

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2025
6:30 P.M.**



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





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - 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 October 21, 2025
- *VIII. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025
- IX. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Fiscal Year Ended 04/30/2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Management Letter and Control Deficiency Letter
 - B. Tax Levy Presentation
 - C. Approval of Tax Levy Ordinance #25-010
- X. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of Greensmaster Triflex Hybrid Mower
 - B. 2025 Camp Report and 2026 Camp Fee Proposal
 - C. 2025 Pool Report and 2026 Pool Fees Approval
- *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, December 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
 - B. Commissioner Comments
 - C. Director Comments
- XV. OLD BUSINESS
- XVI. NEW BUSINESS
- XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Review of Executive Session Minutes of September 25, 2025
 - B. Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees
- XVIII. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of September 25, 2025.
- 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
OCTOBER 21, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Elsa Fisher
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
Human Resource Director Stephenie Gualano
IT Assistant Dylan Kehoe
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. President Aberman 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 Williams 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 September 25, 2025, bills payable for the month of September/October 2025, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #25-009 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
APPROXIMATELY \$2,776,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BONDS,
SERIES 2025B, OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT**

Treasurer Schmidt requested the Adoption of Ordinance #25-009 Authorizing the Issuance of Approximately \$2,776,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025B of the Skokie Park District.

Mr. Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial, Inc. explained that the district annually sells this bond to pay off debt and cover capital needs. Four bids were received; the lowest, Time Bank, offered 2.97%. The interest rate was better than last year. After the sale, the issue size increased by \$15,400 to \$2,791,400. Closing is set for November 4, 2025.

President Aberman thanked Mr. Miceli for the report.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Ordinance #25-009 to authorize the issuance of \$2,791,400 of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds Series 2025B. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

2025 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION #25-005

Mr. Schmidt requested approval for the 2025 Tax Levy Resolution #25-005, which includes a 2.9% CPI-based increase. There were no questions.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve Resolution #25-005. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

FIVE MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Schmidt reported that the district's primary financial concern is the delayed receipt of second installment tax revenue. Nevertheless, he noted that the district maintains healthy fund balances and that its overall financial position remains sound. The report provides an overview of how all district funds are performing.

Vice President Jaffe inquired about the final property tax amount once the bills are issued. Mr. Schmidt responded that it should be approximately \$5,000,000, representing 45% of the total.

No motion required, informational only.

CHANNELSIDE SOUTH CONCEPT PRESENTATION

Mr. Gage Berger of Wight & Company presented the Channelside South development concept, themed "Reclaimed by Nature." He provided an overview of the entire project and described each area thoroughly.

Mr. Berger stated that the project cost is estimated at \$15,800,000. Due to the substantial presence of asphalt, the plan involves transforming the area into prairie by importing additional soil, which is projected to cost between \$5,000,000 and \$5,500,000.

The combined cost of Skokie Sports Park East and Channelside South is estimated at approximately \$54 million. Ms. Tuft said the next agenda item will address hiring a consultant for a possible referendum.

Ms. Tuft asked if the board was satisfied with the concepts shown, and Commissioner Fisher responded positively. Commissioner Williams also expressed approval, noting that the plan included unique features such as an inclusive playground and fitness area not found in other parks.

Vice President Jaffe asked about the amenities included in the development plan of Skokie Sports Park East. Ms. Tuft responded that Skokie Sports Park East will maintain an athletic focus, featuring a gym, pickleball courts and outdoor fields. She clarified that there will be no duplication between the amenities at Skokie Sports Park East and Channelside South. Vice President Jaffe inquired about the possibility of holding camps at Channelside South, and Ms. Tuft confirmed that it would be possible. He also asked about the possibility of installing restrooms at the southern end of the park. Mr. Guynn responded that portable toilets could be placed in that area, as adding permanent restroom facilities is very expensive.

President Aberman thanked Wight & Company for their presentation.

No motion required, informational only.

REFERENDUM CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Ms. Tuft said the next step in the development of Skokie Sports Park East and Channelside South is to determine if the district wants to proceed with a referendum to fund the projects. Ms. Tuft recommended hiring Beyond Your Base, a consultant of Wight & Company.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that she had reviewed their background and found them to be highly successful. Commissioner Fischer added that during her time at Northbrook Park District, they utilized their services and chose not to pursue a referendum, thanks to the insights they provided.

Commissioner Fischer moved to approve the agreement with Beyond Your Base, a consulting group of Wight & Company for \$15,000. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTER FLOORING BID

Mr. Guynn requested approval of the Devonshire Cultural Center flooring bid. The flooring is for the main hallway and four bathrooms. Scharm Floor submitted the lowest bid out of the four received, with a price of \$116,100.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the bid by Scharm Floor Covering for a total of \$116,100 for the Devonshire Cultural Center Flooring Bid. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SAFETY MANUAL

Ms. Gualano, the Human Resource Director, said the Safety Manual has not been revised since 2021. In 2023, a full-time dedicated Risk and Safety Manager was hired and together with Ms. Gualano, they reviewed the manual and merged it with other relevant documents so that all safety information is now contained in a single manual.

President Aberman said the Safety Manual was very inclusive and covered it all.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the safety manual as proposed, effective November 1, 2025. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Ms. Gualano reminded the board that the district's insurance is through the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) and shared the rate renewal for 2026. Because this is the district's first rate increase since joining the IPBC, we were given the pool average which is an 11.1 % increase for PPO and 6.2% for HMO insurance. The dental plan rate will rise 4.5%. All rate increases are effective on January 1, 2026.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative for health, dental, vision and life insurance for 12 months beginning January 1, 2026, with a monthly premium of \$127,550.63 per month, based on current census. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATES – JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND STAFF BENEFITS

In February 2024, internal staff benefits were approved by the board. Since then, there have been challenges administering the benefits. To address one of the issues around the number of hours staff work and the benefits they receive based on those hours, staff are recommending changing the classifications. The classifications will be PT1, PT2, PT3, full-time equivalent (FTE) and full-time. The board packet contains a list of the new classifications.

The second change is updating the benefit chart for staff. It will be easier for them to read and includes items that were missing in 2024.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the policies as proposed, effective November 1, 2025. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

2025 BACKLOT BASH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Ms. Labus provided a breakdown of the revenue and expenses for the Backlot Bash in the board report. With the great weather this year, the event was very successful. She

was still collecting invoices from the Village of Skokie when the report was prepared. The event's reported \$6,000 loss might balance out to break even.

Ms. Tuft commended Ms. Labus for her work on lowering expenses.

Commissioner Williams asked if we ever thought about charging for Backlot Bash. Ms. Labus said she has considered asking for a suggested donation, but it is difficult with so many entrances to the Backlot Bash. Commissioner Fischer said she likes that the event is free.

No motion required, informational only.

APPROVAL OF CREDENTIALS FOR THE IAPD ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Commissioner Fischer as the Skokie Park District delegate, Commissioner Aberman as 1st alternate and Vice President Jaffe as 2nd alternate to the IAPD annual business meeting on January 31, 2026. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioner voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION SCHEDULE, FORM, AND PROCESS

President Aberman asked if the board had reviewed the information regarding the Executive Director's evaluation. Ms. Tuft reminded the board to look at the revised forms, which were different from what was in the board packet. The board discussed the process and form and set a timeline.

Vice President Jaffe will receive suggested changes on the three forms, (evaluation, self-evaluation and 360 review) by November 4. He will then compile the changes and share with President Aberman by November 7. Once the forms are approved, he will distribute them, and all completed forms are due on November 16.

There was discussion on whether this is a policy to be approved by the board. The board agreed to go through the process and have a discussion at the February meeting on how to proceed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Fischer liked the way the Marketing Report was compiled and asked how long it took to compile it. Mr. Bottorff said the first one took four hours and now he has a template, and it took one hour. She said it was very impressive and gave a lot of good information.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft will respond to a resident request for the district to purchase property at Lincoln Avenue and Babb, to build a new park. The board consensus is that Channelside South and Sports Park East are priorities at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioner voted aye. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj was absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President
November 18, 2025

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary



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Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: W. G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Fiscal Year Ended 04/30/2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Management Letter, Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and Control Deficiency Letter.

Summary: A copy of the fiscal year end 04/30/2025 ACFR, the Management Letter, Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and the Control Deficiency Letter has been issued under separate cover. Mr. John Epperson of Miller Cooper & Co. Ltd will be present at the Board Meeting to summarize the audit process, go over the report and letters, and answer any questions you may have.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval of the fiscal year 2024-2025 ACFR, management letter, and Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and control deficiency letter as presented by the audit firm, Miller Cooper & Co. Ltd.

Motion: Move to approve the fiscal year end 04/30/2025 ACFR, management letter, Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and control deficiency letter.



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: 2025 Tax Levy Presentation

Summary: Attached is the 2025 Tax Levy presentation. The CPI increase for the 2025 levy year is 2.9% which equates to a \$293,986 increase in the aggregate funds (all funds minus debt service). The tax levy is based on an overall increase of 1.16% without loss and cost. The Truth-in-Taxation increase for all funds, but Debt Service is 2.90% or \$293,986. Because the Truth-In-Taxation increase is less than 5% no public notice or hearing is required.

Recommendation: None. For information purposes before the adoption of the tax levy ordinance if the Commissioners want to go over.

Motion: None, Informational only.



Tax Levy Process

Levy Year 2025

Agenda

The Skokie Park District has the authority to Levy Taxes for Corporate and Recreation purposes.

This presentation provides an overview of our Tax Levy process.

THE STEPS



-  **Start with Prior Year Levy**
-  **Estimate Year End Fund Balances**
-  **Estimate the EAV**
-  **Allocate \$ into funds**
-  **Prior Year Comparison**
-  **Truth in Taxation Resolution**
-  **Pass and File Tax Levy**

Funds

	Rate max	Capped	Not Capped
Corporate	(.35)	✓	
Recreation	(.37)	✓	
Special Recreation	(.04)		✓
Museum	(.07)	✓	
IMRF		✓	
Liability		✓	
Social Security		✓	
Audit	(.005)	✓	
Debt Service			✓

Prior Year Est. Levy (2024)

Total	\$13,690,843
Capped	\$ 8,742,864
Non Capped	\$ 4,947,979
Aggregate Amt	\$ 9,948,994

Skokie Resident Tax Bill

ALL SCHOOLS	78.49%
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Village of Skokie	4.70%
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All of Cook County	4.75%
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Skokie Public Library	4.16%
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Skokie Park District	3.94%
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Water Reclamatin Dist.	3.34%
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All Others	0.62%
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Estimated Fund Balances

Year ending 4/30/26

		Corporate	\$ 3,442,858	
		Recreation	\$ 5,547,338	
		Special Recreation	\$ 200,896	
		Museum	\$ 183,631	
		IMRF	\$ 40,585	
		Liability	\$ 253,113	
		Social Security	\$ (585,095)	
		Audit	\$ 7,458	
		Debt Service	\$ 481,847	

The EAV

	2024 Estimated	2025 est 1% increase	Difference
EAV	\$ 3,149,412,680	\$ 3,180,906,807	1.0%
Tax rate	.435	.44	0

Allocation of \$ into Funds

	Estimated Fund Balance May 2026	2025 Levy Amount		
Corporate	\$ 3,422,858	3,900,000	Small increase over prior year	
Recreation fund 20 only	\$ 5,547,338	2,400,000	Lower than 2024 Rec Fund doing very well	
Special Recreation	\$ 200,896	\$ 900,000	Lower fund balance and cover expenses back to normal	
Museum	\$ 183,631	\$ 776,000	Increased to maintain required fund balance	
IMRF	\$ 40,585	\$ 400,000	Reduce fund balance and cover expenses	
Liability	\$ 253,113	500,000	Cover expenses and decrease fund balance	
Social Security	\$ (585,095)	1,500,000	Cover expenses and increase fund balance	
Audit	\$ 7,458	\$ 55,000	Cover expenses	
Debt Service	\$ 481,847	\$ 3,482,773	Statutory commitments	



LEVY BY YEAR

FUND	2024 LEVY AMOUNT	2025 LEVY AMOUNT
Corporate	\$3,853,269	\$3,900,000
Recreation	\$2,637,447	\$2,400,000
Special Recreation	\$ 1,206,130	\$ 900,000
Museum	\$ 615,509	\$ 776,000
IMRF	\$ 202,804	\$ 400,000
Liability	\$ 770,654	\$ 500,000
Social Security	\$ 608,411	\$1,500,000
Audit	\$ 55,771	\$ 55,000
Debt Service	\$3,553,829	\$3,482,773

Prior Year Levy (2025) Comparison

	<u>2024 Levy</u>	<u>Presented 2025</u>
Total	\$ 13,690,843	\$ 13,913,773
Capped	\$ 8,742,864	\$ 9,531,000
Non-Capped	\$ 4,947,979	\$ 4,382,773
Aggregate	\$ 9,948,995	\$ 10,431,000

Truth in Taxation Resolution

The way the County determines the actual amount of capped fund dollars to be levied is based on:

1. C.P.I. Increase, which is 2.9% this year
2. 2024 EAV minus new property annexations, recent TIF values and any disconnected properties ***which are all unknown.***

BECAUSE OF THIS THE DISTRICT USED TO FILE A LEVY AT JUST UNDER 5% SO THAT WE CAPTURE ALL OF THE AMOUNTS AFFECTED BY THE UNKNOWN FACTORS. This year we are filing at 2.90%.

Truth in Taxation Resolution

	<u>2024 Levy</u>	Presented <u>2025 Levy</u>
Total	\$ 13,690,843	\$ 13,913,773
Capped	\$ 8,742,864	\$ 9,531,000
Non-Capped	\$ 4,947,979	\$ 4,382,773
Aggregate	\$ 9,948,995	\$ 10,431,000

Some funds are increased more than the CPI of 2.9%, but the total increase for Truth in Taxation purposes is 2.9%. We have invested our levy funds in the Social Security, Corporate, and Museum Funds. Because the increase minus Debt Service is less than 5% a public truth-in-taxation hearing is not required.



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Recommendation: None. For information purposes before the adoption of the tax levy ordinance if the Commissioners want to go over.

Motion: None, Informational only.

SKOKIE PARK DISTICT, SKOKIE ILLINOIS
COOK COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 25-010

2025 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 25-010

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING
THE TAXES OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE
1ST DAY OF MAY 2025 AND ENDING ON THE
30TH OF APRIL 2026.

BE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE SKOKIE PARK
DISTRICT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The sum of Ten Million, Four Hundred Thirty One Thousand Dollars, (\$10,431,000.00), or so much as may be authorized by law, is hereby assessed and levied for the anticipated objects and purposes specified against all taxable property within the limits of the SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT at full, fair cash value as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes, for the current fiscal year of said Park District, commencing on 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2025 and ending 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026. The sum assessed and levied pursuant hereto shall be applied in liquidation of the appropriations made in accordance with applicable law for the fiscal year commencing 1ST DAY OF MAY 2025 and ending 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2026, after public hearing as required by law, or for appropriations made in accordance with applicable law for the fiscal year commencing 1ST DAY OF MAY 2025 and ending on 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to Section 4-4 of the Park District Code, (70 ILCS 1205/4-4), as amended, this levy is not intended or required to be supportive of or in relation to the Park District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the 1ST DAY OF MAY 2025 through the 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2026 fiscal year.

SECTION 3: Hereafter set forth under the column entitled "Amount to be Raised by Taxation" is the specific amount hereby levied for each object and purpose.

	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION
1. GENERAL CORPORATE FUND	
<u>SALARIES:</u>	
1. Supervisors.....	\$ 400,000.00
2. Maintenance.....	800,000.00
3. Office Staff.....	500,000.00
4. Treasurer.....	4,000.00
5. Director and Superintendents.....	<u>320,000.00</u>
	<u>\$2,024,000.00</u>

SERVICES:

1. Vehicle, Facility and Equipment Repair and Operation.....	\$ 208,000.00
2. Printing, Postage and Advertising.....	70,000.00
3. Subscriptions and Dues.....	5,000.00
4. Service Contracts, Mobile Radio, Tree Trimming and Rubbish Removal.....	110,000.00
5. Legal Fees.....	12,000.00
6. Computer Services.....	150,000.00
7. Equipment Rental.....	<u>3,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 558,000.00</u>

UTILITIES:

1. Electricity.....	\$ 33,000.00
2. Water.....	10,000.00
3. Gas.....	10,000.00
4. Telephone.....	25,000.00
5. Security.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 79,000.00</u>

SUPPLIES:

1. Office Equipment and Office Furniture.....	\$ 1,000.00
2. Landscaping and Irrigation Supplies.....	140,000.00
3. Maintenance Supplies and Materials.....	55,000.00
4. Copier Equipment and Office Supplies.....	<u>58,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 254,000.00</u>

GENERAL & MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:

1. Employee Training and General Admin.	\$ 100,000.00
2. Commissioners' Educational Expenses	5,000.00
3. Employee Medical, Life and Business Ins.	480,000.00
4. Interest Expense	<u>400,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 985,000.00</u>

Amount to be raised by Tax Levy for General
Corporate purposes (Authority Section 5-1 Park
District Code) \$ 3,900,000.00

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AMOUNT TO BE
RAISED BY TAXATION

II. RECREATION FUND

SALARIES:

1. Program Supervisors.....	\$ 766,000.00
2. Program Leaders.....	600,000.00
3. Program Instructors.....	522,000.00
4. Materials, Supplies and Services	<u>512,000.00</u>

The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Recreation
Purposes: (Authority Section 5-2 Park District Code)

\$ 2,400,000.00

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III. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

1. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.....	<u>\$ 400,000.00</u>
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The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for contributions to the Illinois
Municipal Retirement Fund.
(Authority 40 ILCS 5/7-171)

\$ 400,000.00

IV. SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

1. Social Security Contributions.....	<u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u>
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The Amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Social
Security Purposes (Authority 40 ILCS 5/21-110)

\$ 1,500,000.00

V. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND

1. Supervisors and Instructors.....	\$ 100,000.00
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2. Risk Management Education, Programs & Training	50,000.00
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3. Illinois Unemployment Compensation Insurance Payments to the State of Illinois.....	10,000.00
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4. Skokie Park District's contribution to Park District Risk Management Agency.....	<u>\$ 340,000.00</u>
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The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Liability Insurance
Purposes: (Authority 745 ILCS 10/9-107)

\$ 500,000.00

VI. HANDICAPPED RECREATION FUND

1. Payment to Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation for the Handicapped. Skokie Park District's share of that organization's expenses of providing recreational programs under joint agreement.....	\$ 400,000.00
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AMOUNT TO BE
RAISED BY TAXATION

2. Cost of Inclusion: 180,000.00

3. A. D. A. Programs 320,000.00

The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Handicapped
Purposes: (Authority Section 5-8 Park District Code)

\$ 900,000.00

VII. AUDIT FUND

1. Audit Expense..... \$ 55,000.00

The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Audit Purposes:
(Authority 50 ILCS 310/9)

\$ 55,000.00

III. MUSEUM FUND

SALARIES:

1. Program Supervisors..... \$ 179,000.00

2. Program Leaders..... 89,000.00

3. Program Instructors..... 239,000.00

4. Attendants..... 30,000.00

5. Maintenance..... 124,000.00

\$ 661,000.00

SERVICES:

1. Vehicle, Equip. & Fac. Repair & Operations.....\$ 10,000.00

2. Transportation & Admissions..... 11,000.00

3. Contractual Services..... 30,000.00

4. Printing, Postage and Advertising..... 8,000.00

5. Subscriptions and Dues..... 500.00

6. Equipment Rental..... 500.00

\$ 60,000.00

UTILITIES:

1. Electricity..... \$14,000.00

2. Water..... 400.00

3. Gas.....	6,000.00
4. Communication.....	8,000.00
5. Security.....	<u>1,600.00</u>
	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

SUPPLIES:

1. Concession Supplies.....	\$ 1,000.00
2. Maintenance Supplies and Materials.....	5,000.00
3. Copier Equipment and Office Supplies.....	1,000.00
4. Program Supplies.....	<u>18,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>

The amount to be raised by Tax Levy for Museum Purposes:
(Authority Park District Aquarium and Museum Act,
70 ILCS 1290/2) \$ 776,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED FOR ALL FUNDS	<u>\$ 10,431,000.00</u>
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SUMMARY

Total Tax Levy For General Corporate Purposes:	\$3,900,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Recreation Purposes:	\$2,400,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund:	\$ 400,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Social Security Fund:	\$1,500,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Liability Insurance Purposes:	\$ 500,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Handicapped Recreation Purposes:	\$ 900,000.00
Total Tax Levy For Audit Purposes:	\$ 55,000.00
Total Tax Levy for Museum Purposes:	\$ 776,000.00

SECTION 4: The Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of COOK COUNTY, within the time specified by law and said County Clerk shall extend the tax to produce the amounts levied herein upon the books of the Collector of the State and County Taxes, all as provided by law.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

AYES: _____ Commissioner(s) _____

NAYS: _____ Commissioner(s) _____

ABSTAINED: _____ Commissioner(s) _____

ABSENT: _____ Commissioner(s) _____

Susan Aberman, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT

ATTESTED this 18th day of
November 2025.

Michelle Tuft, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, MICHELLE TUFT, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners, Skokie Park District, Cook County, Illinois; that as such Secretary, I am the keeper of the official records and the official seal of said Park District.

I do further certify that the annexed copy of an Ordinance Levying and Assessing the Taxes of the Skokie Park District for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025, is a full, true, complete, correct and compared copy of the original said Ordinance now on file in my office, passed by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District at a legally convened meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act at 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie, Illinois, on November 19, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District at Skokie, Illinois, this 19th day of November 2024.

MICHELLE TUFT, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District, Cook County
Illinois

CORPORATE

SEAL

CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDING OFFICER

I, Susan Aberman hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, and that as such President, I am the presiding officer of the corporate authority of said Park District.

I further certify that the attached copy of the ordinance levying and assessing taxes of the Skokie Park District for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of May 2024 and ending on the 30th day of April 2025, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with, the provisions of Section 18-60 through 18-85 of The Truth in Taxation Law.

The notice and hearing requirements of Section 18-70 of the Law are applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the President and presiding officer of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Skokie Park District at Skokie, Illinois this 19th day of November 2024.

Susan Aberman, President
Board of Park Commissioners
Skokie Park District

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
November 18, 2025**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of October 31, 2025, is in the board packet.

The summary of these funds is attached.

There is a CD due from Chase Bank on November 14, 2025, which I will not renew and have the funds deposited into our checking account.

As of October 31, 2025, \$6,814,144 of levy year 2024 money has been collected. No new collections.

I have read that tax bills will be issued by November 14, 2025, with payments due by December 15, 2025.

The details of the accounts are available on request.

The Series 2025 B refunding bond issue was completed on November 4, 2025, and the proceeds deposited into our General Account (\$2,791,400).

At the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments is the listing of tax collections by year. Nothing has changed since last month except for a few refunds.

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
November 18, 2025
(As of 10/31/2025)**

GENERAL FUND

CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.10/1.90% \$5,088,647.34

INVESTMENTS WITH JPMORGAN CHASE/BANK ONE

Savings: 0.6%	208,796.48
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 11/14/25 - 4.7% MV	245,040.82
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 4/6/26 - 4.1% MV	245,350.67
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 5/26/26 - 4.25% MV	245,703.59

INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/26 – 3.75%	638,409.45
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INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	278,448.54
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CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	285,787.30
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TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$7,216,184.19
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TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 10/31/2025)

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	6,814,143.92	--



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

RE: Approval of Greensmaster Triflex Hybrid Mower

Summary: Staff is seeking approval to purchase a Greensmaster Toro Triflex Hybrid mower from Reinders, Inc. through the Sourcewell municipal joint purchase program. The Sourcewell agreement is attached. Illinois statute allows park districts to purchase through joint purchase programs to take advantage of the savings on items already bid by the state.

The mower being replaced is a 2013 Greensmaster Toro Triflex with 1,772 hours of use. This mower is used for maintaining the greens at the Weber Golf Course and as such is an important piece of equipment. The current version is gas operated and this version is a hybrid of gas and electric with less emissions, lower fuel consumption, and is quieter.

This mower is budgeted in next year's capital plan and the original intent was to order the mower during this fiscal year due to long lead times experienced with ordering the fairway version of this model last year. However, when staff contacted Reinders to submit the order they were informed that two machines are in stock. Additionally, the price is projected to increase by \$3,000 if purchased in the next fiscal year. For this reason, staff is requesting to make the purchase now.

The current mower will be listed as surplus at a future board meeting and sent to auction, which will help to offset the cost of the new mower.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of a Toro Greensmaster Triflex Hybrid Mower from Reinders, Inc. for \$69,998.04.

Motion: Move to approve the purchase of a Toro Greensmaster Triflex Hybrid Mower from Reinders, Inc. for \$69,998.04.

Reinders

Quote

Account: 364542-2

Weber Park Golf Course/Skokie Park District

9300 Weber Park Place

Skokie IL 60077-4200

Attn: Jon Savoie

Prepared By:

Brian Placzkowski

Territory Manager

13401 Watertown Plank Rd.

Elm Grove, WI 53122-2228

Cell (815) 347-3888

Fax (847) 678-5511

bplaczkowski@reinders.com

<u>Quote ID</u>	PRICE SUBJECT TO
Q170606	CHANGE
<u>Quote Date</u>	Contract
10/27/25	Quote

Sourcewell #112624-TTC / Omnia #2023261

QTY	CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE DETAILS
1	04530	Greensmaster TriFlex Hybrid 3320	\$39,289.38
4	04655	14 Blade Cutting Unit	\$13,543.92
3	04258	Extended Narrow Wiehle Roller	\$1,371.24
3	04655	14 Blade Cutting Unit	\$10,157.94
3	04258	Extended Narrow Wiehle Roller	\$1,371.24

Configured Contract Price:	\$65,733.72
Dealer Assembly & Delivery:	\$1,314.67
Commodity Price Impact Fee:	\$2,949.65
Trade Totals:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Final Sale Price:	\$69,998.04

2026 Purchase Price Estimate: \$72,097.99

ORDER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

364542-2

Weber Park Golf Course/Skokie Park District

Skokie IL 60077-4200

- Due to ongoing volatility in commodity prices and logistics costs, Reinders is unable to guarantee pricing, lease rates or lease payments.
- The prices and terms on this proposal are not subject to verbal changes or other agreements unless approved in writing by the seller. Typographical errors are subject to correction.
- Reinders may require a signed UCC Form prior to delivery.
- 2.5% service fee will be added to all credit card transactions.
- Due to product availability, separate finance documents and schedules will be enforced when leasing multiple traction units.
- Requested changes in regards to the quantities, specifications, schedule, financing, or other aspects of the services described in this quotation are not binding unless accepted by Reinders in writing and may accrue additional charges.
- I (PRINT NAME) _____, have reviewed the quote and acceptance agreement in their entirety. My signature below provides Reinders authorization to proceed with securing product, complete setup and ship to our agreed upon location. Any trades associated with this order will be ready for pick up at time of delivery.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Breanne Labus, Superintendent of Recreation

RE: 2025 Camp Report and 2026 Camp Fee Proposal

Summary: The Camp Report and Presentation for the 2025 camp season and recommendations and fee proposals for 2026 are attached. The survey comments are under a separate cover and will be available separately. A power point presentation of the Camp Report will be shared at the board meeting.

Recommendation Staff recommend approval of the proposed camp fees for 2026.

Motion: Move to approve the 2026 camp fees as proposed.

A colorful, hand-drawn style graphic for a summer camp report. The background is a light cream color. In the center is a large, rounded pink shape containing the text 'SUMMER CAMP 2025' in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, a green arrow-shaped banner points to the right and contains the text 'CAMP BOARD REPORT' in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The graphic is decorated with various elements: a purple heart with three dots in the top left; a yellow flower with a white center above the pink shape; a green star and a yellow star to the right of the pink shape; a green semi-circle with a white arrow pointing down and to the left in the top right; a pink flower with a white center in the bottom left; and a yellow flower with a white center in the bottom right. There are also some white dots and a white curved line on the pink shape.

SUMMER CAMP 2025

**CAMP BOARD
REPORT**

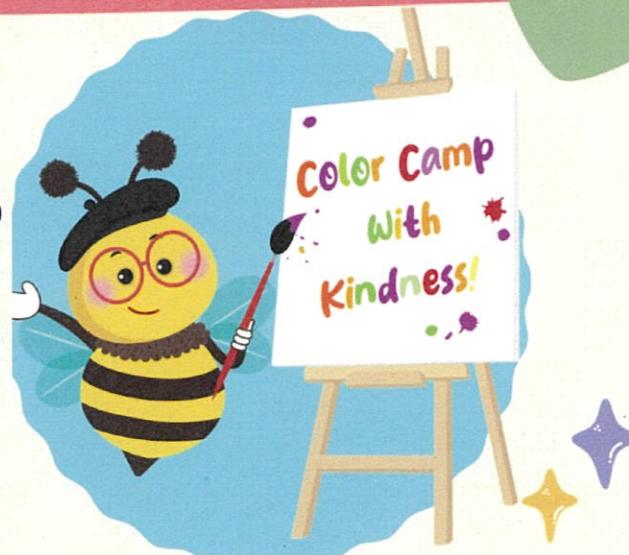
CAMP REPORT OVERVIEW

November 18, 2025

Breanne Labus, Superintendent of Recreation & Facilities

Mary Amato, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

- Camp Registration
- Camp Survey Results
- Fee Assistance and Inclusion Recap
- Camp Financials
- Proposed 2026 Fees
- 2026 Camp Plans





CAMP REGISTRATION



RECAP & 2026 PLANS

CAMP REGISTRATION COMPARISONS

Most popular camps with
waitlists:

- Emily Oaks Camps
- Kids Cooking Camps
- Camp Skokie & CIT- Oakton
- Urban Adventures
- Summer on Broadway Camps
- Art Camps



**2,774 UNIQUE
CAMPERS/1,922
UNIQUE
HOUSEHOLDS IN
2025!**



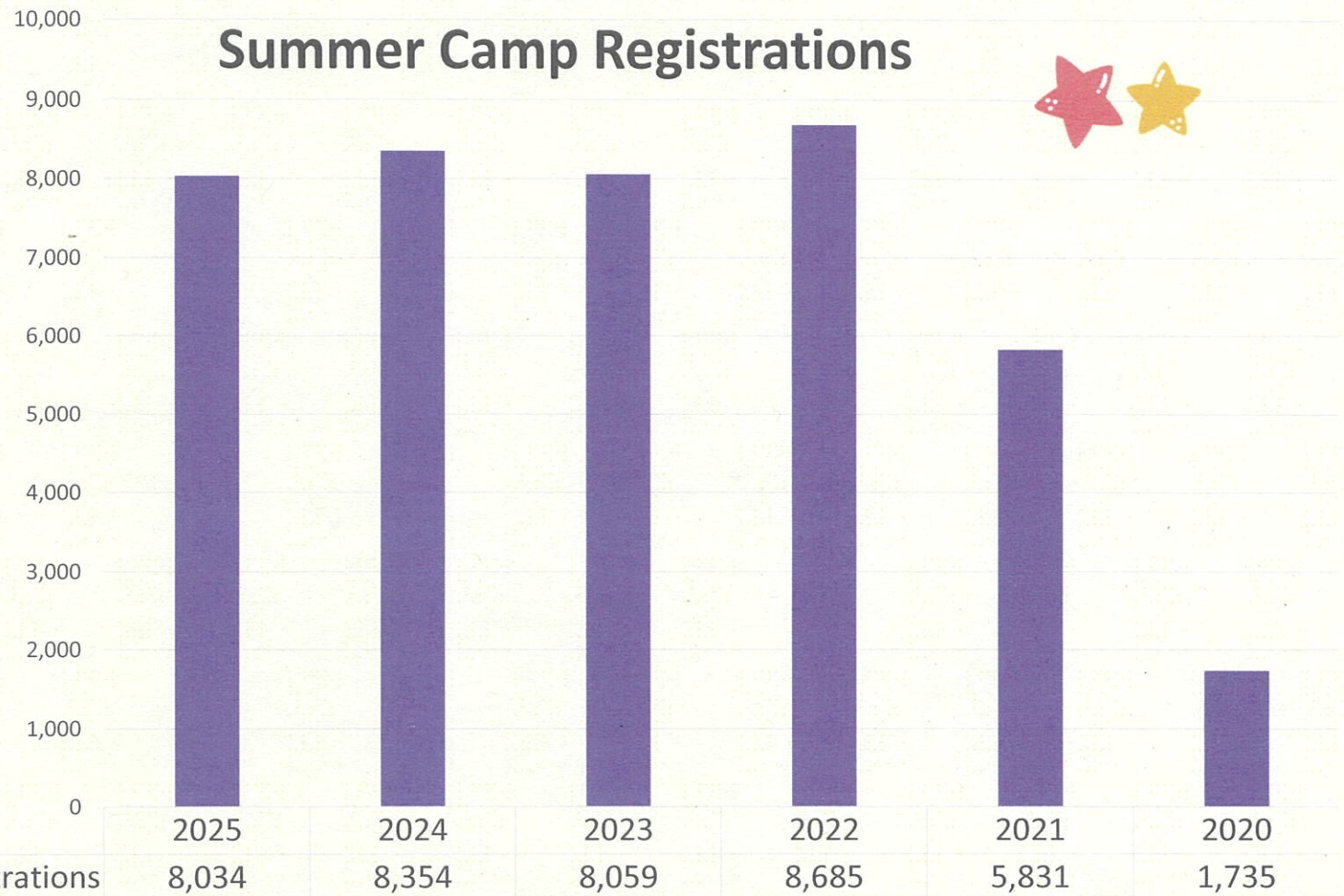
2025
8,204

2024
8,354

2023
8,059



Summer Camp Registrations



Summer Camp Registrations

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Camp registration was successful again! Wait times and complaints were minimal.
- There were over 5,300 registrations by 1:30 p.m. on resident registration day.
- Over 75 different summer camps were offered and over 480 sections.
- Almost all campers placed on a waitlist on the first day of registration were accommodated!



2026 REGISTRATION

- 2025 registration was once again successful and will be similar in 2026!
- Resident registration is February 8 at noon.
- We will continue to provide registration updates and reminders on social media and in the summer camp guide.
- Once again, the Summer Camp Guide will indicate a popular icon next to camps that filled quickly in 2025.





CAMP SURVEY RESULTS



SUMMARY & RECAP

CAMP SURVEY RESULTS

Would you re-enroll your child or
recommend SPD camps to a friend?
2025: **94%**; Yes (86%) & Maybe (8%)
2024: **94%**; Yes (87%) & Maybe (7%)
2023: **93%**; Yes (80%) & Maybe (13%)

Staff Communication Rating
2025: 4.42
2024: **4.46**
2023: 4.19



**SURVEY SENT TO
OVER 1,800
PARENTS!**

2025

446 RESPONSES

2024

436 RESPONSES



CAMP SURVEY RESULTS

CAMP SUPERVISOR(S)

2025:	4.63
2024:	4.58
2023:	4.45

CAMP DIRECTOR(S)

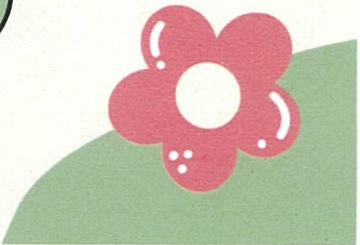
2025:	4.63
2024:	4.66
2023:	4.43

**AVERAGE
SCORE IN 2025
WAS 4.31 OR
HIGHER!**



**CAMP
COUNSELORS/LEADERS**

2025:	4.57
2024:	4.54
2023:	4.29



CAMP SURVEY RESULTS

SUMMER CAMP APP

2025: 4.31
2024: 4.15
2023: 3.97

CAMP WELCOME LETTER

2025: 4.73
2024: 4.73
2023: 4.57

1,815 CAMP APP USERS!



2025 SURVEY TAKEAWAYS



- Results consistent with previous years; camp app rating had a notable improvement!
- Staff energy and friendliness are top strengths and always the most appreciated.
- Communication and consistency remain the main areas for improvement (for both parents and campers).
- More counselor training needed in engagement, behavior management, and inclusion.
- Families appreciate program variety but want more structured activities for some camps.
- Operations/logistics need better proactive communication and refinement for some camps.





FEE ASSISTANCE & INCLUSION



SUMMARY & RECAP

FEE ASSISTANCE

FEE ASSISTANCE REWARDED FOR CAMP 2025

- **Skokie Park District:** \$18,840 awarded to 28 families (39 campers)
- **Niles Township:** \$43,472 awarded to 21 families (48 campers); \$15,739 of those funds covered park district's loss for AFC families
- **Early Childhood Alliance:** \$1,612 awarded to 2 families (5 campers)
- **Jewish Child & Family Services:** \$695 awarded to 2 families (2 campers)
- **TED Scholarship:** \$2,562 awarded to 3 families (3 campers)
- **DCFS:** \$1,432 awarded to 1 family (1 camper)
- **Ruhe:** \$150 awarded to 1 family (1 camper)
- **Action for Children (AFC):** Illinois State Funded; \$57,818 awarded to 21 families (35 campers)

Total: \$125,886 awarded to 64 families; 81 campers!

FEE ASSISTANCE & INCLUSION COSTS

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YEAR COMPARISON	FEE ASSISTANCE	INCLUSION COSTS
2025	\$18,840	\$171,576
2024	\$23,831	\$102,196
2023	\$35,897	\$78,632

INCLUSION REPORT

NUMBER OF CAMPERS SUPPORTED BY MNASR

Year	Number of Campers
2025	63
2024	63
2023	56



CAMP FINANCIALS



2025 REVENUE &
EXPENSES



WINNERS OF OUR STAFF PERFECT ATTENDANCE RAFFLES

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2025 REVENUE & EXPENSES¹⁹

CAMP ACCOUNTS	REVENUES	EXPENSES	NET REVENUE
RECREATION (FUND 20)	(Budget) \$1,782,706 (Actual) \$1,546,738	(Budget) \$1,187,624 (Actual) \$859,184	(Budget) \$595,082 (Actual) \$687,554
NATURE CAMPS & SPECIALTY CAMPS (FUND 55)	(Budget) \$327,104 (Actual) \$326,624	(Budget) \$264,849 (Actual) \$298,272	(Budget) \$62,255 (Actual) \$28,352
FACILITIES (FUND 40)	(Budget) \$ 967,701 (Actual) \$880,800	(Budget) \$647,276 (Actual) \$593,854	(Budget) \$320,425 (Actual) \$286,946
ALL CAMPS TOTAL	(Budget) \$3,077,511 (Actual) \$2,754,162	Budget) \$2,099,749 (Actual) \$1,751,310	Budget) \$977,762 (Actual) \$1,002,852



YEAR COMPARISON



Year	Revenue	Expenses	Net Revenue
2025	\$2,754,163	\$1,751,311	\$1,002,852
2024	\$2,809,876	\$1,873,158	\$936,718
2023	\$2,580,005	\$1,514,980	\$1,065,025





CAMP FEES 2025



PROPOSED FEES & PLANS



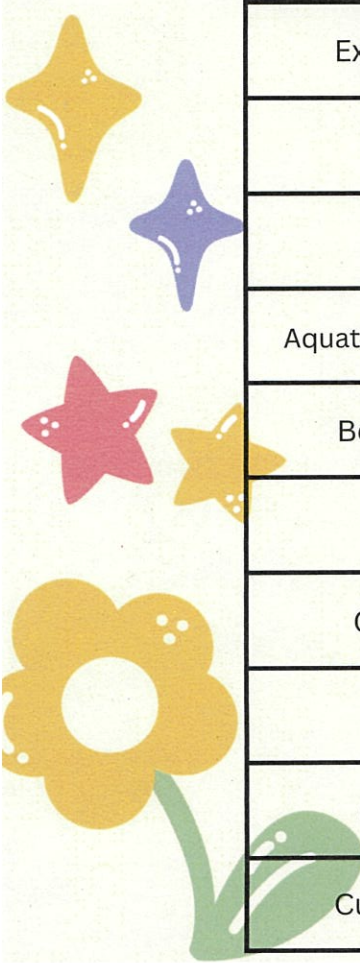
CAMP FEES 2026 OVERVIEW



- All camp fees were set and adjusted to meet the district's 25% net revenue policy.
- Fee increases help support the increases in wages, supplies, bussing, field trips, and entertainers.
- Increased fees will support pay scale adjustments, camp staff recruitment, and incentive program.
- Most camps are proposing a 4% increase.
- Camp Skokie, Jr. (7%) and Varsity Sports Camp (9%) are proposing a larger increase to support the cost of added field trips and activities to the camps.
- Most camps charge between \$6.25-\$7.67 per hour. Specialty camps and camps that go on daily trips are more expensive.

PROPOSED CAMP FEES

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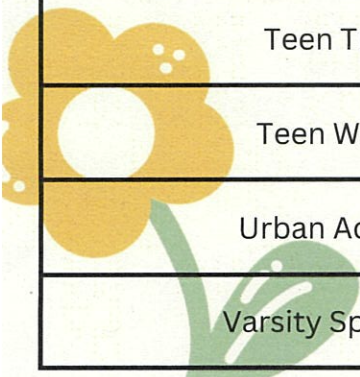


Camp Name	2025 Hourly Rate	% Increase	2026 Hourly Rate
Extended AM & PM	\$6.25	4%	\$6.50
CIT	\$5.00	5%	\$5.25
Art Sparks	\$6.35	4%	\$6.61
Aquatics/Jr. Lifeguard Camp	\$6.39	4%	\$6.64
Behind the Scenes	\$5.00	5%	\$5.25
Camp Skokie	\$6.25	4%	\$6.50
Camp Skokie, Jr.	\$6.50	7%	\$6.91
Circus Camps	\$6.56	4%	\$6.82
Cooking Camps	\$7.30	4%	\$7.60
Cultural Arts Camp	\$8.82	0%	\$8.82



Camp Name	2025 Hourly Rate	% Increase	2026 Hourly Rate
 Dance Intensive	\$6.00	4%	\$6.25
 Earth Explorers	\$6.25	4%	\$6.50
Earth Rangers	\$8.32	4%	\$8.65
Earth Travelers	\$7.22	4%	\$7.50
Earth Trekkers	\$8.57	0%	\$8.57
Figure Skating/Learn to Skate	\$7.25	4%	\$7.54
Final Camp Fling	\$6.25	4%	\$6.50
Hockey Camp	\$8.26	4%	\$8.59
Little Athletes/Mini Movers	\$6.67	4%	\$6.91
Little Dancers	\$6.00	4%	\$6.25
Little Earth Scouts	\$6.27	4%	\$6.50





Camp Name	2025 Hourly Rate	% Increase	2026 Hourly Rate
Little Travelers	\$6.64	4%	\$6.91
Move and Groove	\$7.19	6%	\$7.64
Outdoor Challenge	\$13.81	4%	\$14.36
Sports Camp North & South	\$6.77	4%	\$7.04
Summer on Broadway (Rising, Jr, Sr, Teen)	\$6.61	4%	\$6.87
Summer on Broadway Intensive	\$7.66	0%	\$7.66
Summers End Jr & Sr	\$6.25	6%	\$6.63
Teen Travelers	\$7.28	5%	\$7.64
Teen Waterpark	\$7.28	5%	\$7.64
Urban Adventures	\$7.61	5%	\$8.00
Varsity Sports Camp	\$7.74	9%	\$8.41

NEW IN 2026



- “Kindness is Our Superpower” is the Kindness Ambassador program theme for 2026.
- Little Athletes will be renamed as Mini Movers.
- Aquatics Camp has been rebranded to Jr. Lifeguard Camp.
- Skokie Park District’s summer camps are ACA (American Camp Association) accredited through 2030.
- New contractual camps have been added; Archery, Gymnastics, and STEAM.
- Sports Park South has been relocated from Lincoln Jr. High back to Schack Park and will use Fairview School as a rain-site.



QUESTIONS

Thank you!





Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: November 18, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

RE: Report on the 2025 aquatics season and approval of the 2026 pool fees

Summary: The 2025 aquatics report, authored by Aquatics Manager Scott Runkle is attached. Scott will be making a presentation at the Board meeting. The report details the 2025 pool season and includes recommendations for 2026 pool hours and fees.

Recommendation: Staff recommend approval of the 2026 pool hours and fees as proposed.

Motion: Move to approve the 2026 pool hours and fees as proposed.



2025 Pool Report

November 18, 2025

Overview



2025 SEASON
REVIEW



STAFFING



SURVEY
RESULTS



FINANCIALS



2026 HOURS
AND FEES

2025 Review

- “Good” weather after a cold, rainy start
 - First time in 25 years pool(s) did not open Memorial Day Weekend
 - No major heat waves
- Pass sales remain strong
 - 4997 sold
 - 43,000 visits
- Over 123,000 total visits
 - Devonshire Aquatic Center – 40,000 +
 - Skokie Water Playground – 83,000 +



2025 Review Devonshire Aquatic Center

- Facility Updates
- Concession Stand Updates
- Party Area
- New Concrete Entrance
- Painted pools, new lane lines
- Special Events
 - Winter in July
 - Dive-In Movie



Facility Updates

New Shingles/Solar Installation

- Projected 8% energy savings



New Locker Room Partitions



New Party Zone



Updates

Concession Stand Updates

- New Drop Ceiling
- Epoxy Floor
- ADA Serving Window

New Concrete Pad/Bike Racks

New Swim Pace Clock



Special Events

Dive In Movie

- Ferris Bueller's Day Off
- 56 attended



Special Event

- Winter in July
- 200 attended



2025 Review

Skokie Water Playground

- New roof/Solar Panels
- Bucket issues
 - Led to broken pipe
- Special Events
 - Rubber Duck Derby
 - World's largest swim lesson

Facility Updates

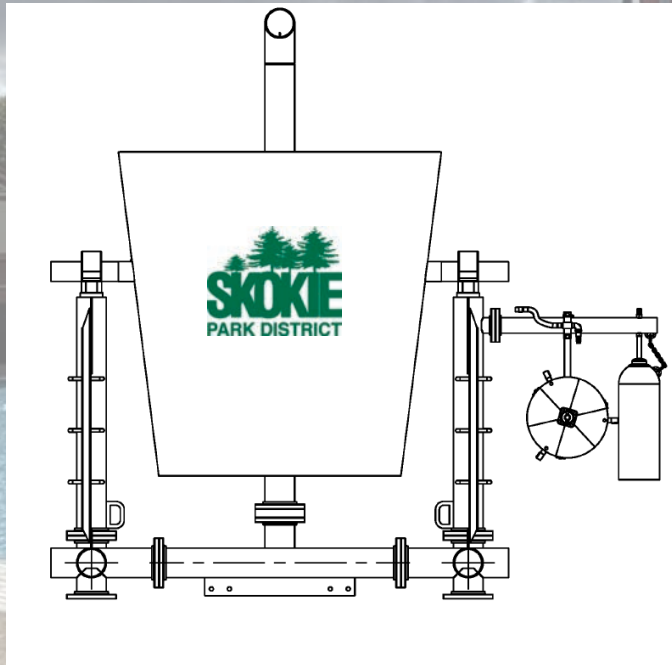
- New Shingles/Solar Installation
 - Projected 15% savings



Bucket Issues

New Bucket in 2026

- Spring Installation



- Location of Broken Pipe



Special Events

- 60 participants
 - Over 34,000 participants worldwide on 6 continents



Programming

Learn to Swim

- 225 enrolled
- Mornings at Skokie Water Playground
 - “bonus” week classes sold out!
 - 221 Private Lessons conducted

Aquatics Camp

- Small, but mighty!
- 17 enrolled



Staffing

- Full staffing levels for 2nd year in a row
- 129 staff total
- 96 certified lifeguards (includes pool managers)
 - 43 first year guards



Staffing – Safety

- 149 rescues total
 - 21 Devonshire Aquatic Center
 - 128 Skokie Water Playground
- Audit Score – 4 stars
- Pre-shift trainings successful
- Best summer of in-service training attendance



Season Pass Survey

- Survey emailed to 1652 households
 - 250 returned
- Summary of Comments
 - Extending Lap Swim past Labor Day
 - Appreciation for extended “pass holder” only swim times
 - Wish DAC would stay open through Labor Day

Survey Results - Staffing

Survey Results

Cashiers

Poor	< 1%
Below Average	< 1%
Average	40%
Above Average	33%
Excellent	26%

Lifeguards

Poor	< 1%
Below Average	< 1%
Average	32%
Above Average	37%
Excellent	30%

Pool Managers

Poor	< 1%
Below Average	< 2%
Average	27%
Above Average	43%
Excellent	27%

Concessions Staff

Poor	< 1%
Below Average	3%
Average	46%
Above Average	30%
Excellent	20%



Survey Results - Passes

- How many passes purchased?

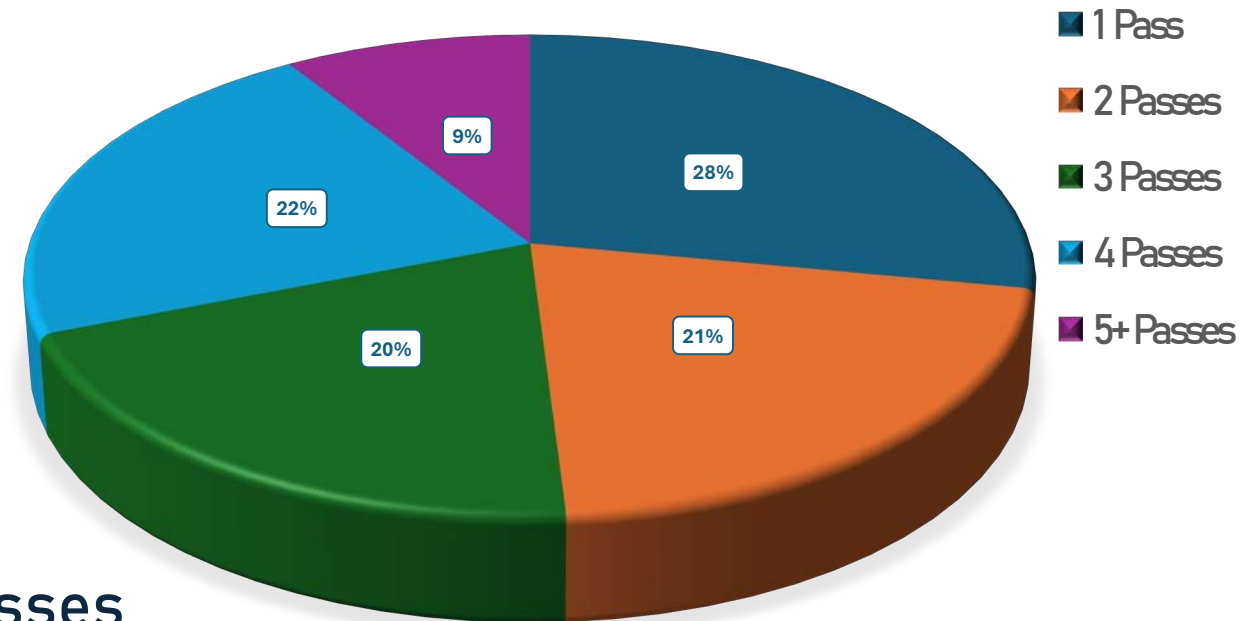
- Actual Breakdown by household

- 39% - Individual
 - 27% - Two-person
 - 19% - Three-person
 - 11% - Four-person
 - 3% - Five-person

- 4.24 Rating of the value of Season passes

- 4.17 in 2024,
 - 4.13 in 2023

- Survey Responses



Financials

Devonshire Aquatic Center

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
• Revenues	\$240,071	\$206,284
• Expenses	\$233,106	\$189,936

Skokie Water Playground

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
• Revenues	\$977,313	\$945,101
• Expenses	\$842,223	\$823,010



2026 Season

Devonshire Aquatic Center

- May 23 – August 16
 - Bonus Week of Lap/tot swim August 17 – 21
- Same operating hours as 2025

Skokie Water Playground

- June 6 – August 16
- End of Season Hours
 - August 17 – September 7
- Same operating hours as 2025

Fees – No fee changes in 2026

Season Passes

	Pre-Season	Regular Season
Resident (Skokie/Evanston)	\$65	\$75
Non-Resident	\$125	\$130
Nanny Pass	\$100	\$100
Senior Pass	\$60	\$70
Resident Half Season	n/a	\$40
Non-Resident Half Season	n/a	\$75

Daily Fees

	Devonshire Aquatic Center	Skokie Water Playground
Resident	\$8	\$10
Non-Resident	\$15	\$18
Resident Lap Swim	\$5	\$5
NR Lap Swim	\$8	\$8

Facility Rentals

Devonshire Aquatic Center

- \$300 for the first hour
\$90 each additional 30 minutes

Skokie Water Playground

- \$450 for the first hour,
\$150 each additional 30 minutes

Birthday Parties

	Resident	Non-Resident
1 – 25 guests	\$250	\$350
26 – 40 guests	\$360	\$525

Projects for 2026

Painting Locker rooms at both facilities

New epoxy flooring in the locker rooms and staff offices at both facilities

Installing Suit dryers (spinners) at both facilities

Replacing older deck chaise lounges at both facilities

Installing new showers at both facilities

Installing new changing partitions at Skokie Water Playground

Repairing pipe to bucket at Skokie Water Playground

Replacing the bucket at Skokie Water Playground

Resurface blue slide at Skokie Water Playground



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report November 2025



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Gynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- John Gacki will be retiring from the Parks Department after just under 30 years of service.
- The asphalt paving project at Oakton Park was completed. Both parking lots were repaved and two additional ADA parking spots were added near the Oakton Community Center.
- The asphalt path, basketball court, and north parking lot resurfacing was completed at Devonshire Park.
- The solar panel installation on the Park Service's roof was completed, and the system was activated. One hundred panels were installed on the newer roof portion directly over the garage.
- The Devonshire chiller replacement has begun and should take around a week or so to complete.
- The Oakton pickleball room construction has continued in small measures as other time sensitive projects have taken precedent.
- The operations and aquatics staff painted the interior of the Devonshire Aquatic Center bathhouse.
- The bathroom renovations on the first and second floors at the Oakton Community Center were completed.
- Operations staff shut down and winterized all shelters and water fountains throughout the district.
- The horticulture staff completed a drainage project at Pooch Park to alleviate some water issues. The entire site has poor soil quality and doesn't drain well. The hope is that the new drainage wells will mitigate some of the issues.
- Staff set up and participated in an in-house touch-a-truck event for the Devonshire preschoolers.
- The landscape staff finished mulching Central Park and Laramie Park.
- The horticulture staff continue to plant bulbs throughout the district.
- The landscape staff continue to mow and mulch leaves throughout the district.
- Staff have been attending budget meetings, and I've met with the Superintendents and Facility Managers to discuss capital improvement projects.
- The Parks and Rec Trek steps challenge concluded with the Skokie Park District finishing in 4th out of the 11 participating organizations.

Skokie Park District Recreation and Facilities Board Report November 2025

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

Highlights

- The tubes and tunnels replacement project at the Exploritorium is complete and re-opened on October 4.
- The Skokie Pride Committee hosted the Queer Clothing Swap, October 11, at the Devonshire Cultural Center with approximately 50 people in attendance.
- *Once Upon a Mattress* completed four performances in October.
- October events included: County Fair (385 tickets), Things That Go Bump in the Night (285 tickets), Kooky Spooky Candy Trail (245 tickets), Halloween Skate & Costume Contest (210 tickets), and the Haunted Heritage Cemetery Walk (57 tickets)
- District staff participated in the 7th annual Parks and Rec Trek
- The staff annual Health and Wellness Screening was held on October 14.
- All Staff Safety Training Day was held October 21.
- Emily Oaks and Museum staff attended the Volunteer Palooza organized by the Skokie Public Library, Village of Skokie, and Oakton College.
- All staff were invited to attend a Halloween costume lunch on October 31. See staff's annual costume contest winners and honorable mentions below.

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties

Devonshire

	2024	2025
Room Rental	5	10
Birthday Parties	3	4

Emily Oaks Nature Center

	2024	2025
Room Rental	3	1
Birthday Parties	5	7
Non-Profit Shelter Rental	2	4

Oakton/Exploritorium

	2024	2025
Room Rental	21	17
Exploritorium Birthday Parties*	49	11
Exploritorium Group Visits*	1	0

*Fewer birthday parties and group visits in October due to tubes and tunnels replacement.

Park Services

	2024	2025
Birthday Parties	N/A	8

Skatium

	2024	2025
Room Rental	12	0
Birthday Parties	19	10

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0

Weber Center

	2024	2025
Room Rental	5	6
Birthday Parties	3	6

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

	2024	2025
Admissions	1,643	2,410

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2024	2025
Visits	330	262

Skokie Sports Park

	2024	2025
Range	\$80,728	\$92,345
Simulator	\$2,560	\$2,568
Grass Tees	\$400	\$3,460
Mini Golf	\$20,161	\$17,323
Batting Cages	\$3,102	\$2,361

Concessions	\$1,953	\$1,964
Alcohol	\$2,208	\$2,833
Total	\$111,112	\$122,854

Weber/Athletics

	2024	2025
Open Gym	131	156
Late Night	161	249
Table Tennis	104	76
Open Pickleball	84	21
Men's 40 and Over Basketball	81	72
Private Tennis/Pickleball	29	8
Basketball Leagues	20	30

Weber Golf Course

Revenues	2024	2025
Greens Fees	\$18,246	\$17,038
Rentals	\$696	\$659
Concessions	\$707	\$457
Alcohol	\$489	\$552
Total	\$20,138	\$18,706

Childcare Enrollment

Devonshire Preschool

School Year	2024	2025
2's	15	12
3's	33	29
4's	30	35
Enrichment	36	30
Total	114	106

Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

School Year	2024	2025
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	25	23 + 2

SPACE

School Year	2024	2025
AM	182	206
PM	568	589
Total	750	795

Tot Learning Center

School Year	2024	2025
Infants	8	11
Toddler 1	11	10
Toddler 2	10	11
2/3's	13	14
Preschool	17	14
Pre-K	20	20
Total	79	80

Athletics- Curt Evans

Facility Updates and Highlights

The newly named Rally Room near the Oakton Pickleball courts is nearing completion and will be available for rent this month.

Type	2024	2025
Baseball/Softball	18	18

Aquatics – Scott Runkle

Devonshire Aquatic Center

- Winterization has been completed.
- Locker rooms have been painted.

Skokie Water Playground

- Facility winterization has been completed.
- A contractor has located the broken pipe that feeds the bucket feature.

Indoor Programming

	2024	2025
Group Lessons	111	112
Private Lessons	3	3
Semi-Private Lessons	3	13
Open Swim	6	27

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Devonshire Preschool received a visit from DCFS on October 9 with favorable results. Emergency drills were held, and student photos were completed.
- Production meetings for three theatre productions were held. Urinetown held a 'set painting and building' day with 40 volunteers in attendance.

- The Theatre Division Director and Supervisors met to discuss changes for the 2026/2027 season. These include the elimination of two productions in an effort to reduce expenses.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Two Program Naturalist, Ruby Brent and Molly Block, were hired to fill the vacant positions.
- The Emily Oaks monthly staff meeting was held on October 15. Staff reviewed upcoming events and participated in first aid scenarios.

Drop-in Programming	Groups
School Activities	21
School Activities – Self-guided	1
Earthkeepers School Program (3-days)	1
Scout/Youth Group Activities	8
Scout/Youth Group Campouts	1
Scout/Youth Group – Self-guided	1
TOTAL (October)	33

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	63.75
At Home Projects	4.0
Special Events (Things That Go Bump)	91.0
Land Management	46.0
Wildflower Gardens	7.5
Kawaga Garden	5.0
TOTAL (October)	217.25

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- First-floor and second-floor bathroom remodels are complete.
- Storybook Corner held on October 7: 43 participants
- Playdough Playtime held on October 8: 28 participants
- Kids Night Out held on October 17: 21 participants
- Safe Sitter Essentials held on October 19: 4 participants
- Paint & Play held on October 27: 31 participants
- Parent Tot Yoga held on October 28: 38 participants

Skatium Ice Arena – Kurt von Helms

Figure Skating and Hockey

- Plans are underway for the 50th annual ice show. The 2026 ice show will be held on March 20-22 instead of in May and will be titled *Life in Motion*.
- The Fall One skate school session concluded after a shortened session due to the mechanical closure. There were 329 participants enrolled compared to 412 last year.
- The 2025/26 hockey season is underway with 111 players compared to 96 last fall.

Division	Players
6u	12
8u	13
10u	24
12u	16
14u	18
18u	28

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Murder & Mayhem walking tours had 24 participants across two nights.
- The Skokie Historical Society held their annual meeting October 8 and discussed ongoing operations and potential projects to fund the museum collection.
- Final condition assessment reports for the museum's historic structures were received from Nurture Architects and the Historic Building Institute with recommendations for needed repairs appropriate to historic preservation concerns.
- Museum staff facilitated nine research requests and received 73 hours of service from 15 volunteers.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Fall Bunker league is underway with 16 participants.
- The wind panels were installed on the first level of the driving range.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Fall Fest was held for TLC families on October 17. Participants enjoyed the live music, hayride truck, marshmallow roasting, and food from the Chicago Lunch Box food truck.
- The annual ExceleRate Report was completed and submitted. This process involves staff training, staffing patterns, and overall program goals for the upcoming year.

Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Kellogg School of Business ran a private night golf event on October 29 with 28 participants.
- The golf course is scheduled to close for the season, November 27.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A new class offering, STEAM is running with five participants.
- Facility walls are under repair.

Fitness First

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Fitness First has hired an additional Pilates Instructor, Iram McGill. She will begin conducting sessions in late November.
- October Lunchables specialty classes had 15 participants.

Memberships

Type	2024	2025
Active Members	3,886	4,190

Halloween Fun



Business Services 'Wicked'



Amin Staff 'Parks & Rex'



Oakton 'Mops'



Weber 'Pickleball Winners'



Park Services 'The Bear'



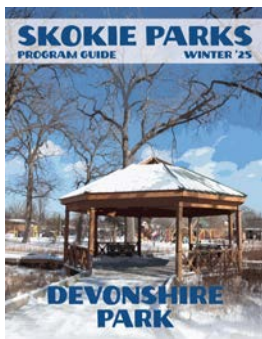
Devonshire 'Tourists'



Devonshire Preschool 'Crayons'

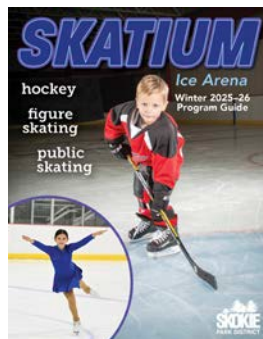
November Publications Profile

Two Winter Program Guides



A 110-page online guide and an abbreviated 24-page Spotlight Guide, (which is mailed to 25,000 Skokie homes) were both completed this month. Both will be available on November 21. The online guide produces more than 3,500 page views per season.

Winter Skatium Guide



Now in homes, a 16-page guide was produced and mailed to 15,000 homes within 5 miles, the annually purchased mail list targeting families with children under age 10.

Winter Prime Times



Currently in production, an 8-page guide is produced and mailed to more than 4,000 Skokie homes with residents over age 60. The guide will be delivered to homes by November 21.

Summer Camp Guide



The now 40-page Summer Camp Guide is in production and will be mailed to all 25,000 Skokie homes by January 1 for customer review before February camp registration. (The cover above is 2025. The new cover has yet to be designed.)

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.

Coming next month: Spring Program Guide, Spring Skatium Guide

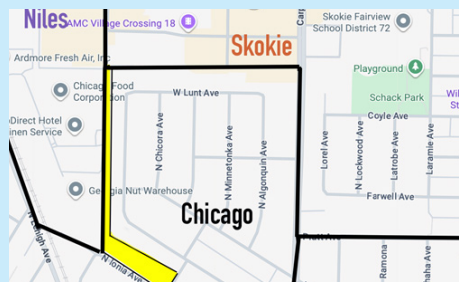
District News Highlight



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

Oct. 28 — The American Camp Association® announced that the Skokie Park District summer camp program has received ACA-Accredited® Camp status through the summer of 2030. “Thanks to Mary Amato and the district staff who worked on the accreditation process.”

District E-News



Sent every Friday to more than 18,000 mostly Skokie emails.

National average open rate – 33%

SPD average open rate – 57%

Weekly e-news includes special events, and district news.

Past month: Skokie Hockey Stick, Live Well Age Well Senior Resource Fair; Superhero Bash; Devonshire Playhouse presents: Urinetown.

Local Press



The district is covered locally by the *Skokie Review*, *The Record North Shore*, the *Chicago Tribune* and *Skokie Patch*.

Oct 24 – “Attack on Jewish children at suburban park ruled a hate crime, police say” ~ *NBC News 5*

Oct 30 – “It’s OK to be Scared”: Step by step through Skokie’s *Scream Scene*” ~ *The Record North Shore*

Projects

- Developed 'Devonshire Playhouse Monthly,' a new theatre e-newsletter
- Training for facility staff newly-assigned to make web calendar updates
- Begin creating a new Oakton Park interpretive sign
- With IT and CentralParks.net., developing an SPD app



Websites

Staff designed, built and maintain six websites, including five major special event sites. Skokieparks.org continues to evolve, this month advertising the site's amenities and programs map.

skokieparks.org analytics for October 2025

Active Users – 28,584
Total Page Views – 75,087
User Interactions – 145,486

Top 10 web pages by visits

1. Homepage
2. The Exploratorium
3. Skokie Sports Park
4. News: Living in the Skokie Hockey Stick
5. Skatium Ice Arena
6. Weber Leisure Center
7. Events calendar
8. Weber Leisure Center
9. Fitness First
10. Emily Oaks Nature Center

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. 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.



Photos

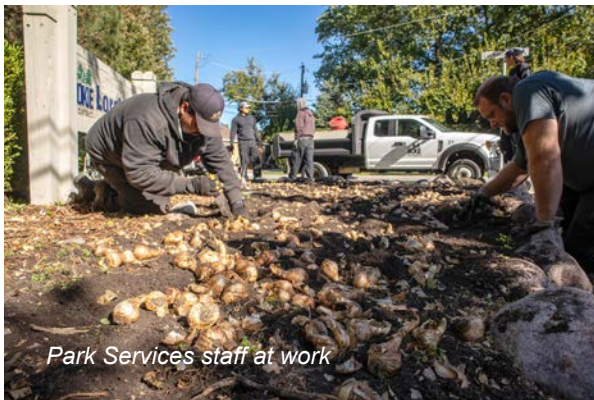
The social media coordinator is tasked with taking district photos, with help from the entire C&M staff, and with the occasional assistance of SPD staff and a freelance photographer. A few photos from the past month:



Dogs love blooms



Haunted Heritage Cemetery Walk



Park Services staff at work



Skatium costume contest

Sponsorship

The sponsorship coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for the end of 2025 and early 2006. She secured more than \$45,000 in sponsorships for Skokie's Backlot Bash, and in this calendar year, thus far, has brought in more than \$120,000, including in-kind donations.

Social Media — See the following pages for the 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, makes posts and advertising boosts on Facebook, as well as posts on Instagram, X, TikTok and Bluesky. He also shoots and produces videos for the website, social media and staff use.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

October 2025





NOTES & INSIGHTS

HUGE RALLY TO CLOSE OUT OCTOBER!

- Facebook: 171 new follows, 33 unfollows, 9339 total
- Instagram: 113 new follows, 26 unfollows, 4451 total
- X is down 3 followers. 2167 total followers.
- Bluesky is up 7 followers. 172 total followers.
- **Higher Frequency Posts (FB):** Live Well Age Well (2.40), Queer Clothing Swap Boost (2.11), SPACE Boost (1.67).
Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.
- **High Engagement Posts (FB):** Shawnee Park Post (620), Skokie's Hockey Stick Story (392), Queer Clothing Swap (226).
These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.

FACEBOOK OVERVIEW

Facebook Reach 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.



- As predicted, we had an incredible October. It's usually our Halloween programming that pushes that engagement, and it sure helped this time around as well, but our real engagement came from our community focused events and posts.
- Our Queer Clothing Swap had high frequency and high engagement this month. Our community appreciated having this event and really spread the word across their networks.
- Following our Shawnee Park post (51k views) and our Skokie Hockey Stick post (167k views), we saw an increase in post views, profile visits, and follows.
- Scream Scene had a very busy month on our socials. On TikTok, our two newest videos have a combined 80k views and 251 likes. On Instagram, our reel is at 15.2 k views with 147 likes, and on Facebook, haunted house fans were eager to get in on the conversation by mentioning us in their blogs, news articles and top 10 lists with such awesome reviews. Shout out to our cast of volunteers. They truly seem to be such a tight-knit group of young people who look forward to haunting SWP's halls every year.
- And thank you to the young person from Skatium's Halloween Skate for letting us capture what it means to be a kid just having fun. It was a simple 20-second video but was well received on FB (1.6k views/17 likes), IG (2.6k views/48 likes) and on TikTok (3.2k views/80 likes).



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”.

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: 102,929

Impressions: 167,004

Interactions: 386

Link Clicks: 2,464

Reactions: 253

Comments: 59

Shares: 31

Saves: 43



Reach: 28,313

Impressions: 51,879

Interactions: 452

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 236

Comments: 163

Shares: 42

Saves: 11



Reach: 9,106

Impressions: 13,634

Interactions: 44

Link Clicks: 130

Reactions: 40

Comments: 1

Shares: 2

Saves: 1



Reach: 8,931

Impressions: 12,712

Interactions: 181

Link Clicks: 13

Reactions: 151

Comments: 26

Shares: 4

Saves: 0



Reach: 5,437

Impressions: 8,438

Interactions: 21

Link Clicks: 54

Reactions: 17

Comments: 1

Shares: 2

Saves: 1

Top 5 INSTAGRAM 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”.

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: 16,399

Impressions: 28,023

Interactions: 275

Likes: 167

Comments: 2

Shares: 54

Saves: 52



Reach: 1,330

Impressions: 2,619

Interactions: 31

Likes: 11

Comments: 0

Shares: 11

Saves: 9



Reach: 846

Impressions: 2,341

Interactions: 35

Likes: 32

Comments: 0

Shares: 1

Saves: 2



Reach: 823

Impressions: 2,467

Interactions: 38

Likes: 24

Comments: 0

Shares: 7

Saves: 7



Reach: 753

Impressions: 2,505

Interactions: 43

Likes: 36

Comments: 0

Shares: 6

Saves: 1

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”.

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: 10,585

Impressions: 21,209

Interactions: 67

Likes: 35

Comments: 3

Shares: 21

Saves: 8

Link Clicks: 891



Reach: 10,096

Impressions: 21,358

Interactions: 203

Likes: 165

Comments: 15

Shares: 22

Saves: 1

Link Clicks: 7



Reach: 9,554

Impressions: 14,954

Interactions: 60

Likes: 55

Comments: 0

Shares: 3

Saves: 2

Link Clicks: 499



Reach: 9,416

Impressions: 14,035

Interactions: 217

Likes: 139

Comments: 2

Shares: 59

Saves: 17

Link Clicks: 0



Reach: 6,573

Impressions: 13,129

Interactions: 39

Likes: 22

Comments: 0

Shares: 12

Saves: 5

Link Clicks: 194

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

Views: Number of times your post was seen.

Views / Reach = Frequency

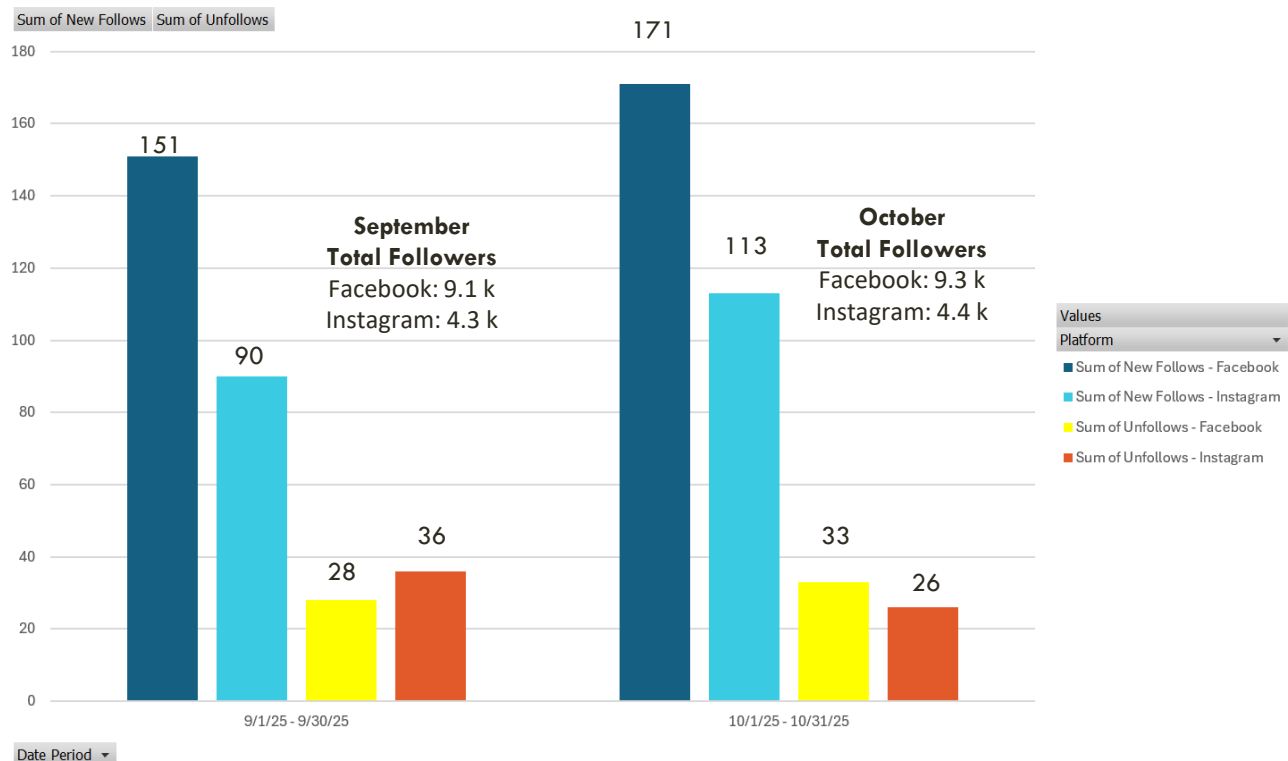
Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.

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

Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
LIVING IN THE SKOKIE HOCKEY STICKDid you know that there are 12 lovely Skokie homes that sit right in the middle of Chicago's Edgebrook neighborhood? During a recent vi	164031	102055	392	1.62
STATEMENT REGARDING INCIDENT AT SHAWNEE PARKOn October 21, the Skokie Park District was made aware of an antisemitic incident that occurred on October 7 at Sha	51816	28263	620	1.83
(blank)	23521	14218	108	1.65
QUEER CLOTHING SWAP THIS SATURDAY!All are welcome to this FREE community event where LGBTQ individuals can exchange gently used clothes to find gender and ident	21349	10096	226	2.11
👉 NOW HIRING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARESPACE, Skokie Park District's before and after school care program, is hiring for the 2025/2026 school year! We offer g	18836	10111	58	1.86
🏀 COMMUNITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!From first baskets to full-court fun, there's a league for every young athlete! Pre-K & Kindergarten, 1st-2n	14943	9541	60	1.57
UPGRADED EXPLORITORIUM TO RE-OPEN OCTOBER 4!With this week's completion of The Exploritorium's new three-level play structure, Skokie's imagination playground wil	13617	9091	45	1.50
LEE HANSEN PICKS UP HER AWARD!The Skokie Park District's Lee Hansen, manager of the Emily Oaks Nature Center, last month was named a winner of the 'George B. Rabb	12700	8931	203	1.42
JOURNEY ALONG THE KOOKY SPOOKY CANDY TRAIL THIS SATURDAY!Collect candy and prizes by visiting each interactive station along the trail. Costumes encouraged! Mu	11858	6573	24	1.80
👉 THIS SUNDAY: CELEBRATE FALL WITH MUSIC, GAMES, AND MORE!Come one, come all to the Devonshire County Fair! The fair will feature musical performances, a bour	8438	5437	23	1.55
THANKS TO OUR KOOKY SPOOKY SPONSORS!The Kooky Spooky Candy Trail was a big hit again this year. Thanks to our sponsors: Next Windows and Doors, Home improve	7101	4046	45	1.76
KOOKY SPOOKY CANDY TRAIL AT OAKTON PARKJourney along the kooky spooky candy trail to collect candy and prizes by visiting each interactive station along the trail. Cos	5082	3407	14	1.49
ZOMBIE TAG AT OAKTON PARKWill you survive the night or will a Zombie get to you? Bring the whole family and meet at Oakton Park to play a giant game of tag with a Zombie	3566	2444	22	1.46
THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHTThis fall event is fun and informative -- not frightening. Walk around the trail to visit three natural places: cave, forest and marsh; and h	3143	2096	20	1.50
📞 CALLING ALL MAKERS!We're looking for vendors for our Holiday Gift Market on Nov. 15 at Oakton Community Center. Apply here: https://bit.ly/468g2le8Q For questions	3002	1939	9	1.55
LIGHTS ON HAUNTED HOUSE!For those of us who'd like to explore our haunted house with the lights on, we've got you covered! Check out Scram Scene's 'Lights On' event o	2908	2046	25	1.37
FINAL FLEA MARKET FRENZY OF THE YEAR!Browse hidden treasures and find great prices on items like antiques, holiday decor, dishes, clothing, tools, electronics, video gar	2756	1732	16	1.59
HALLOWEEN SKATE & COSTUME CONTESTJoin us for 2 hours of family Halloween fun at the Skatium's annual Halloween Skate & Costume Contest! Trophies for the top 3 cor	1993	1236	13	1.61
DEVONSHIRE PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS ONCE UPON A MATTRESS!Winifred the Woebegone is just a simple swamp princess looking to win the heart of Prince Dauntless. But c	1955	1155	40	1.69
TINY TOT OPEN GYM AT THE WEBER LEISURE CENTERLooking for something to occupy your little one while the Exploritorium is under construction? Your little one will love ex	1948	1378	2	1.41
THIS FRIDAY: HALLOWEEN SKATE & COSTUME CONTEST!Join us for 2 hours of family Halloween fun at the Skatium's annual Halloween Skate & Costume Contest! Trophies f	1829	1096	11	1.67
TAIGA GYMNASTICS FREE ADULTS TRIAL CLASS!Join Taiga Gymnastics for a welcoming adult class that blends gentle movement, stretching, and balance training inspired by	1724	1245	3	1.38
BEEKEEPING AT SKOKIE SPORTS PARK 🐝 Check out these photos that Nick from our horticulture crew sent over this morning! Shout out to James and Martin for keeping our	1693	1074	25	1.58
Hope you had as much fun as we did at Skatium's Halloween Skate & Costume Contest on Friday! Be sure to check our events calendar for all upcoming themed public skate	1655	1478	21	1.12
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIESOne of our favorite corporate partners is Cagan Management Group, Inc! So we invited the Cagan family to play a few rounds of mini-golf at Si	1591	1169	4	1.36
AFFY TAPPLE SPONSORSHIP!Thanks to Affy Tapple for giving out product and sponsoring our Kooky Spooky Candy Trail, coming up on Saturday, October 25, 3-5 p.m. at Oakton	1401	947	4	1.48
TRICK OR TREAT! Devonshire Preschool celebrated Halloween with a costume parade followed by their trunk-or-treat on Wednesday. Thanks to all our families and staff for ti	1326	791	6	1.68
EXPLORE NEW EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & OUTINGS IN NOVEMBER!If you are looking for new and unique ways to have fun in November, the Skokie Park District offers great one	1302	776	2	1.68
THANKS TO THE CAST of the Haunted Heritage Cemetery Walk on Saturday for a great historical look at Skokie and Niles Center over the years. These were friendly ghosts inc	1291	792	21	1.63
DOGS LOVE BLOOMS!Local terrier Lucy loves looking at the fall blooming flowers! Thanks to the district's Park Services Division for bringing all patrons - and even pups - such	1215	792	9	1.53
BEAR DOWN WITH BUCKETS & BREWS AT SKOKIE SPORTS PARK!Enjoy Bears' games all season under Skokie Sports Park's new pavilion! Get a free bucket of balls (\$5 value) v	1137	727	5	1.56
PAINT 'N PLAY AT THE EXPLORITORIUM!This sensory art class will allow you and your little artist to explore and create together. Process-based art projects and creative activ	1126	754	1	1.49
SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!Stop by the Oakton Community Center tomorrow (Saturday, Nov. 1) where our newest partner, Wayfair, will be handing out free goodies!	932	619	1	1.51
👉 NEW FALL CLASSES START NEXT WEEK! 🐉 Keep the fun going at Weber Leisure Center with lots of exciting programs for kids of all ages like Taiga Gymnastics, Chicago L	922	555	4	1.66
SPOOKTACULAR DODGEBALL RAGER!Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping dodgeball experience like no other! Grab your teammates, wear your spookiest costumes, and pri	887	568	0	1.56
LAST CHANCE TO SEE ONCE UPON A MATTRESS THIS WEEKEND!Winifred the Woebegone is just a simple swamp princess looking to win the heart of Prince Dauntless. But	824	515	4	1.60
👉 REGISTER NOW! Check out our fall yoga classes at the Skokie Heritage Museum! Not sure which class to try? Sign up for our Yoga Sampler class and explore different sty	716	466	1	1.54
HAUNTED HERITAGE CEMETERY WALK!This year, new ghosts! Just in time for Halloween, get spooky with a tour of St. Peter's UCC Cemetery (8530 Harms Rd.), featuring som	693	436	1	1.59
CHECK OUT OAKTON'S LIVE WELL AGE WELL! RESOURCE FAIR!A free four-hour health and wellness event, attendees will receive information and expert advice about local	683	284	3	2.49
🏆 CHAMPIONS OF OUR WOOD BAT LEAGUE!Big congrats to Taft High School winners of our High School Baseball Wood Bat League Championship, and to DePaul College	662	419	0	1.58
SPOOKY SEWING AT THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTER!Just in time for Halloween, participants will create a sewn jack-o-lantern or skull pillow. All materials included and	508	341	2	1.49
They thought the screams ended when the lights were on... Wait until you see what happens during Glow Stick Scram Scene, our final weekend this season, on November 7!	324	210	4	1.54
Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping dodgeball experience like no other! 🐉 Register here by October 16: https://bit.ly/48ze52a	281	166	0	1.69
Hope to see you there!	253	141	0	1.79
Superhero Bash				
Holiday Gift Market				
Kooky Spooky Candy Trail				
Grand Total	400338	242186	2097	
Averages	9098.59	5504.23	47.66	1.60

Follows vs. Unfollows: Sept. – Oct.





Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report November 2025



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Server Room

The final phase of cleaning the server room at Park Services is almost complete. IT will be scheduling some network downtime to complete the last steps of this migration in the coming 2-4 weeks.

Camera Upgrade

Staff are in the final steps of upgrading the entire camera system environment. The upgrade has made significant improvements in the playback of events as well as overall healthier video footage. The final changes should be completed by the end of the year as staff are in the process of re-wiring cameras at three of the facilities.

Budget Meetings

IT will be meeting with all facility leaders to plan the budget for any IT equipment/software/projects for the upcoming fiscal year.



Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports November 2025



Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus No report.
Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus No report.
DEI Committee Mary Amato Language services are now available at all facilities through Acutrans. The next committee meeting is November 19.
Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen The EA-Team will kick off meetings on December 10 from 1-2 p.m. at EONC.
4th of July Parade Committee Jim Hallm No report.
Festival of Cultures Committee Aryn Fletcher No report.
Juneteenth Mary Amato No report.
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Michelle Tuft M-NASR is proposing a change in how inclusion is managed. A series of meetings are being held with the member district's administrative teams to discuss the proposal. There are concerns with their proposed changes, but it is too soon to determine the outcome.
Niles Township Youth Coalition Mary Amato

A meeting was held November 4 at the Skokie Library. The park district is looking into connecting with SchoolLinks. SchoolLinks is a college and career readiness platform that District 219 has implemented and has tools for exploring job opportunities, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

Safety Committee

Amanda Green

The Safety Committee met on November 3 and reviewed the evaluations of the full-time staff safety training on October 21. The overall rating was 4.5 out of 5. Feedback was shared on the training, and staff were able to suggest additional trainings for the future.

Skokie Chamber of Commerce

Michelle Tuft

The next Chamber Board meeting is Monday, November 17.

Skokie Pride

Cassie Schaeffer

The Queer Clothing Swap took place at Devonshire on October 11 and drew around 50 attendees. We aim to boost participation next year. The committee meets again on November 10.

Skokie's Spring Greening

Lee Hansen

The 2026 Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Westmoreland lot and the Niles North High School north lot.

Staff Appreciation Committee

Stephenie Gualano

The committee continues to plan for staff events throughout the year. The date for the all-staff party is April 11 at DoubleTree. Theme TBD.