs! 🍳	2173	2009	25	1.08
🏒 Big congratulations to Hockey Camp Program Leader Marc Solc, our second-session Perfect At the Pond winner.	2122	1333	25	1.59
TAKE OUR ATHLETICS AND SPORTS SURVEY The Skokie Park District Athletics and Sports Department is seeking your input.	2089	1460	9	1.43
🎨 PAINT & PLAY AT THE EXPLORITORIUM! 🎨 This sensory art class will allow you and your little artist to explore their creativity.	2018	1480	2	1.36
★ Staff Spotlight Interview with Eric S. ★ #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #skokiecamps #spdstaffs	1864	1466	32	1.27
🏌️ 2-CLUB TOURNAMENT AT WEBER GOLF COURSE! 🏌️ Compete in our 2-Club Tournament later this month.	1742	1258	5	1.38
RESCHEDULED: DINE-IN MOVIE Due to today's poor air quality, we have made the decision to cancel our dine-in movie.	1643	1079	5	1.52
PARENT-TOT YOGA AT THE EXPLORITORIUM! Come stretch, move and play with your little one! This fun event is back.	1565	1003	1	1.56
WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO? SPORTS CAMP NORTH #skokieparkdistrict #skokiewaterplayground #skokiecamps	1472	1284	12	1.15
Don't forget to ask the Staff if they work there!!	1354	931	7	1.45
TIME TO 'STAND UP SKOKIE!' The 'Stand Up, Skokie' campaign rolled out at the Skokie Festival of Culture.	1347	887	17	1.52
🌟 AUGUST HAPPENINGS 🌟 If you are looking for new and unique ways to have fun in August, the Skokie Park District has you covered.	1268	794	3	1.60
DEVONSHIRE PLAYHOUSE & THE SKOKIE HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENT KISS AND TELL Premiered in 1954, the play is a comedy about a young man who falls in love with a girl who is the daughter of a wealthy family.	1138	700	20	1.63
🏌️ 2-CLUB TOURNAMENT AT WEBER GOLF COURSE! 🏌️ Compete in our 2-Club Tournament later this month.	928	588	2	1.58
🍷 MOVIES IN THE PARK: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets.	906	547	4	1.66
SPACE REGISTRATION DEADLINE! A reminder that the district's Before-and-After-School program (SPACE) is currently accepting registrations.	872	583	2	1.50
🌱 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & HOT DOGS AT OAKTON PARK 🌱 Join us on August 4 for free veggie, halal, and pizza.	816	526	13	1.55
HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION OPEN HOUSE & POTLUCK Learn more about our classes, programs, and activities.	775	511	0	1.52
🏌️ NIGHT GOLF RECAP 🏌️ Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in our Night Golf Scramble.	738	573	8	1.29
🧘 PARENT-TOT YOGA AT THE EXPLORITORIUM 🧘 Come stretch, move, and play with your little one! This fun event is back.	663	429	5	1.55
DINE-IN MOVIE: NATIONAL TREASURE Join the Skokie Heritage Museum and Downtown Skokie Merchant Association for a special event.	519	328	3	1.58
🎵 Golf ASMR 🎵 Hear the sounds of the Range only at the Skokie Sports Park.	432	379	4	1.14
Grand Total	565690	346154	3251	
Averages	8571.06	5244.76	49.26	1.56



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Gross Point Park

IT configured the internet connectivity and connection to our network for the security camera at Gross Point Park.

SPACE ePact Set up

IT purchased, configured, and deployed nine iPads for SPACE to allow staff to use ePact offsite.

Website Sales Redesign

IT is redesigning the online pickleball and fitness sales process to make purchasing passes easier and more efficient for patrons.

Oakton Park Wi-Fi

IT configured and deployed Wi-Fi at Oakton Park for events.

App Promotions Set up

IT assisted the Marketing Department with the set-up of a promotion platform.

E-Waste Pickup

IT scheduled and coordinated an e-waste pickup to properly dispose of outdated electronics and equipment.

Fiscal Year New Projects

With the start of the new fiscal year, budgeted equipment and projects have been approved and purchased. Staff are continuing to coordinate configuration, implementation, and deployment efforts across district facilities.



Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports August 2026



Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus
The Backlot Bash is around the corner. Final committee meetings will take place August 18 and August 19.
Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus
No report.
DEI Committee Mary Amato
The DEI committee met July 21 at 11 am at Oakton Community Center. The committee is planning staff training for 2027 and seeking out education sessions and professional development. The next meeting is on September 15.
Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen
No report for the summer season. Dates are being discussed for a fall tour of a LRS recycling facility.
4th of July Parade Committee Jim Hallm
The committee was honored at the Village of Skokie board meeting on July 20, 2026.
Festival of Cultures Committee Aryn Fletcher
No report.
Juneteenth Mary Amato
No report.
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Michelle Tuft
The Liponi Mini-Golf Outing was held on Tuesday, August 11 (postponed from August 5 due to rain). The event raised a record amount of \$15,901 (last year was just under \$12,000)! M-NASR staff sent a very nice email thanking the Park District and staff. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25.

Niles Township Youth Coalition Mary Amato
The 2026/2027 school year meetings have not been scheduled yet.
Safety Committee Amanda Green
The Committee met on August 5 and discussed accident investigations, all staff safety training in October, and inspections.
Skokie Chamber of Commerce Michelle Tuft
The next board meeting is Monday, August 17.
Skokie Pride Cassie Schaeffer
The committee will meet in September to debrief the 2026 event and begin planning for the 2027 event.
Skokie's Spring Greening Lee Hansen
No meeting is scheduled until September. The 2027 Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Westmoreland lot and the Niles North High School north lot.
Staff Appreciation Committee Keli Stonitsch
The Staff Summer Luau has been rescheduled to August 19. The Committee will meet on August 17 to finalize event details and preparations.
Wellness Committee Jennie Bever
The next meeting is scheduled for September.