

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026
6:30 P.M.**



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





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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 February 17, 2025
- *VIII. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026
- IX. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- X. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Comprehensive Plan Update
 - B. Approval of 2026 Asphalt Improvements Bid
 - C. Approval of Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Putting Green Bid
 - D. Americans with Disabilities Action Transition Plan Update
- *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 Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
 - B. Commissioner Comments
 - C. Director Comments

 - XV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. School District 65 – Bessie Rhodes School Update

 - XVI. NEW BUSINESS

 - XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to 5 ILCS120/2(c)(21).
 - B. Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Verbatim Records 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

 - XVIII. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2026
 - B. Release of Executive Session Minutes of September 25, 2025, and November 18, 2025
 - C. Approval of Resolution #26-001 Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Records of March 28, 2024, April 2, 2024, and August 19, 2024

 - XIX. 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
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Elsa Fischer
Commissioner Courtney Williams

Absent: Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services William G. 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 Aberman 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

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2026, bills payable for the month of January /February 2026, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

Mr. Schmidt formally requested approval of Ordinance #26-001, an annual abatement ordinance which removes specific items from the tax rolls. This must be filed by March 1, 2026.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve Ordinance #26-001 to authorize the abatement of certain taxes levied for the payment of the principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005B, Series 2021A and interest costs on Series 2013B, Series 2015B, Series 2017B, Series 2019A, Series 2023A and Series 2025A of the

Skokie Park District. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2026 CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval for the 2026 Concrete Improvements bid, covering work at Devonshire Aquatics Center and Skokie Water Playground pools. He outlined the scope of concrete work for both sites. Ms. Tuft noted the goal is to improve the appearance of the pool areas.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the bid from Dale Incorporated of \$35,160 for the 2026 Concrete Improvements bid. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2026 VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS

Mr. Guynn requested approval for the 2026 Vehicle Replacements, proposing a Ford 250 Crew Cab to replace the existing 2015 model and a Ford 550 Dump Truck to substitute the CDL-rated 2008 Ford 750 Dump Truck. He explained that purchasing the Ford 550 Dump Truck would eliminate the need for a CDL license, thereby reducing costs.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the bid of Bob Ridings, Inc. to provide the two vehicles in the Vehicle Replacement Bid for \$134,966.00. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GLEISS PARK AND LYON PARK PLAYGROUND INSTALLATIONS BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval for the installation of playground equipment at Gleiss Park and Lyon Park. The equipment purchase was approved in September. D&J Landscape was the lowest bidder at \$65,100, out of four bids.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid from D&J Landscaping for the Gleiss and Lyon Park playground installation for \$65,100. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SKOKIE HERITAGE MUSEUM HISTORIC CABIN RESTORATION BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the Skokie Heritage Museum Historic Cabin Restoration bid. The cabin ceiling and walls need repair to prevent water intrusion. Ms. England the Skokie Heritage Museum manager, also coordinated with the contractor who will also provide training on how to do the repairs.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the bid from Historic Building Institute, LLC for the Skokie Heritage Museum Historic Cabin Restoration project for \$41,500.

Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioner voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SKOKIE SPORTS PARK DRIVING RANGE STRUCTURE PAINTING BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the bid for painting the Skokie Sports Park Driving Range structure, changing its color from yellow to black, to match the color of the new shelter installed last summer.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the bid of A Plus Painters for \$51,700 for the Skokie Sports Park Driving Range Structure Painting project. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPORTS PARK ROOF PANEL REPLACEMENT BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the bid for replacing the roof panels at Skokie Sports Park. The current roof panels have surpassed their expected lifespan of 12-15 years although one panel was replaced three years ago due to weather-related damage. Removing the panels will also allow the struts to be cleaned and painted. Both projects at Sports Park will be completed at the same time.

Commissioner Fischer inquired about the 12–15-year lifespan, and Mr. Guynn explained that strong west winds make it unavoidable.

Commissioner Willilams moved to approve the bid of Thatcher Oaks Awnings for \$89,990 for the Skokie Sports Park Roof Panel Replacement project. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND BATHHOUSE PARTITIONS REPLACEMENT BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the Skokie Water Playground Bathhouse Partitions Replacement bid, which involves replacing shower and toilet partitions in both locker rooms. The project will be completed in spring before the facility opens. Similar upgrades were made last year at the Devonshire Aquatics Center.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the bid from Commercial Specialties for the Skokie Water Playground Partition Replacement Project for a total of \$56,700. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND SLIDE RESTORATION BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the Skokie Water Playground Slide Restoration bid, which includes recoating and painting the blue slide, upgrading its interior with fiberglass, and fixing existing leaks.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the proposal of Safe Slide for the Skokie Water Playground slide restoration for \$61,696. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

**REJECTION OF WEBER GOLF COURSE NETTING REPAIRS
AND INSTALLATION BID**

Mr. Guyn asked to reject the Weber Golf Course Netting Repairs and Installation bid, which covered netting replacement and the installation of two new netting areas. Staff recommends rejecting it due to high cost and only one bidder.

Vice President Jaffe moved to reject the bid from Misfits Construction for the Weber Golf Course Netting Repairs and Installation bid. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WEBER GOLF COURSE NETTING REPAIRS
AND INSTALLATION BID #2**

Mr. Guynn requested approval of bid #2 for repair and installation of netting at the Weber Golf Course. The work includes placing new netting at the end of Hole #3, replacing the existing netting along the parking lot and on the west side, and installing a new system at the end of the course.

President Aberman asked if the condo would be pleased, and Mr. Guynn replied that the netting should resolve most golf ball problems and prevent balls from going over it.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the bid and Alternate #1 from Wind and Sun Projection for \$96,693.98 for the Weber Golf Course Netting Repairs and Installation bid. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Fischer wanted to compliment that the staff outing at the IPRA Conference was fun.

President Aberman attended "Perspectives: A Series of One Act Plays" at the Devonshire Cultural Center and commended Rebecca Goldberg for her outstanding performance.

Vice President Jaffe thanked staff for their work on summer camp registration day. Ms. Labus reported 6,664 registrations so far, compared to last year's total of 8,300. On the registration day, numbers reached 5,600, similar to the previous year.

Commissioner Williams inquired about Backlot Bash planning, and Ms. Labus responded that the initial committee meeting is scheduled for April. Entertainment arrangements are typically coordinated by Jim Bottorff from the Marketing Department. Ms. Labus also confirmed that the band headliners for the Backlot Bash have been secured.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft notified commissioners that the Legislative Conference in Springfield will take place on May 5 and May 6. Commissioners who wish to attend should inform her.

The Referendum Task Force meeting is scheduled for March 11, with Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj confirmed to attend. President Aberman and Commissioner Fischer will decide which of them will participate.

The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m. Attendees include President Aberman, Commissioner Fischer, Ms. Tuft, Ms. Labus, and Mr. Guynn.

Ms. Tuft said the budget hearing needed to be scheduled and April 15 at 6:30 p.m. was selected. The tentative budget will then be approved at the April meeting and the final budget at the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Jaffe reported that he received an inquiry regarding Bessie Rhodes School and was informed that the school district has expressed its intention to collaborate with municipal agencies. To date, Ms. Tuft has not been approached on this matter; however, she remains receptive to further dialogue.

Ms. Tuft also informed the board that District 73.5 will not be pursuing a referendum.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fischer moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:57 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President
March 17, 2026

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
March 16, 2026**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of February 28, 2026, is in the board packet.

In February 2026, the District received \$1,209,486 of the 2024 levy tax revenue. As of March 9, 2026, \$13,399,924 have been collected. An additional \$300,000 should be received soon.

At the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments list is the listing of tax collections per year.

The details of the accounts 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
March 16, 2026
(As of 02/28/2026)**

GENERAL FUND

<u>CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 1.70%</u>	\$7,137,871.92
INVESTMENTS WITH JPMORGAN CHASE/BANK ONE	
Savings: 0.5%	209,162.62
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 4/6/26 - 4.1% MV	245,163.56
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 5/26/26 - 4.25% MV	245,334.30
INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/27 – 3.45%	646,226.33
INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	282,244.58
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	269,410.73
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$9,035,414.04

TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 02/28/2026)

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	13,399,923.91	97.90%



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: March 16, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update

Summary: Hitchcock Design Group will attend the board meeting to present the final draft of the comprehensive plan. The draft report was provided as a separate file. After the board's review, the plan will be formally approved at the April board meeting.

Recommendation: Informational only.

Motion: Informational only.



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: March 16, 2026
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning, and Facilities
Re: Approval of 2026 Asphalt Improvements Bid

Summary: Sealed bids for the 2026 Asphalt Improvements were received on March 5, 2026. The project covers repaving the parking lot and walking path at Dammrich Rowing Center and Channelside Park, extending and paving the current gravel path alongside Channelside, and adding pavement near the rowing facility's sheds. It also includes work at the south end of the Devonshire parking lot. Two alternate options were presented: repaving the path at Mulford Park and fully excavating and replacing the path on Channelside's north side.

The parking lot at Dammrich is used by participants at the rowing center, Pooch Park, and soccer teams. The parking lot has subsurface issues and at this time the most cost-effective way to mitigate those problems is to grind and pave the top two inches. The path that starts at the Dammrich parking lot and continues along the entire west side of the property will be repaved where it is currently asphalt and the portion that is gravel will be paved. This will make the path accessible from Oakton to Main Street and will connect to the chain of Evanston parks to the north. Additionally, the south end of the parking lot at Devonshire will be repaved.

There is a combined \$150,000 budgeted for this project. The City of Evanston will be funding a portion of the paving taking place at Dammrich and Channelside, not to exceed \$40,000.

Six bids were received, and the results can be seen as an attachment to this recommendation. Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. was the low bidder at \$146,000. After checking references, staff is comfortable recommending them for this project. The work will take place this summer and will be coordinated with the relevant facilities to avoid any major conflicts. The staff

recommends not pursuing either alternative due to associated costs.

Recommendation: Staff recommend approval of the bid by Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for the 2026 Asphalt Improvements bid for \$146,000.

Motion: Move to approve the bid of Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for the 2026 Asphalt Improvements Bid for \$146,000.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project Name: 2026 Asphalt Improvements

Notice is hereby given to potential Bidders that the Skokie Park District (the "District," "Park District" or "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the above referenced Project until 10:30 AM Thursday, March 5th, at the Park Services office, 7523 Long Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077 at which time the bid proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Each bid must be placed in a sealed opaque envelope and shall be clearly marked "**Sealed Bid – 2026 Asphalt Improvements**" and addressed and delivered to the Skokie Park District, Attention: Corrie Guynn, 7523 Long Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

Bid Documents may be obtained by contacting Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities by email at cguynn@skokieparks.org or calling 847 929-7802.

The District reserves the right to waive all technicalities, to accept or reject any or all bids, or to accept only portions of a bid and reject the remainder without disclosure for any reason. Failure to make such a disclosure will not result in accrual of any right, claim or cause of action by any Bidder against the District. Owner will award the Contract to the lowest most responsible and responsive Bidder, as determined by Owner. In considering the Bidder's responsibility, the Owner may evaluate, among other factors, the ability of the Bidder to provide experienced labor sufficient in numbers to timely and properly complete the Work, the financial capability of the Bidder, and the performance of the Bidder on other projects.

Bids shall not include federal excise tax or state sales tax for materials to be incorporated in, or totally consumed in the prosecution of the Work. A tax exemption certificate will be furnished by the Park District at the request of the Bidder. The Park District's tax exemption number shall only be used by the successful Bidder for the Work of this Project only.

After the bid opening, no bid may be withdrawn or canceled for a period of (60) calendar days.

The Work of this Project is subject to the Illinois *Prevailing Wage Act*, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.* A prevailing wage determination has been made by the Illinois Department of Labor for public works projects in Cook County. The Contract entered into for the Work will be drawn in compliance with said law and proposals should be prepared accordingly and provide for payment of all laborers, workmen, and mechanics needed to perform the Work at no less than the prevailing rate of wages (including the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work as applicable) for each craft, type of worker, or mechanic.

All bids must be accompanied by cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond payable to the order of the Skokie Park District for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by such bond or check.

SECTION IV

SITE INFO/SPECIFICATIONS

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Bidder to visit each site and take field measurements for the purposes of obtaining bid prices. Measurements provided are only an approximation and allowances for errors or omissions in field measurements on the Bidders part will not be granted.

Dammrich Rowing Center/Channelside Park
3220 Oakton Street



Scope:

Dammrich Rowing Center: The scope of this work includes repaving the facility drive entrance, parking lot, existing paved pathway and installing stone base and asphalt along the east side of the facility per the specifications and plans.

Channelside Park: The scope of this work includes milling and repaving the existing path, removal of a section of path and excavation, installation of stone base and asphalt on the north section of the current gravel path all per the specifications and plans.

Timeline: The timeline for this project to take place is anytime after May 1st and must be completed by September 11th.

**Devonshire Park
4440 Greenwood Street**

Devonshire parking lot-southeast



Scope: The scope of work at this site is a 2" milling and paving of the south end of the main parking lot as shown on the map above. The approximate area to be milled and paved is 12,950 sq/ft. Parking stalls must be repainted as they are currently placed.

Timeline: Due to facility operations, the timeline for this project to take place is before June 9th or after August 15th.

ALTERNATE #1

**Mulford Park
7800 Avers Avenue**



Scope: The scope of work at this site is a 2" milling and paving of the path at Mulford park. The approximate area to be milled and paved is 1,800 sq/ft.

Timeline: This work can be coordinated with the other asphalt work taking place.



BID TAB

2026 Sport Courts Improvements Bid Opening

March 5, 2026 10:30AM

Bidders	Dammrich Rowing Center/ Channelside Path	Devonshire Parking Lot	Allowance	Total Bid Price	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Additional 2" Mill and Pave	Additional Full Depth Removal
Maneval Construction	\$187,678.00	\$38,475.00	\$10,000.00	\$236,153.00	\$23,134.00	\$56,295.00	\$4.00	\$50.00
Chicagoland Paving	\$219,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$259,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$3.50	\$100.00
Accu-Paving	\$188,170.00	\$48,240.00	\$10,000.00	\$246,410.00	\$24,140.00	\$188,320.00	\$4.00	\$12.00
TAT Enterprises	\$172,736.00	\$39,669.00	\$10,000.00	\$222,405.00	\$5,400.00	N/A	\$3.75	\$120.00
Schroeder Asphalt	\$103,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$146,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$3.25	\$200.00
Obsidian Asphalt	\$160,700.00	\$42,751.00	\$10,000.00	\$213,451.00	\$16,450.00	\$81,190.00	\$3.30	\$6.00



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: March 16, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

Re: Approval of Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Putting Green Bid

Summary: On March 5, 2026, sealed bids were received for the Skokie Sports Park synthetic putting green project. The scope of work includes installing a practice putting green between the new shelter and the hitting structure at Sports Park. The green will be contoured, and a high-quality synthetic putting turf will be installed. Adding this amenity will make Sports Park a full practice facility, allowing golfers to practice all aspects of the game. The new green enables instructors to incorporate putting into lesson packages and offer it as part of their classes.

There is \$95,000 budgeted for this project. Two bids were received, and the results are attached. Playground Safe was the low bidder at \$71,500. Playground Safe completed the shelter and concrete tee installation at Sports Park last year and has done three playground installations. As such, staff is comfortable recommending them for this project. The work will take place this spring in an effort to minimize the impact on the busy summer season.

Recommendation: Staff recommend approval of the bid by Playground Safe for the Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Turf Putting Green bid for \$71,500.

Motion: Move to approve the bid of Playground Safe for the Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Turf Putting Green bid for \$71,500.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project Name: Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Putting Green Project

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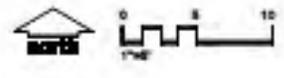
The Work of this Project is subject to the Illinois *Prevailing Wage Act*, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.* A prevailing wage determination has been made by the Illinois Department of Labor for public works projects in Cook County. The Contract entered into for the Work will be drawn in compliance with said law and proposals should be prepared accordingly and provide for payment of all laborers, workmen, and mechanics needed to perform the Work at no less than the prevailing rate of wages (including the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work as applicable) for each craft, type of worker, or mechanic.

All bids must be accompanied by cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond payable to the order of the Skokie Park District for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by such bond or check.





1 GRADING & DRAINAGE PLAN
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BID TAB

Skokie Sports Park Synthetic Putting Turf Bid Opening
March 5, 2026 10:00AM

Bidders	Total Bid Price
Midwest Excavators	\$110,496.00
Playground Safe	\$71,500.00



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: March 16, 2026
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities
RE: Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update

Summary: In the fall of 2025, a districtwide accessibility audit was completed by ACT Services. Staff used that information to create an ADA transition plan, which was divided into three groups: parks, facilities, and shelters. Due to the size of the report, the complete audit was sent as a separate file.

This audit serves as an update to the prior audit conducted in 2012. All items from 2012 were completed but numerous changes have occurred throughout the facilities and parks over the last 13 years. There was also an update to the State of Illinois accessibility code in 2018.

The necessity for the audit was clear as shown by the number of items flagged. Fortunately, many of these items can be easily remedied or folded into upcoming or future renovations, and a large number of them should be resolved within the next several years.

Outside of the audit, the items below have been updated or improved to comply with ADA for playgrounds and facilities over the past year:

- Renovations were completed at Onondowa'ga (formerly Seneca) Park, Lee Wright Park, Lauth Park and Terminal Park. Each site had a number of accessibility issues that were addressed including concrete walkways, new play equipment with ground play features and accessible transition decks, new swings which included plastic molded swings with harnesses, and new accessible benches and picnic tables.
- A large concrete replacement project addressed accessibility issues at a number of sites including Channelside Park,

Devonshire Park, the Devonshire Aquatic Center, Emerson Park, Gross Point Park, Hamlin Park, Laramie Park, Lorel Park, Oakton Park, Pawnee Park, Schack Park, Tot Learning Center and Veteran's Park.

- The asphalt path at Devonshire was repaved which eliminated a large number of cracks and uneven surfaces throughout the park.
- The Devonshire Aquatic Center concessions stand was renovated and as part of that work the counter and window were reconstructed making them accessible.
- The Commemorative Bench program launched in 2020, and any new bench/pad combos include both an accessible bench and accessible pad. In 2025 a new accessible bench pad and bench was installed at Lorel Park.
- Staff purchased aluminum frames and lumbers and assembled and stained 10 accessible wood picnic tables that were installed at shelters throughout the district.
- In 2019 the District purchased a sidewalk grinder to eliminate excessive rises in concrete that shifted. This is an ongoing process as new areas develop each year. Sidewalk grinding took place at Lyon Park, Emerson Park, and Terminal Park.
- Engineered wood fiber (EWF) was added to the following playground sites which kept them in compliance with ADA access: Carol Park, Emerson Park, Lockwood Park, Schack Park, Sequoyah Park, and Shabonee Park.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the updated Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan dated March 17, 2026.

Motion: Move to approve the March 17, 2026 update to the District's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report March 2026



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- Staff have completed several items at Gleiss Park in preparation for the playground installation including assembling the amenities that have arrived and replacing the timbers around the two tree boxes. The equipment has also been delivered and the installer is on site to begin the layout.
- The horticulture staff completed pruning operations around the netting being repaired at the Weber Golf Course
- The athletic fields staff have begun to prepare and lay out fields for the upcoming sports season. Practices and games have already begun at Laramie.
- I met with each facility manager and their respective superintendent in regard to the ADA audit and timelines for remediations. I also met with the Operations and Project Manager to begin plotting out replacement timelines.
- Staff assisted with the setup and takedown of Chilly Fest.
- Operations staff have been assisting with the renovations of the locker rooms at both pools.
- The horticulture staff installed wood base borders around the Devonshire grass preschool playground.
- The landscape staff continue to mulch beds and trees at parks.
- Operations staff painted the senior lounge at the Oakton Community Center.
- The horticulture staff have planted seeds for the public gardens in the makeshift greenhouse at Park Services.
- The horticulture staff continue with tree pruning operations throughout the parks.

**Skokie Park District
Recreation and Facilities Board Report
March 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

Devonshire

	2025	2026
Room Rental	8	5
Birthday Parties	3	9

Emily Oaks Nature Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	2	0
Birthday Parties	3	1
Shelter Rental	2	0

Oakton/Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Room Rental	20	18
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	39	54
Exploritorium Group Visits	4	9

Park Services

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	N/A	9

Skatium

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	34	32
Non-Contracted Studio Rentals	8	8
Non-Contracted Main Rentals	1	1

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Room Rental	1	0

Weber Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	4	5
Birthday Parties	3	3

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Admissions	2,687	2,789

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Visits	164	140

Skokie Sports Park

	2025	2026
Range	\$30,935	\$59,350
Simulator	\$7,628	\$8,662
Grass Tees	Closed	Closed
Mini Golf	\$506	\$3,286
Batting Cages	Closed	Closed
Concessions	\$319	\$938
Alcohol	\$996	\$1,893
Total	\$40,384	\$74,129

Weber/Athletics

	2025	2026
Open Gym	112	127
Late Night	100	301
Table Tennis	65	44
Open Pickleball	183	52
Men's 40 and Over Basketball	97	115
Private Tennis/Pickleball	7	7

Childcare Enrollment

Devonshire Preschool

School Year	2025	2026
2's	15	14
3's	33	30

4's	30	35
Enrichment	36	41
Total	114	120

Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

School Year	2024/25	2025/26
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	27 + 2	28 + 3

SPACE

School Year	2025	2026
AM	181	206
PM	569	589
Total	750	795

Tot Learning Center

School Year	2025	2026
Infants	9	11
Toddler 1	10	11
Toddler 2	11	14
2/3's	14	13
Preschool	20	18
Pre-K	20	20
Total	84	87

Athletics- Curt Evans

Highlights

	2025	2026
NBL (Basketball)	8 Teams	7 Teams
ABL (Basketball)	12 Teams	12 Teams
Tropang (Basketball)	8 Teams	12 Teams
RBM (Basketball)	10 Teams	10 Teams
Romanian Girls Volleyball	n/a	8 Teams
Rally Room	n/a	1

Aquatics – Scott Runkle

Devonshire Aquatic Center

- Staff are prepping both locker rooms for the installation of new faucets and shower units.
- The flooring resurfacing project is nearing completion.

Skokie Water Playground

- The new bucket has been delivered, and the contractor will begin installation as soon as the weather breaks.
- Staff hiring continues to go well along with a 70% staff return rate.
- Floor grinding has started in both locker rooms and outdoor bathrooms, with new flooring to be installed once the weather improves.

Winter Indoor Programming

	2025	2026
Group Lessons	128	132
Private Lessons	5	7
Semi-Private Lessons	0	1
Open Swim	17	91

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Devonshire hosted its first Lunar New Year event, “2026 Year of the Horse: Lunar New Year Celebration,” welcoming 118 guests on February 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The event featured activity stations, snacks, and a traditional Lion dance performance with strong community engagement.
- The opening reception for the art exhibit, *Carnevale: A Tour of Italy*, was held February 21 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and welcomed 21 guests.
- Preschool Happenings:
 - o Parent/Teacher conferences were held February 13
 - o Skokie Librarians read to students on February 25
 - o Field trip to the Exploritorium on February 26.
 - o Preschool staff hosted an informational session on handwriting curriculum.
- Playhouse performances of *Perspectives: A Series of One Acts* was held February 14, 15, 21 and 22 with 285 in attendance.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Preparations for Winter Chilly Fest on February 14-15 included wrapping lights in trees, readying the kitchen and dining room for food service, organizing outdoor game/activity stations, laying hundreds of feet of extension cords, setting out silhouettes and snowmen along the hay wagon trail, and working on event marketing.

Community Special Events – Winter Chilly Fest

	2026
Dinner Tickets	226
General Admissions	258
Total	484

Warm weather prevented ice-skating at Winter Chilly Fest, but outdoor activities still drew strong participation. Families enjoyed 17 games and crafts, a chili dinner indoors, marshmallow roasting by the campfire, and hayrides through illuminated woods. Sixty-four volunteers assisted with activities and dining over two nights. The Emily Oaks kitchen served more than 330 diners. Thanks to The Chicago Diner for providing vegetarian chili, quinoa, and cornbread at cost, and to sponsor Wayfair for their support.

Drop-in Programming	Groups/Individuals
Scout/Youth Group Activities	3 groups

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	49.5
Land Management	34
Special Event (Winter Chilly Fest)	322.5
Total Hours (February)	406

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Safe Sitter Babysitting class- 4 participants
- School Days Off (February 16)- 80 participants
- Storybook Corner- 83 participants
- Playdough Playtime- 24 participants
- Parent & Tot Yoga- 61 participants
- Paint & Play- 52 participants
- Kids Night Out- 16 participants

Skatium Ice Arena – Kurt von Helms

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Adjustments are still underway with the refrigeration equipment. The oil pot temperature is being controlled manually for now. Premistar and Ice Builders are actively working to fix the problem.
- Additional Software has been integrated into the mechanical system, allowing staff to access plant data remotely. The system can now be monitored through a tablet interface, improving visibility and operational oversight.

Hockey

- On March 7, the hockey program organized a Try Hockey for Free event as part of National Try Hockey for Free Day, drawing a maximum registration of 65 participants.
- The Flyers Hockey playoffs took place February 22 - March 7. The 10U-2 team proceeded to win 3/3 games and won the championship on March 8.
- One of the Flyers 18U coaches was nominated for the Coach of the Year Award for the Northwest Hockey League.

Figure Skating:

- On February 28, Symmetry Ice Theatre welcomed U.S. Figure Skating judges Gerry Miele and Mary Hiser to assess progress for upcoming competitions. The judges shared advice to boost scores and noted the teams' strong preparation. They also praised the free skate costumes and scenery.

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A new intern joined the museum for the spring semester and will be gaining experience there until mid-May.
- Thirteen museum volunteers contributed 112.5 service hours, and the museum assisted with seven research requests.
- Two History STEAM workshops ran on February 13 (From Wheels to Wings) and February 16 (Plague Science) with 10 and 9 registrants, respectively.
- District 68's fourth grade classes booked museum field trips for February 26 and March 5 to learn more about Skokie, Chicago, and Illinois history.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Sports Park saw its busiest February day (2/16) in three years with 25,000 balls hit on the driving range, 10.5 hours of usage in the simulator, and 142 rounds played on the mini golf course.
- The final Bunker league of the indoor season is scheduled to begin on March 13 with 12 players registered.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Staff and children worked on age-appropriate themes and activities revolving around the US presidents, Black History Month, Health Safety Month, and Lunar New Year.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Park Services patched and painted the east hallway from the lobby to the gym entrance, along with other areas in the building. More patching and painting will continue over the next few months.
- A new coffee bar cart is now in the gym lobby. Free coffee is available during morning and afternoon programs, with positive feedback especially from Fitness Members and pickleball players.

Programs

- Valentine's Parent and Kid Nerf Event - 20 participants
- February School Out Camps - 72 participants

Fitness First

- The February member incentive Fired Up February, a two-week pre-programmed health and wellness plan, had 19 participants.

Memberships

	2025	2026
Active Members	4,175	4,455

March Publications Profile

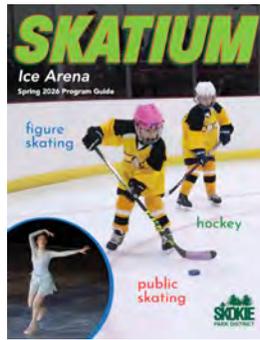
The C&M department creates more than 210 publications annually, including the current guides below and: 52 SPD weekly e-newsletters, 50 weekly email editions of both *TLC Today* and *Active Adult 60+ Weekly Happenings*, monthly e-newsletters for Fitness First, seasonal e-editions of Hockey, Figure Skating, 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 Summer Program Guides



The 100-page online Summer Guide and an abbreviated 24-page printed Spotlight Guide (which will be mailed to 25,000 Skokie homes in late April) are both in production. The two Fall Guides are now in pre-production.

Spring Skatium Guide



The 16-page triannual Skatium guide was produced and mailed to 15,000 homes within 5 miles in late February, to the annually purchased mail list targeting regional families with children under age 10.

Summer Prime Times



The 8-page activity guide will be mailed next month to more than 4,000 Skokie homes with residents age 60 and over.

Summer Camp Guide



The now 40-page Summer Camp Guide was mailed to and viewable online to all 25,000 Skokie homes for customer review before last month's camp registration.

Monthly Happenings



The C&M department produces a digital monthly happenings guide, featuring new and unique ways to have fun, including special events, one day classes, workshops, outings and pop-up events.

District News Highlight



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

February 6 — David Paul Jones and his wife, Martha, were Skokie's first Black homeowners in 1961. Both went on to become active in the Skokie's civic life.

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 February open rate – 52%

Weekly e-news includes special events, and district news. Past month: Summer Camp, Chilly Fest, Perspectives, etc.



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

Projects

- Training rec & facility staff to make web calendar updates
- Creating a new Oakton Park interpretive sign
- With IT and CentralParks.net, developing an SPD app
- Designed and completed installation of all facility 'Welcome' signs
- Booking Backlot Bash bands



Tributosaurus booked for Backlot Bash Sunday 2026

Websites

Staff designed, built and maintain five websites, including five major special event sites. Skokieparks.org continues to evolve, this month featuring a new summer camp page. The site is also translatable to 250 languages. (See it in Czech at right.)

February '26 skokieparks.org analytics

- Active Users – 36,388
- Total Page Views – 106,023
- User Interactions – 205,297

February Top 10 web pages by visits

1. Homepage
2. Summer Camps
3. Skatium Ice Arena
4. Exploritorium
5. Weber Lesiure Center
6. Skokie Sports Park
7. Summer Camp Guide '26
8. Fitness First
9. Winter Chilly Fest
10. Figure Skating



Facility Digital Advertising

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 TV lobby monitors at the Skatium, Weber (2), Devonshire, Oakton, and TLC.



Weber and Oakton outdoor lighted sign message

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:



A winter walk in Weissburg Park



Our Town (top right)

Basketball at Weber (bottom right)



'Try Hockey' clinic

Sponsorship

The sponsorship coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for spring and summer 2026. This past year she secured \$137,303 in sponsorships and \$37,247 in in-kind, budget-relieving donations, for a total of \$174,550.

Social Media — See 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, X, TikTok and Bluesky. The coordinator also shoots and produces videos for the website, social media and staff use.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

February 2026





NOTES & INSIGHTS

Social Media Follow Totals:

- Facebook: 94 new follows, 15 unfollows, 9622 total
- Instagram: 84 new follows, 27 unfollows, 4721 total
- No changes for X. 2157 total followers.
- Bluesky is up 4 followers. 177 total followers.
- TikTok is up 5 followers. 844 total followers.

Higher Frequency Posts (FB): FB Camp Registration Day Q&A (2.38), Our Town Boost (2.28), St. Pat's Bingo Boost (2.06)

Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.

High Engagement Posts (FB): Black History Month: Jones Family (815), St. Pat's Bingo Boost (269), Exploritorium Parent Tot Yoga Boost (222)

These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.

FACEBOOK 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.



- Our boosts are doing VERY well, not only getting engagement on posts, but also getting link clicks!
- People appreciated our Black History Month nod to the Jones family, Skokie’s first Black homeowners. Based off our previous social numbers, we knew this post would do well, but it surpassed our expectations.
- What this tells us:
 - People are proud to be part of a very diverse community.
 - Spotlighting very-Skokie things does well on social.
 - We can have these important conversations on social because we are one of our community's hubs – the meeting point between many groups.
 - We continue to champion diversity through our programming, our words and our pictures.



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: 28,627
Views: 43,334
Interactions: 691
Link Clicks: 0
Reactions: 568
Comments: 54
Shares: 59
Saves: 10



Viewers: 6,110
Views: 8,506
Interactions: 22
Link Clicks: 61
Reactions: 17
Comments: 0
Shares: 4
Saves: 1



Viewers: 4,859
Views: 12,223
Interactions: 83
Link Clicks: 0
Reactions: 20
Comments: 60
Shares: 2
Saves: 1



Viewers: 4,813
Views: 7,375
Interactions: 23
Link Clicks: 18
Reactions: 19
Comments: 0
Shares: 3
Saves: 1



Viewers: 2,758
Views: 4,214
Interactions: 19
Link Clicks: 1
Reactions: 18
Comments: 0
Shares: 1
Saves: 0

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.



Reach: 1,721
Views: 3,109
Interactions: 95
Likes: 80
Comments: 1
Shares: 9
Saves: 3



Reach: 819
Views: 1,169
Interactions: 33
Likes: 25
Comments: 2
Shares: 5
Saves: 1



Reach: 791
Views: 1,376
Interactions: 7
Likes: 3
Comments: 2
Shares: 1
Saves: 1



Reach: 679
Views: 1,223
Interactions: 50
Likes: 23
Comments: 0
Shares: 18
Saves: 7



Reach: 616
Views: 1,371
Interactions: 29
Likes: 25
Comments: 0
Shares: 1
Saves: 2

skokieparks WINTER CHILLY FEST AT EMILY OAKS
Bundle up for a magical winter evening! Enjoy L... more

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: 14,020
Views: 23,517
Interactions: 28
Likes: 26
Comments: 1
Shares: 0
Saves: 1
Link Clicks: 290



Viewers: 10,586
Views: 17,884
Interactions: 194
Likes: 183
Comments: 1
Shares: 7
Saves: 3
Link Clicks: 144



Viewers: 10,430
Views: 19,326
Interactions: 146
Likes: 139
Comments: 0
Shares: 3
Saves: 4
Link Clicks: 190



Viewers: 6,731
Views: 11,733
Interactions: 21
Likes: 16
Comments: 0
Shares: 5
Saves: 0
Link Clicks: 120



Viewers: 6,575
Views: 14,553
Interactions: 267
Likes: 224
Comments: 22
Shares: 17
Saves: 3
Link Clicks: 451

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

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.

Views: Number of times your post was seen.

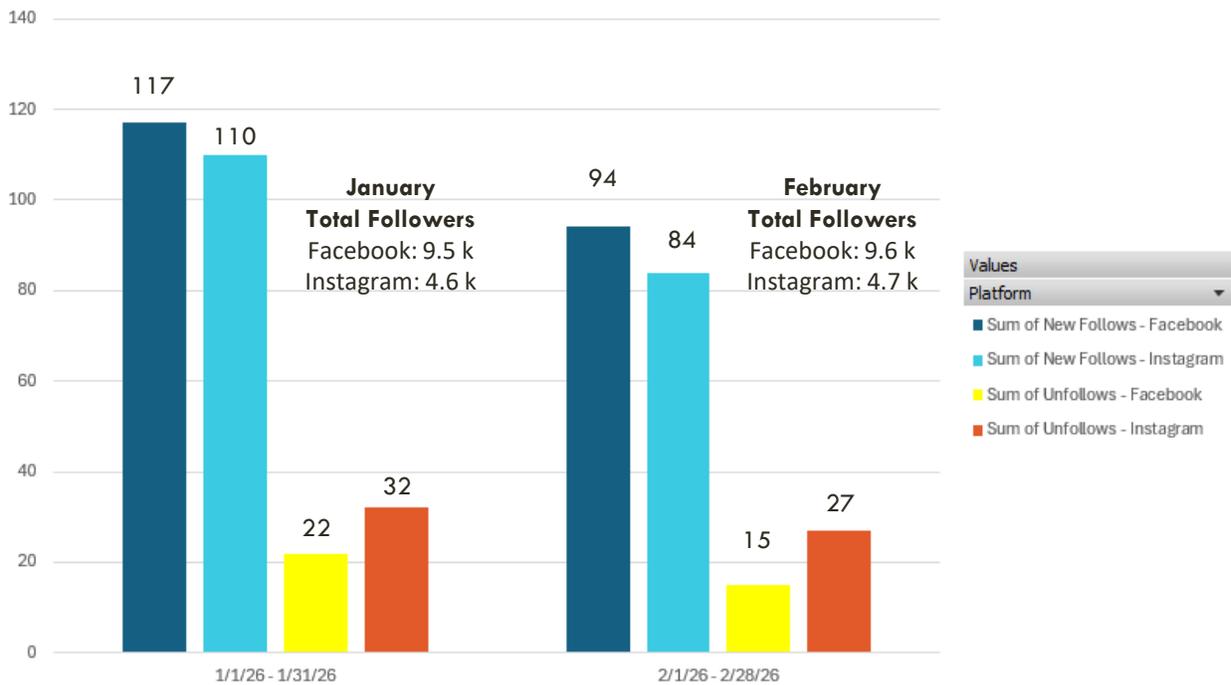
Green: Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

Views / Reach = Frequency

Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
BLACK HISTORY MONTHA SALUTE TO SKOKIE'S BLACK HOUSING PIONEERS!David Paul Jones and his wife, Martha, were Skokie's first Black homeowners in 1961.	43343	28796		1.51
RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS ON SUNDAY!Resident registration for our Skokie summer camps opens this Sunday, February 8 at noon! Whether it's art, sports	23517	12940		1.82
PAINT & PLAY AT THE EXPLORATORIUMThis sensory art class will allow you and your little artist to explore and create together. Process-based art projects and cre	18745	9889		1.89
PARENT TOT YOGA AT THE EXPLORATORIUMCome stretch, move and play with your little one! This fun and easy class introduces basic yoga through simple poses	16865	9595		1.76
ADULTS OVER 60: ST. PAT'S BINGO PARTYCelebrate St Patrick's Day in style with a buffet lunch, bingo, and live entertainment. Prizes will be awarded for bingc	13195	6409		2.06
UPDATE: Thanks to everyone who registered for Summer Camp today. We are no longer monitoring this post. If you have camp questions, please call (847) 674-15	12229	5131		2.38
VIRTUAL CAMP OPEN HOUSE Join us for the Virtual Camp Open House on Wednesday, February 4! Check out information about our 67 summer camps an	11377	7504		1.52
(blank)	10832	6533		1.66
'OUR TOWN' AT THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTERThin Ice Ensemble Theater presents Thornton Wilder's Our Town, a timeless American classic that celebrat	10538	4626		2.28
YOUR SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE IS HERE!Spring classes and events (April & May) are now viewable online — and with them the district's Spring Program Guide '26	8677	6183		1.40
WINTER CHILLY FEST AT EMILY OAKSBundle up for a magical winter evening! Enjoy two nights of winter fun under the stars and a cozy indoor chili dinner for all age	7375	4859		1.52
LUCK IS IN THE (FRESH) AIR ☀️ No bad luck here. Just sunshine, 50° temps, and a weekend made for getting outside. And guess what? We've got three Friday tl	4215	2772		1.52
STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AT EMILY OAKSBring your favorite stuffed animal to Emily Oaks before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 13. Your friend will stay overnight for l	3694	2566		1.44
RAMADAN & LENT: REFLECTION & RENEWALToday marks the beginning of Ramadan and Lent for many in our community — meaningful religious observances cer	3252	2093		1.55
PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AT THE SKOKIE FESTIVAL OF CULTURES!Meet thousands of patrons from more than 20 suburbs as you meet and greet your demograph	2721	1980		1.37
TRANSLATION SERVICES NOW AVAILABLEAt the Skokie Park District, we're proud to serve a community that speaks more than 90 languages. To better support our	2691	2316		1.16
LAST CALL FOR EID SPONSORS!Get your business front and center at our Eid Celebration at the Weber Leisure Center on Saturday, March 28! Call or text Diane a	2272	1541		1.47
CHECK OUT NEW EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & OUTINGS IN MARCH!If you are looking for new and unique ways to have fun in March — in addition to its hundreds of cla	1962	1236		1.59
DON'T MISS WINTER CHILLY FEST THIS WEEKEND!Bundle up for a magical winter evening! Enjoy two nights of winter fun under the stars and a cozy indoor chili din	1946	1295		1.50
VISIT US AT THE CHICAGOLAND GOLF SHOW!Stop by and visit the Skokie Park District golf staff for a putting contest and a raffle for free stuff! The show is Friday t	1844	1351		1.36
PLAY IN THE STA ADULT MIXED-DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE!The Skokie Tennis Association invites adult tennis players ages 18+ to join this social mixed-doubles le	1813	1330		1.36
CAMP NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS ON SUNDAY!Non-resident registration for our Skokie summer camps opens this Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 a.m.! \	1651	1173		1.41
SCHOOL'S OUT! LET'S SKATE!Join us for a special school's out public skating session on Monday, February 16! 🏂 Public Skate Fees: All Ages: \$7 / Skate Rental: \$4	1466	1029		1.42
KIDS DESERVE A NIGHT OUT TOO!Drop your child off for an evening of supervised fun, crafts, Exploratorium playtime and many more surprises. Snacks will be prov	1438	889		1.62
TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE!For any child 4-9 years old that wants to try hockey in a fun and safe environment. All equipment will be provided. The first 30 registrants w	1350	912		1.48
CARNEVALE MASK MAKING WORKSHOPCreate your own festive Carnevale mask in this hands-on, make-and-take workshop! Participants ages 12 and up will desi	1344	909		1.48
YOUTH HOCKEY: WINTER STICK AND PUCKDrop-in to this ages 7-16 hockey program on our studio rink on Monday evenings! Full equipment is required. Goalies a	1286	912		1.41
LATE NIGHT VOLLEYBALL THIS SATURDAY 🏐 Still looking for a fun & active Valentine's date idea? Bring a date and receive a 2-for-1 discount, this weekend on	998	646		1.54
Our sincerest thanks to Wayfair, a proud sponsor of this month's Winter Chilly Fest at Emily Oaks Nature Center!	946	658		1.44
LIFE IN MOTION ICE SHOW 2026 AT THE SKATIUM ICE ARENACelebrate all of life's milestones from childhood and beyond. Don't miss this all-ages performance f	864	483		1.79
COMPOSTING WITH WORMS AT EMILY OAKSWorms are nature's recyclers, breaking down everything from grass clippings to banana peels. Worm composting kee	721	517		1.39
Don't forget to join us tomorrow for our Virtual Open House at 6 p.m.! 📞 Get the zoom link and more here: https://www.skokieparks.org/summer-camps/	549	327		1.68
HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!Join us for a family-friendly Lunar New Year celebration filled with festive fun for all ages. Enjoy hands-on activity stations, sample light l	528	335		1.58
FEMINISM AND FUDGE AT THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTERLearn about fudge's surprising past as a symbol of feminist independence for early college-atten	490	338		1.45
PLAY IN OUR MAJOR MADNESS GOLF TOURNAMENT!Register for our first-ever March golf tournament at Skokie Sports Park. February 26-April 12! A maximum of 6	470	290		1.62
Performances start this weekend! 🎟 Purchase your tickets here: https://bit.ly/4qXuRxa	422	252		1.67
Final weekend! 🎟 Purchase your tickets here: https://bit.ly/4qXuRxa	364	214		1.70
Register by today to join the fun!	358	207		1.73
Eid Celebration				
Grand Total	218348	131046		1.991
Averages	5746	3448.58		52.39

Follows vs. Unfollows: Jan. – Feb.





Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report March 2026



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Server Room Cleanup

A final cleanup of all wiring and network equipment will be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Firewall Upgrade

Two new firewalls will be configured to better secure the SPD network with a completion date of May 2026.



**Skokie Park District
Staff and Community
Committee Reports
March 2026**



Backlot Bash Committee	
Breanne Labus	
No report.	
Community Schools Steering Committee	
Breanne Labus	
No report.	
DEI Committee	
Mary Amato	
The topic for the annual staff training on April 9 will be Inclusion. The committee is working with Access Living, a center of service, advocacy, and social change for people with disabilities, led and run by people with disabilities. The speaker is blind and will be sharing their personal experiences navigating public spaces, as well as insights into disability and accessibility considerations.	
Environmental Action Team (EAT)	
Lee Hansen	
The team toured Devonshire Cultural Center during the February 17 meeting, and staff reviewed the recycling procedures and supplies utilized at the center. A tour of the LRS material recovery facility in Northbrook is scheduled for March. The team is promoting recycling best practices through training on the facility and district levels.	
4th of July Parade Committee	
Jim Hallm	
The first planning meeting occurred on February 23.	
Festival of Cultures Committee	
Aryn Fletcher	
No Report.	
Juneteenth	
Mary Amato	
No report.	
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation	
Michelle Tuft	
No report.	

Niles Township Youth Coalition

Mary Amato

The committee met on Tuesday, March 3 at the Jewish Child & Family Services Center. Representatives reported on upcoming events and training opportunities. No Shame on U, a non-profit that attends the meeting, will be providing training for our summer camp staff this summer.

Safety Committee

Amanda Green

The Committee met on March 4. Staff reviewed policies and procedures related to training. Michelle Tuft reviewed the Park Safety Task Force meeting notes. The group discussed upcoming collaborations and training sessions with the Village of Skokie, including reminders on how to register for different training courses. The next meeting is April 2.

Skokie Chamber of Commerce

Michelle Tuft

The board met on Monday, February 23. The new Director is settling into her role, and the board is working on stabilizing the finances and public perception.

Skokie Pride

Cassie Schaeffer

Preparations are well underway, and the next meeting is scheduled for March 13.

Skokie's Spring Greening

Lee Hansen

The planning team met on February 2 and 23 to review traffic flow for the event and continue other preparations. Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for Sunday, April 12 from 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!

Staff Appreciation Committee

Keli Stonitsch

The committee is hard at work preparing for the April 11 event and has met several times to plan decorations, activities, and the event timeline. Invitations will be distributed soon, and staff members continue to promote peer nominations for the Star Awards. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 25.