

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
6:30 P.M.**



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





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Bond Issue Notification Act – Public Hearing
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - *A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2026
 - *B. Minutes of the Public Hearing on Improvements at Timber Ridge Park, August 20, 2026
- *IX. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026
- X. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- *XI. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- XIII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase for Lockwood Park
 - B. Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase of Shawnee Park
 - C. Approval of Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation
- *XIV. 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

- XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
 - B. Commissioner Comments
 - C. Director Comments
 - XVI. OLD BUSINESS
 - XVII. NEW BUSINESS
 - XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Verbatim Records 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
 - XIX. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESION
 - A. Approval of Resolution #26-003 Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Records
 - XX. ADJOURNMENT
- *Consent Agenda

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Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: September 15, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Bond Issue Notification Act – Public Hearing

Summary: Law requires the District to hold a public hearing on the proposed \$2,950,000 limited tax general obligation bonds Series 2026. A notice was placed in the paper on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Procedure:

1. Call Public Hearing to order.
2. Call for comments from the public regarding the General Obligation Alternate Bonds, Series 2026.
3. Close the Public Hearing.

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

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

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

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services William Schmidt
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn
Superintendent of Recreation & Facilities Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Human Resource Director Keli Stonitsch
IT System and Support Manager Amanda Catania
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Joel Gorenstein thanked the Board for listening to residents at last month's Board Meeting and for agreeing to include baseball in the Skokie Sports Park East design. He strongly requested that artificial turf be installed on the baseball field. Ms. Tuft stated that MWRD does not allow turf on leased sites and noted that most artificial turf contains PFAs. She said MWRD may consider turf if a PFA-free option is found. The option remains under consideration but is unlikely to move forward.

Mr. Dick Dorgan is dissatisfied with the proposed tax increase for residents. He spoke about the tax increase and wanted the board to know that it would be higher for some residents.

Mr. Jonathan Rich thanked the Board for its efforts on the proposed projects and for reconsidering the inclusion of a baseball field at Skokie Sports Park East. He asked that a home run fence be included for safety. He also encouraged multipurpose use of the fields and asked whether a second lighted baseball field could be added.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Aberman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2026, bills payable for the month of July/August 2026, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

REFERENDUM PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Andrew Paine of Tressler LLP presented the dos and don'ts of referendum advocacy to the Board of Commissioners. He explained that commissioners may advocate for the referendum on their own time, and they are not able to use District resources. He also stated that employees may not engage in advocacy while working but may advocate on their own time away from the Park District.

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

Keli Stonitsch, Human Resource Director, requested approval of the Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance renewals. The cost of insurance is increasing and if the District remained on the current plan for 2027, the PPO increase would be 25.4%, and the HMO would be 15.8%.

To reduce costs, staff reviewed alternative PPO plan options through the IPBC and settled on the CBSIL BCO plan. Under this option, the PPO increase would be 16.9%, while the HMO increase would remain at 15.8%.

The deductibles on the PPO plan would be higher for two major providers: Lurie Children's Hospital and the University of Chicago Hospital. As a result, employees' out-of-pocket costs could increase.

The employees' costs for insurance will also increase. Employee contributions have not increased in many years but will increase a small percentage beginning January 1, 2027.

Staff recommends continuing with IPBC health insurance plans for 2027 with the new plans and rates.

Commissioner Williams said that companies are seeing increased employee insurance costs and complimented Ms. Stonitsch on her work securing the new insurance pricing.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the IPBC for health, dental, vision, and life insurance for 12 months beginning January 1, 2027, with a monthly premium of \$151,619 based on current census. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF FIXED ASSETS ORDINANCE #26-005

Mr. Guynn requested approval of Ordinance #6-005, Authorization to Dispose of Fixed Assets. The fixed assets are a truck, trailer, riding mower, and ballfield machine.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve Ordinance #26-005 authorizing the disposal of fixed assets. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SKATIUM COOLING UNITS INSTALLATION

Mr. Guynn requested the approval of installation of cooling units in the Skatium Ice Arena. Two new units will regulate the temperature in the compressor room and will prevent equipment damage.

Commissioner Aberman commented that the compressors have had one problem after another. Mr. Guynn agreed and said this should fix the remaining problem and will take two to three months to complete.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj moved to approve the proposal of PremiStar for the Skatium Cooling Units Installation for \$74,095. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DR. BESSIE RHODES OSLAD GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

The Park District is submitting an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application for the Bessie Rhodes property. One of the requirements is approving a Resolution of Authorization.

The Park District does not currently have funds to buy the property, and the grant would help fund the purchase.

If the District receives the acquisition grant, additional community meetings will be held to seek input on the design, and the District would then apply for an OSLAD development grant.

Commissioners Williams moved to approve the execution of the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for the Dr. Bessie Rhodes School of Global Studies. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF TIMBER RIDGE PARK/BESSIE RHODES PROPERTY

Ms. Tuft shared the preliminary design concept for the Timber Ridge Park/Bessie Rhodes property. The concept includes retaining a portion of the building, the gymnasium, and cafeteria, and adding a shelter with restrooms, an outdoor basketball court, a walking path, and exercise equipment. A new larger playground would replace

the three smaller playgrounds currently on site. The existing soccer field and two parking lots will remain.

The estimated development cost is \$7.7 million, excluding the \$4.5 million purchase price currently quoted by District 65.

A public input session will be held on Thursday, August 20. If the Park District acquires the property, a second public hearing will be scheduled. At the August 20 meeting residents will be asked to submit letters of support.

No motion, informational only.

REVIEW OF SPORTS PARK EAST FIELD DESIGN

Ms. Tuft reviewed the revised Sports Park East Field design with the Board, noting that the updated concept includes a baseball field. Staff completed an analysis of field use by the affiliates and rental groups and determined that an additional regulation sized field would be beneficial. Caleb Field is the District's only regulation field that is lit and it is booked nearly every evening. Staff believe the field would be well used at Skokie Sports Park East. The design also includes two cricket fields and a soccer field.

Vice President Jaffe asked if the baseball field could face south and Michelle said the actual layout of the fields will be examined and can be reconfigured if the project moves forward.

Commissioner Williams moved to include a regulation sized baseball field (90-foot bases) in the field design at Sports Park East and share it with the community. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS RELATED TRAVEL FOR PARK COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Schmidt requested the Authorization for Business Related Travel for Park Commissioners. Public Act 99-0604 and the District's Travel Policy Ordinance #16-014 require that Commissioner travel must be approved in advance by a roll call vote of the board.

Commissioners Fischer, Williams, and Kasalo-Terihaj will be traveling to the NRPA Conference in Philadelphia Pennsylvania September 29 through October 1, 2026.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve business related travel for Commissioners Fischer, Williams, and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania September 29 – October 1, 2026. Commissioner Aberman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice President Jaffe asked Mr. Schmidt about the banking changes mentioned in the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Schmidt explained the cost savings.

Commissioner Williams reported damage to the pickleball nets at the Weber Leisure Center. Staff will investigate.

Commissioner Williams said she received a request for a tablet with a tripod allowing pickleball and tennis participants to record themselves. A tablet will not be purchased, but staff will look into the possibility of a tripod.

Commissioner Williams said a community member in her neighborhood complimented Circus Camp staff, and another person had a birthday party at Skokie Water Playground and said staff and the party were great.

Vice President Jaffe reported that disregarding the rotation rules at the Oakton pickleball courts is getting worse. Ms. Labus will have staff stop by if the time frame is identified. Ultimately, participants must self-police.

Commissioner Aberman said everybody loves the pool locker room, they look great.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft reminded the board that the public hearings for Lockwood Park and Shawnee Park are tomorrow at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The public hearing for Timber Ridge Park is scheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Weber Leisure Center.

A facilitator for the board retreat has been hired. There was discussion regarding the date and Director Tuft will see if the facilitator is available on November 23 from 3 – 7 p.m.

Corrie said the annual Steps Challenge is scheduled September 14 through October 25 and invited Commissioners to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.
Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.
Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Elsa Fischer
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

September 15, 2026

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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT TIMBER RIDGE PARK
PARK SERVICES
August 20, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: Vice-President Ezra Jaffe

Others Present: Executive Director, Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities Corrie Guynn
Superintendent of Business Services, Bill Schmidt
Office Manager Park Services, Anjum Hava
Horticultural Supervisor, Jim Hallm
Operations Supervisor, Jeff Hacker

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Jaffe called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the improvements at Timber Ridge Park to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the recitation of the pledge.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-President Ezra Jaffe, Executive Director Michelle Tuft, and Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn introduced themselves.

TIMBER RIDGE PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND PARK AMENITY UPDATES

Executive Director Tuft began the presentation by informing the public that the Skokie Park District and School District 65 have met regarding Bessie Rhodes School, and the Park District has expressed interest in purchasing the property. Superintendent Guynn stated that District 65 has not yet listed the property for sale, and it is expected to be several months before they are prepared to sell it. The District 65 board has instructed their staff to negotiate with two governmental agencies interested in the property, the Skokie Park District, and another agency.

Superintendent Guynn shared that the Park District is applying for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant that will help fund the purchase of Dr. Bessie Rhodes School and the surrounding property. The grant is funded through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The grant is a matching grant of up to \$1,125,000.

Director Tuft informed the public that the requirements for the grant application include developing a preliminary post-acquisition development concept, holding a public meeting to gather input from residents, and gathering letters of support. The deadline for the grant application is August 31, 2026.

Superintendent Guynn shared the boundary lines of the school and park district. He then shared the design concept for grant application purposes. The design included bike racks, picnic grove, recreation center, basketball court (full size), outdoor fitness equipment, a playground, a shelter with restrooms, a passive area with a reading lawn and game tables, a full-size soccer field, native plantings, and two parking lots.

Superintendent Guynn informed the public that the total cost of the project is estimated at \$7,724,500 and does not include the purchase price of the school.

Director Tuft asked the public to scan the QR code on the screen and prioritize the amenities from the design concept.

Director Tuft stated that if the Skokie Park District is awarded the acquisition grant, the District would also apply for an OSLAD development grant (\$600,000 matching grant) in the 2027 grant cycle with awards announced in the winter of 2028. The Park District would also seek funding from state legislators as part of state capital improvement budget.

Superintendent Guynn informed the public that the grant funding would determine the project budget, which will then dictate the final design. A second public hearing would be held to receive input on the final park design.

Director Tuft stated that if the Park District is not awarded the grant, it would still attempt to purchase the property. The scope of the project would likely be reduced and delayed. The District would also seek funding from state legislators as part of the state's capital improvement budget. And the District would likely apply for an OSLAD development grant.

Director Tuft encouraged members of the public to submit letters of support and informed attendees that letters would be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Vice President Jaffe also urged the public not to wait until the deadline, emphasizing that only six days remained. He encouraged everyone to submit their letters of support as soon as possible.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A resident asked whether letters of support could only be submitted by individuals who attended the meeting or if anyone in Skokie could submit one. Superintendent Guynn clarified that letters of support may be submitted by anyone who lives in Skokie. Vice President Jaffe added that there are no age restrictions, so anyone in the household who wishes to express their support is welcome to submit a letter. Director Tuft noted that children may also write letters by hand, and a parent can scan and email the letters to Superintendent Guynn.

A resident inquired whether there would be sufficient parking available, particularly if a soccer field is included in the project, noting that parking is already difficult to find in the surrounding neighborhood. Superintendent Guynn stated that the soccer field should not overwhelm the available parking and that, based on the current design concept, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate the anticipated use.

A resident inquired whether District 65 is considering selling the property to a private developer. Director Tuft explained that a sale to a private developer would follow a different process, in which the price cannot be negotiated in the same manner as it can with a government agency. Vice President Jaffe noted that this matter would be more appropriately

discussed with the District 65 Board than with the Park District.

A resident and retired District 65 teacher expressed her appreciation for the Park District and all that it does at Timber Ridge Park. She stated that she is fully supportive of the project and hopes that District 65 will sell the property to the Park District. She added that she could not envision the property being better served by anyone other than the Skokie Park District.

A resident expressed concern about the future ownership of the property and emphasized his hope that it would be sold to an entity or individual with good intentions who would be considerate of and supportive of the surrounding neighbors. He stated that if the property were purchased by someone who does not have the best interests of the community in mind, it could have a significant negative impact on the neighborhood and the Skokie community. Vice President Jaffe acknowledged the concern and stated that this is a matter that should be discussed with the District 65 Board, as the Park District has no authority over who purchases the property.

A resident raised concern about the limited timeframe District 65 has to sell the property, noting that, because District 65 needs funds, it may be motivated to sell the property quickly to help address its financial obligations. The resident also expressed concern that, because the Park District is a government entity that relies on grants and other sources of funding, it may take additional time to secure the necessary funding and move forward with a potential purchase. The resident asked what could be done to prevent another developer or entity from purchasing the District 65 property before the Park District has an opportunity to acquire it.

Director Tuft acknowledged the residents' concern and stated that the Park District has met with District 65 and informed them about the public meeting where the conceptual design would be presented and discussed with residents. She noted that District 65 is aware of the Park District's interest in purchasing the property and the steps being taken to position the Park District to acquire it.

Director Michelle Tuft asked all attendees to make sure they signed in and added their email address so they can receive updates on Timber Ridge Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Jaffe thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



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Vice-President



Michelle Tuft
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**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
September 15, 2026**

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

As of August 31, 2026, \$7,213,369.96 of the 2025 first installment tax levy has been received; \$55,072 was received in August 2026.

Second installment tax bills were sent out September 1, 2026, with a due date of October 1, 2026.

We have opened a U.S. Treasury Market Fund to with Byline Bank for \$200,000 with an interest rate of 3.65%.

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

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

William G. Schmidt
Treasurer, Skokie Park District

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

**September 15, 2026
(As of 08/31/2026)**

GENERAL FUND

<u>CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS</u> CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.20%	\$8,792,175.04
Savings:0.5%	209,700.07
U.S. TREASURY PLUS MONEY MARKET FUND @3.29%	1,000,000.00
INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/27 – 3.45%	657,198.69
INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93%	287,879.55
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/15/27 3.93%	274,789.48
INVESTMENT WITH BYLINE BANK MONEY MARKET FUND 3.65%	200,098.36
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$11,421,841.19
TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 08/31/2026)	

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,876,000.39	96.67%
2020	11,041,668.75	97.23%
2021	11,465,631.66	98.19%
2022	12,413,775.40	99.02%
2023	12,674,871.62	98.16%
2024	13,457,421.10	98.32%
2025	7,213,369.96	51.92%



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: September 15, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

Re: Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase for Lockwood Park

Summary: In August, a public meeting was held regarding planned improvements at Lockwood Park. The main renovation component discussed was the replacement of the existing playground equipment that was installed in 2007. Five vendors were invited to submit proposals for the site. The vendors chosen to submit were NuToys, Imagination, Gametime, Burke and Parkreation. After reviewing the various proposals, staff selected the submission from Burke, and the design was presented at the public meeting.

There is \$240,000 budgeted for the entire Lyon Park renovation. The total cost for the playground equipment is \$152,997 and is being purchased through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. The purchase includes the main playground equipment and independent play items. Swings will be purchased separately from the vendor that supplies the parent/tot swing used at other playground sites.

Staff will remove and dispose of the existing playground equipment and surfacing in late fall/early winter. The new playground equipment will be installed in the spring when weather permits.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the bid from Burke for the playground equipment at Lockwood Park for a total of \$152,997.

Motion: Move to approve the bid from Burke for the playground equipment at Lockwood Park for a total of \$152,997.

COLOR KEY

- AQUA
- LIME
- BLUE
- B BLUE/WHITE
- B LIME/BLACK



PLAY
ILLINOIS
PARK & PLAYGROUND SOLUTIONS

3D Designer: Heidi



UPPER BODY HANGSPOT



SENSORY SPOT®



LEVEL X® DOME



360 LOOP® CONNECTION SLIDE



STRAIGHT OVERHEAD



CLIMBCONNECT



NIDO® SPINNER

PROPOSAL 129-220853-2 | 8/11/2026 | 2026 PRICING

The play components identified in this proposal are IPEMA certified. The use and layout of these components conform to the requirements of ASTM F1487 and CPSC. To verify product certification, visit www.ipema.org.



The space requirements shown in this proposal are to ASTM standards. Requirements for other standards may be different.

5-12 Structure

Burke Basics

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
470-1027	360 LOOP CONNECTION, POD	2	3	6	40	80
470-1028	360 LOOP CONNECTION, SUPPORT	3	0	0	17	51
470-1029	360 LOOP CONNECTION, END CAP	2	0	0	5	10
560-2789	LEVEL X DOME	1	18	18	549	549
560-2790	LEVEL X DOME SLIDE PLATFORM	1	2	2	466	466
560-2791	LEVEL X DOME ROPE CLIMBER	1	4	4	213	213
560-2792	LEVEL X DOME LINK	1	0	0	235	235

Intensity

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
370-1608	OVISTEP LAUNCH PAD	2	1	2	10	20
370-1675	STRAIGHT OVERHEAD, NUCLEUS	1	6	6	53	53
370-1738	TAKTIKS CURVED STEP LINK	1	4	4	103	103

Nucleus

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
072-0500-108C	5" OD X 108" CAPPED POST	3	0	0	57	171
072-0500-124C	5" OD X 124" CAPPED POST	4	0	0	65	260
072-0500-132C	5" OD X 132" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	69	138
072-0500-136C	5" OD X 136" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	71	71
072-0500-140C	5" OD X 140" CAPPED POST	7	0	0	74	518
072-0500-148C	5" OD X 148" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	78	78
072-0500-188C	5" OD X 188" CAPPED POST	4	0	0	99	396
072-0500-80C	5" OD X 80" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	42	42
072-0500-92C	5" OD X 92" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	48	48
270-0009	8" CLOSURE PLATE, ELLIPSE	2	0	0	8	16
270-0120	EVOLUTION UNITARY ENCLOSURE	4	0	0	34	136
270-0122	EVOLUTION OFFSET ENCLOSURE	1	0	0	34	34
270-0129	TRIANGLE PLATFORM	4	2	8	48	192
270-0130	SQUARE PLATFORM	3	6	18	106	318
270-0303	30 DEG NUCLEUS PLATFORM	1	2	2	29	29
270-0305	360 LOOP CONNECTION ENCLOSURE	1	0	0	26	26

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
370-0016	GRAB BAR ASSEMBLY	1	0	0	6	6
370-0040	EVOLUTION 32" TRANSITION STAIR W/ BARRIERS	1	6	6	239	239
370-0067	CONVEX CLIMBER 40"-48"	1	1	1	50	50
370-0089	LEAF CLIMBER 40" - 48"	1	4	4	41	41
370-0181	PATHWAY LINK, POST TO POST	1	10	10	161	161
370-0209	EVOLUTION INCLUSIVE CLIMBER	1	11	11	484	484
370-0287	TOPO CLIMBER	1	3	3	76	76
370-0290	CLIFF CREST CLIMBER, 48"	1	2	2	99	99
370-0864	TREE BRANCH CLIMBER 64"	1	2	2	25	25
370-1651	TRANGO CLIMBER, POST TO POST	1	5	5	32	32
370-1664	SHASTA CLIMBER, 40"-48"	1	2	2	20	20
370-1739	LIL NOVO BALANCE BEAM POST TOPOST	1	3	3	31	31
370-1743	ROPE TRIANGLE CLIMBER, 48"	1	2	2	39	39
370-1749	UPPER BODY HANGSPOT	1	1	1	38	38
370-1756	STRIVE INCLUSIVE CLIMBER	1	6	6	362	362
470-0128	FLYLOW POD	1	2	2	27	27
470-0754	VELO SLIDE 64"-72", W/O HOOD	1	2	2	111	111
470-1069	COBRA FUSION S RIGHT 112	1	4	4	281	281
470-1094	360 LOOP CONNECTION SLIDE, FUSION R 112	1	4	4	375	375
570-0072	EVOLUTION HALF BARRIER	1	0	0	27	27
570-0100	EVOLUTION BARRIER	1	0	0	52	52
570-0798	WAVER PANEL, ABOVE PLATFORM	1	2	2	61	61
570-2666	CAR PANEL	1	2	2	53	53
570-2737	PINBALL PANEL	1	1	1	53	53
670-0512	METAL 5-12 WARNING LABEL	2	0	0	1	2
670-1000	METAL STRUCTURE ID LABEL	2	0	0	1	2

2-5 Structure

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
580-1364	LIL NOVO BEAN STEP	1	1	1	28	28
072-0300-103C	3 1/2" OD X 103" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	38	76
072-0300-107C	3 1/2" OD X 107" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	40	80
072-0300-115C	3 1/2" OD X 115" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	42	84
072-0300-119C	3 1/2" OD X 119" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	44	44
072-0300-123C	3 1/2" OD X 123" CAPPED POST	4	0	0	45	180
072-0300-127C	3 1/2" OD X 127" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	47	47
072-0300-139C	3 1/2" OD X 139" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	51	102

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
072-0300-67C	3 1/2" OD X 67" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	25	25
072-0300-99C	3 1/2" OD X 99" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	37	37
290-0099	CRESCENT TRANSFER PLATFORM	1	2	2	43	43
290-0100	16" TRANSITION CLIMBER	1	2	2	14	14
290-0101	8" CLOSURE PLATE	3	0	0	5	15
290-0102	SQUARE PLATFORM	3	4	12	59	177
290-0106	TRIANGLE PLATFORM	4	2	8	33	132
290-0111	CLIMBER ENCLOSURE 2-5	3	0	0	17	51
390-0008	TERREX CLIMBER BREVE	1	3	3	190	190
390-0129	CRUX CLIMBER 24"	1	3	3	24	24
390-0154	TREE BRANCH CLIMBER 32"	1	2	2	15	15
390-0166	SATURN RING CLIMBER 32"-40"	1	2	2	64	64
390-0338	UPPER BODY HANGSPOT	1	1	1	38	38
390-0340	ClimbConnect	1	3	3	113	113
390-0341	SkyConnect Link	1	2	2	33	33
490-0103	SENSORY SPOT	1	3	3	96	96
490-0128	ROCK N ROLL SLIDE 24"-32"	1	1	1	54	54
490-0132	ROCK N ROLL SLIDE 40"-48"	1	1	1	76	76
490-0134	IMAGINATION SLIDE SIT DOWN PANEL	3	0	0	11	33
490-0186	MONACO SLIDE, 32"-40"	1	2	2	76	76
590-0090	SHAPES PANEL, 2-5 ABOVE PLATFORM	1	1	1	25	25
590-0118	ABC PANEL, ABOVE PLATFORM	1	1	1	25	25
590-0129	CAR PANEL, ABOVE PLATFORM	1	1	1	39	39
590-0401	SYNERGY DOORWAY	1	1	1	34	34
690-0025	METAL 2-5 WARNING LABEL	2	0	0	1	2
690-1000	METAL STRUCTURE ID LABEL	2	0	0	1	2

Freestanding Burke Basics

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
560-0073	NIDO SPINNER	1	2	2	185	185
560-2601	ROLLER TABLE	1	4	4	813	813
570-0054	STANDING ROCKER	1	2	2	151	151

Total Equipment Price: \$180,224
Co-Op & Courtesy Discount: -(32,227)
Shipping Cost: 5,000
Total: \$152,997

Special Notes:

Prices do not include unloading, material storage, site excavation/preparation, removal of existing equipment, removal of excess soil from footing holes, site security, safety surfacing, installation, or sales tax (if applicable). **Pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of this proposal.**



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: September 15, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

Re: Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase for Shawnee Park

Summary: In August, a public meeting was held regarding planned improvements at Shawnee Park. The primary renovation component discussed was replacing the existing playground equipment, which was installed in 1994. Five vendors were invited to submit proposals for the site, and four responded. The vendors chosen to submit were NuToys, ImagineNation, Gametime, Burke and Parkreation. After reviewing the proposals, staff selected ImagineNation's submission, presented the design at the public meeting, and received positive feedback.

There is \$190,000 budgeted for the entire Shawnee Park renovation. The total cost for the playground equipment is \$108,939 and is being purchased through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. This purchase includes the main playground equipment, independent play items, and swings.

Staff will remove and dispose of the existing playground equipment and surfacing in late fall/early winter. The new playground equipment will be installed in the spring when weather permits.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the bid from ImagineNation for the playground equipment at Shawnee Park for a total of \$108,939.

Motion: Move to approve the bid from ImagineNation for the playground equipment at Shawnee Park for a total of \$108,939.



Shawnee Park

Skokie, IL

26-19387A

Sales Representative



Equipment Manufacturer



POST & COMPONENT	ROTOMOLD PLASTIC	2-COLOR PLASTIC	PLASTISOL
Silver	Teal	Orange-Sand	Gray
Blue	Blue	Blue-Sand	
Teal	Orange		ROPE Orange

Imagine Nation, LLC
WBE CERTIFIED
Westchester, IL 60154

Voice: 847-640-0904
Fax:

QUOTATION

Quote Number: 3828-1
Quote Date: Aug 17, 2026
Page: 1

Quoted To:

Skokie Park District
9300 Weber Park Place
Skokie, IL 60077

Corrie Guynn
847-929-7805

Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
Skokie	9/16/26	Net 30 Days	Michele Kuhlman

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1.00	Playworld	Playworld Structure per drawing 26-19387A	104,756.00	104,756.00
1.00	ZZUN6308	Playworld Ininet Small Net w/Transfer Area wuth sensory cues	14,909.00	14,909.00
1.00	ZZPM5004	Playworld Tianzi Two-Point Wedge with Step Around	4,303.00	4,303.00
1.00	Playworld	Playworld Stationary Buttons	3,680.00	3,680.00
1.00	Playworld	Playworld Bounce Buttons	3,405.00	3,405.00
1.00	ZZXX1362	Playworld Turn 'N Twist	1,334.00	1,334.00
1.00	ZZXX0931	Playworld 5in OD Arch Swing, 8 ft Top Rail with 2 belt, 1 infant and 1 ADA seat	8,256.00	8,256.00
1.00	Discount	Discount to Customer	33,754.00	-33,754.00
		SHAWNEE PARK		
		Price does not include installation, truck unloading or storage. Freight is an estimate and subject to change at time of order placement.		

Subtotal	106,889.00
Sales Tax	
Freight	2,050.00
TOTAL	108,939.00

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: September 15, 2026

To: Board of Park Commissioners

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

Re: Approval of Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation

Summary: On August 27, 2026, sealed bids were received for the Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation project. The work includes installing netting along the west side of the range where the natural gas equipment is located, with two alternates for adding netting to the initial system. The locations of the proposed new net systems are attached.

The netting systems are being installed at the request of the gas companies that house equipment directly to the west of Sports Park. Golf balls are making it over the existing 50-foot netting system that drops down to 20 feet as the netting heads further to the south.

All of the netting on the existing system at Sports Park was replaced in 2022. To save costs associated with removing the existing system and to avoid disposing of the four-year-old netting, the new proposed poles and netting will be installed in front of the existing system. The netting on the new system will begin five feet below the top of the existing netting and continue up to the new heights, which are 100 feet and 80 feet. This means that the new netting will begin 45 feet above ground in front of the existing 50-foot system and 15 feet above ground in front of the 20-foot system, which will create an overlap.

There were four bidders. The bid supplied by Ace Netting was the lowest when including both alternates, with a total cost of \$326,509.16. Due to the cost savings of having the contractor and equipment on site for the main installation scope, staff is recommending both alternates be selected. This project is unbudgeted but will be allocated out of the Sports Park operating fund.

After checking Ace Netting's references, staff is comfortable recommending the contractor for this project. The work is expected to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the bid and Alternates 1 and 2 from Ace Netting for a combined total of \$326,509.16 for the Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation bid.

Motion: Move to approve the bid from Ace Netting for \$326,509.16 for the Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation bid.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project Name: Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation

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 10:00 AM Thursday, August 27th, 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 – Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation**" 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

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.

Location:

Skokie Sports Park
3459 Oakton Street
Skokie, IL 60077



Scope:

The scope of this project is the installation of netting systems including poles, hardware and netting at Skokie Sports Park. **PLEASE NOTE:** Drawings stamped by a licensed structural engineer are required prior to installation for this project.

Timeline:

Bidders must be able to secure all necessary materials and begin installation after 11/2/26, or as close to that date as is feasible. It is preferred that the contractor begin work no later than 5AM daily as the range lights provide ample brightness for working and the Village noise ordinance does not apply with no nearby residential housing.

PROJECT INFORMATION



Base Bid (shown in green)

The base bid is for 4 100' poles and netting to begin from 45' above ground to 100' high per the specifications below.

Alternate #1 (shown in pink)

Alternate #1 is for an additional pole and netting to 80' high with the netting to begin from 10' above ground level to 80' high per the specifications below. The netting will be attached on one side to the 100' pole and the other to the additional 80' pole included as part of this alternate.

Alternate #2 (shown in blue)

Alternate #2 is for an additional pole and netting to 80' high with the netting to begin from 10' above ground level to 80' high per the specifications below. The netting will be attached on one side to the 80' pole listed in Alternate #1 and to the additional 80' pole included as part of this alternate.

SPECIFICATIONS

General

- Pricing shall include ground protection, lifts and any necessary excavation equipment.
- Pricing shall include removal and disposal of any spoils and/or waste generated.
- All warranty information shall be included with bid submission regarding the netting and pole systems.

Base Bid (green)

- Four (4) 3-Section heavy duty steel poles spaced NTE 50' OC in front of existing 50' AGL system.
- Pole locations TBD
- 20' Deep borings – 4,000 psi concrete
- Three (3) Horizontal rows 1 x 7 galvanized steel strand cable with vertical face cables
- Heavy duty end connectors, galvanized eyebolts and curved washer attachments
- #18 x 1" nylon netting (spec sheet below) or an equal to or greater than product, 1" Square 5% resin weather treated, rope bordered (minimum 1/4"), on the square golf netting secured to the cables utilizing spring loaded snaps, heavy duty twine and steel supports
- (3) 55' High sections of netting finishing 45' AGL

Alternate #1 (pink)

- One (1) 24" OD/16" OD, 2-section heavy duty steel pole spaced NTE 50' OC in front of existing 20' AGL system.
- Pole locations TBD
- 36" OD x 16' deep boring – 4,000 psi concrete
- Two (2) Horizontal rows 1 x 7 galvanized steel strand cable with vertical face cables
- Heavy duty end connectors, galvanized eyebolts and curved washer attachments
- #18 x 1" nylon netting (spec sheet below) or an equal to or greater than product, 1" Square 5% resin weather treated, rope bordered (minimum 1/4"), on the square golf netting secured to the cables utilizing spring loaded snaps, heavy duty twine and steel supports

Alternate #2 (blue)

- One (1) 24" OD/16" OD, 2-section heavy duty steel pole spaced NTE 50' OC in front of existing 20' AGL system.
- Pole locations TBD
- 36" OD x 16' deep boring – 4,000 psi concrete
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#18 x 1" Nylon Netting Specifications Sheet

Netting Fiber	*	Dupont 66-728 Nylon
Treatment	*	Dyed Black / Latex-Urethane Bonding
Twine Size	*	No. 18 app 1.5mm/.06" diameter
Break Strength	*	165 lb Tensile
Mesh Size	*	1" x 1" Square Opening
Closed Surface Area	*	12.21%
Open Surface Area	*	87.79%
Yield	*	28.5sqft/lb based on 30% hang in or .0351 lbs per sq/ft



BID TAB

Skokie Sports Park Netting Installation

August 27, 2026

Bidders	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Total Bid Price
Midwest Netting	\$268,405.33	\$36,364.67	\$35,000.00	\$339,770.00
Wind and Sun Protection	\$292,291.75	\$39,995.67	\$37,075.67	\$369,363.09
Ace Netting	\$278,180.00	\$24,164.58	\$24,164.58	\$326,509.16
National Sports Nets	\$384,350.00	\$55,290.00	\$48,910.00	\$488,550.00



Skokie Park District Parks Board Report September 2026



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Gynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The asphalt paving on the south end of the Devonshire main parking lot is complete.
- The wood poles for the new netting to be installed on hole three at the Weber Park Golf Course were installed. The netting will be installed at a later date.
- Staff are working with MWRD, the Village of Skokie, and Subaru on a potential lease at 3617 Oakton Street. An appraisal of the property has been scheduled after which all three will work to determine boundaries and the associated costs to lease the site.
- The OSLAD grant application was submitted to IDNR for the purchase of Dr. Bessie Rhodes school. A public meeting was held regarding the purchase and staff worked with Wight Construction on the application. The grant is a matching for up to \$1.125 million dollars. The grant award announcement should take place in late January/early February.
- Public meetings were held for the Shawnee and Lockwood Park playground replacements.
- Staff have been reshooting and updating the 360 tours in facilities where renovations have occurred.
- Mowing crews continue to manage rapid grass growth, which has been challenging due to excessive rain and warm, humid weather.
- Operations staff identified a drain line issue at the Oakton Community Center that was causing backups and worked with a contractor to have the problem repaired.
- The horticulture staff revamped the sign beds at Sequoyah Park, Lorel Park, and Lyon Park.
- Operations staff began installing No E-Bikes/Scooters signs at high-traffic park sites and other locations where use has been observed.

Skokie Park District Recreation and Facilities Board Report September 2026

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

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties

Aquatics and Rowing

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	\$16,415	\$11,310
Private Rentals	\$12,570	\$9,060
Daily Fees - DAC	\$16,436	\$10,419
Concessions - DAC	\$5,910	\$4,198
Daily Fees - SWP	\$135,676	\$83,658
Concessions - SWP	\$27,567	\$15,809

Devonshire Cultural Centr

	2025	2026
Room Rental	13	7
Birthday Parties	3	5

Emily Oaks Nature Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	3	1
Birthday Parties	4	3
Non-profit Shelter Rental	2	0
Non-profit Campground Rental	1	1

Oakton Community Center and Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Room Rental	14	15
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	37	48
Exploritorium Group Visits	3	3

Park Services

	2025	2026
Birthday Parties	6	9

Rally Room

	2025	2026
Room Rental	n/a	4
Court Rental (with Room)	n/a	3

Skatium

	2025	2026
Birthday Party Rentals	5	11
Studio Rink Rentals	N/A ice removed for summer	N/A ice removed for summer
Main Rink Rentals	2	5

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Room Rental	0	0

Weber Leisure Center

	2025	2026
Room Rental	5	6
Birthday Parties	6	3

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

	2025	2026
Admissions	3,714	3,797

Skokie Heritage Museum

	2025	2026
Visits	1,595	1,247

Skokie Sports Park

	2025	2026
Range	\$176,899	\$162,996
Simulator	\$2,743	\$2,437
Grass Tees	\$4,655	\$6,055
Mini Golf	\$58,382	\$49,026
Batting Cages	\$7,090	\$7,838
Concessions	\$6,280	\$6,351
Alcohol	\$6,596	\$5,855
Total	\$262,645	\$240,558

Weber Athletics

	2025	2026
Open Gym	144	223
Late Night	404	341
Table Tennis	60	106
Open Pickleball	n/a (summer outdoor)	5 (summer outdoor)
Private Tennis/Pickleball	11	4

Weber Golf Course

	2025	2026
Greens Fees	\$43,264	\$35,998
Rentals	\$2,052	\$1,811
Concessions	\$1,762	\$1,180
Alcohol	\$1,720	\$1,094
Total	\$48,798	\$40,083

Childcare Enrollment

Devonshire Preschool

	2025	2026
2's	15	16
3's	33	14
4's	30	33
Enrichment	36	20
Total	114	83

Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

	2025	2026
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	22 + 1	22 + 9

SPACE

	2025	2026
AM	201	206
PM	582	553
Total	783	759

Tot Learning Center

	2025	2026
Infants	11	13
Toddler 1	10	16
Toddler 2	10	16
2/3's	14	17
Preschool	13	19
Pre-K	20	17
Total	78	98

Athletics- Curt Evans

Athletic Programs

	2025	2026
Torah Softball	10 Teams	10 Teams
CSYBA Baseball	12 Teams	9 Teams

Aquatics - Scott Runkle

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Cool, rainy weather led to lower-than-expected attendance at both facilities.
- The Skokie Fire Department Explorers conducted training at Skokie Water Playground.

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- A new HVAC unit was installed in Preschool Room #1.
- Lead Testing was completed as required by DCFS for Preschool licensure.
- Summer Enrollment
 - o Culinary Classes: 10 participants
 - o Dance Classes: 71 participants
 - o Music: 110 participants
 - o Theatre: 159 participants
 - o Visual Art: 86 participants
- Preschool Orientation was August 31 with 35 families in attendance.
- Preschool Kickoff was held September 2 with approximately 150 in attendance, and school began on September 8.
- DCFS will visit on September 18 to complete the accreditation review with a classroom management inspection.
- Script Reading Happy Hour was held August 21 featuring *Picnic* with eight in attendance.
- The Historic Show, *Kiss and Tell*, was performed on August 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 3:30 p.m. with 270 in attendance at the Skokie Heritage Museum.
- *Guys and Dolls* auditions were held and 37 actors were cast.
- Thin Ice Ensemble Theatre held their open house on August 9 with 14 in attendance.
- The second session of summer theatre classes ended with showcases hosting 40 audience members.
- Sunday Concerts on August 9 featured Billy Elton with an audience of 400.
- The SpongeBob Movie on August 20 in Lorel Park had 175 guests.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights.

- The Growing Sprouts early childhood program orientation was held on August 20, and a meet-and-greet playday was held at the Emily Oaks playground on Sunday, August 23, to help acquaint the children and families with the staff and each other.
- Preparations are underway for the second annual Monarch Migration Fun Run/Walk fund-raiser on September 13.
- The Emily Oaks fire alarm inspection took place in August.
- Due to a surplus of first-year plants, a fall native plant sale was held on August 30. Thirty-five (35) customers bought \$1,161 of native plants.

Drop-in Programming (Classes/Groups)	2025	2026
School Groups + Self-guided	0 + 1	0+ 1
Scout/Youth Groups Activities + Self-guided	0 + 3	0 + 1
Adult Groups + Self-guided	0 + 3	0 + 3
TOTAL (August)	7	5

Volunteer Program (August)

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	53.5
At-home Projects	1.5
Land Management Workday	13.5
Wildflower Garden Workday	13.5
Kawaga Garden Workday	13.25
Facility Support	6.5
Special Events (Fall Native Plant Sale)	15.5
Total Hours	117.25

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Movie in the Park at Central Park: 200
- Exploritorium
 - o Storybook Corner: 55
 - o Sensory Play & Create: 143
 - o Parent/Tot Yoga: 130
 - o Paint & Play: 43

Skatium Ice Arena – Brandi Luecke

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The Skatium is experiencing an issue with the northwest beam detector over the main ice rink. Fox Valley fire inspected the detector on August 19 and recommended replacement; an installation date is pending.
- Hockey Director, Joe Schulz, ran street hockey activities in the Kids Zone at the Farmer's Market on August 16.

	2025	2026
Skate School Summer Session	346 participants	331 participants

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The second floor of the museum was recoated on August 18 and 26.
- The museum opened a new exhibit titled “Things Happened Here: A History of Civic Engagement in Skokie” to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the attempted Nazi demonstrations in Skokie, which started with the Park District on October 4, 1976, and lasted through June 1978. The Village of Skokie Clerk's Office loaned several items for display, including the earlier Village Seals.
- The museum's Backlot attendance was lower than usual, but the second-floor exhibit had a much higher dwell time than in previous years, with many people stopping to read every label and document on display.
- The museum's IMLS grant for \$25k, to help with collections work in preparation for the Park District's 100th anniversary, was the second-highest scored application out of 299 applications and was highly recommended for funding by IMLS staff. For unknown reasons, political appointees outside of IMLS denied the funding.
- The museum fulfilled four research requests, including one to CBS Chicago for their story on the Skokie Theater sale; their news feature included several photos from the museum's collection and a very nice shoutout (links to: [video](#) and [article](#) stories).
- Sixteen volunteers donated 110.5 service hours to the museum during August, helping with ongoing collections work, exhibit prep, and Backlot support. The museum began hosting two students weekly from District 219's Bridges program, which helps students with disabilities transition to adulthood with work and life skills development. The students' first project is helping to scan collection paperwork.
- Other museum programs this month included the History of Old Orchard walking tour and America's 250th Trivia Night, which each had nine participants.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- High School golf teams have resumed practice and have been reserving driving range bays every weekday afternoon.
- Road construction on Oakton Street started the second week of August, causing high traffic volume and limited access to the facility.
- Private events and birthday parties have continued booking through October.
- Liponi Mini Golf Fundraiser was held at Sports Park on August 11 with 220 participants attending.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Most families have continued their enrollment at TLC, except for the graduating Pre-K students.
- TLC is beginning the new school year near full capacity for the first time in many years, with a few additional children expected to start in October.
- TLC ended the school year 2025-26 with a family get-together at the Exploritorium, followed by an all-school barbecue event at TLC.

Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The final “Ladies Wine and Nine” was held on August 20 with 19 participants.
- The final “Night Golf Scramble” was held on August 6 with 36 participants.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Annual deep cleaning and facility maintenance projects are ongoing in both August and September. The wood floors in the gymnasium, activity room, dance studio, MPR and Kids First have been resurfaced.
- The air vents and ducts at Fitness First and in the gymnasium were cleaned, as well as the interior and exterior surfaces of the windows in Weber and the Skatium.

Fitness First

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The student/teacher summer special, 100 Days for \$100 sold 75 passes.
- Backlot Dash 2025 and the Kid’s Color Fun Run took place on August 29.

	2023	2024	2025	2026
5K	471	444	391	372
Kid Color Run	132	132	114	95
Total	603	576	505	467

Memberships

	2025	2026
Active Members	4,274	4,494
Visits	15,520	16,112
Personal Training Tickets	185	204
Massage Tickets	63	64
Pilates Tickets	70	21

Marketing & Communications Board Report

August '26

Photos

A few photos from the past month taken by our Social Media Coordinator and freelance photographer.

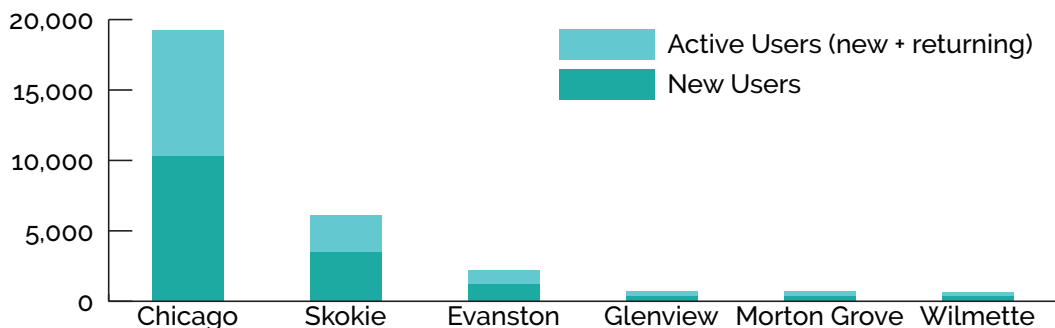
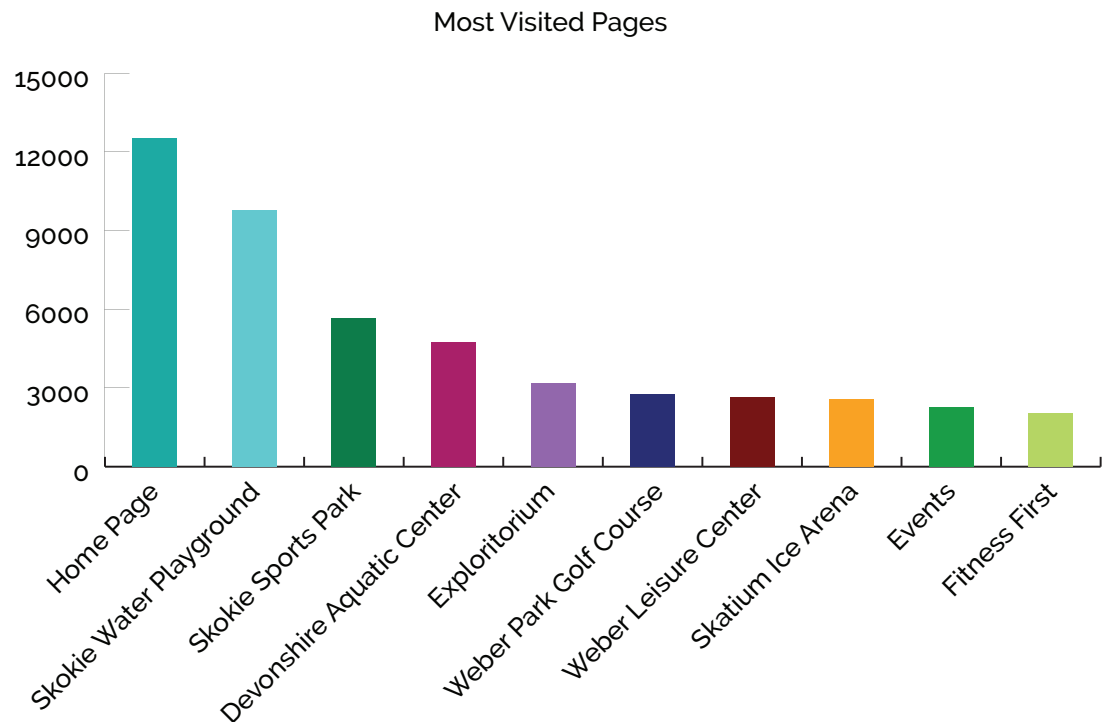


Social Media

See the following pages for a full social media report.

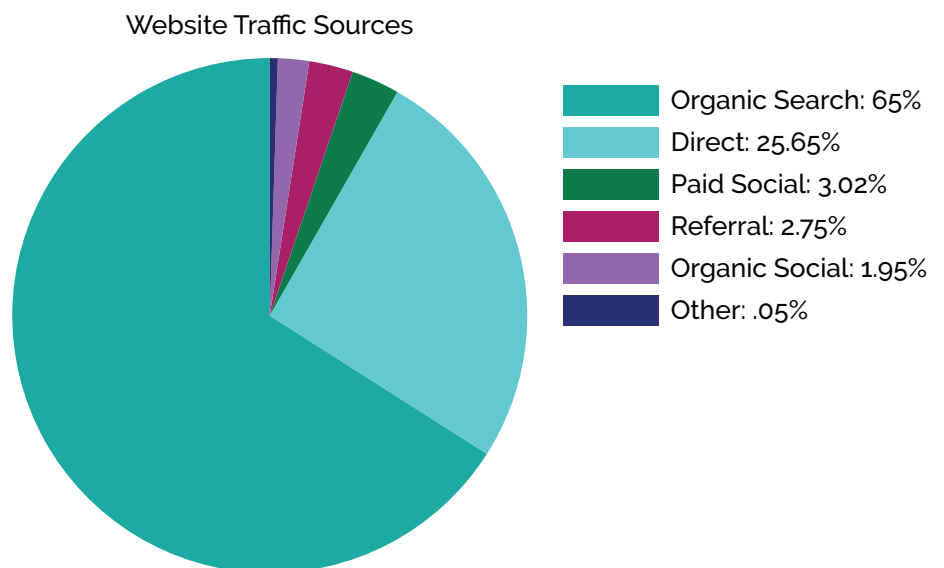
Website Analytics

The most visited pages are unsurprisingly our popular summer facilities: Pools, Sports Park and the Weber Park Golf Course.



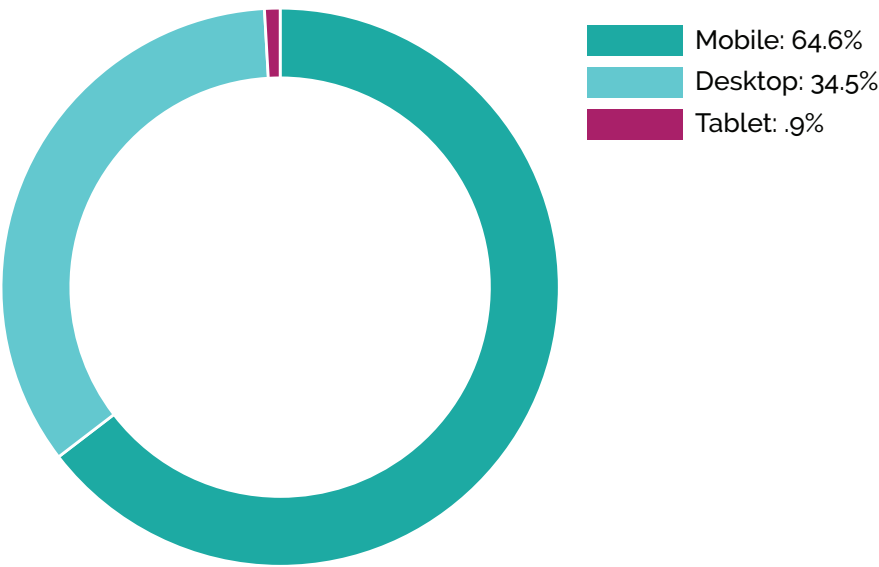
The majority of visitors to our site in the past month were from neighboring communities showing the need to continue to target users outside of the Skokie area.

- **Organic Search:** Organic traffic is the traffic that comes from search engines like Google
- **Direct:** This is the traffic that arrives when someone types in your website's URL, opens your website through a bookmark, or when Google cannot recognize the traffic source
- **Paid Social:** This is the ad traffic that arrives from social media platforms like Facebook or Twitter
- **Referral:** Referral traffic is the traffic that comes from links to your site elsewhere on the web
- **Organic Social:** This is the non-ad traffic that arrives from social media platforms like Facebook or Twitter
- **Paid Search:** If you're running Google Ads, that traffic will show up here (the Communications & Marketing department does not run Google ads currently).



Website Analytics *cont.*

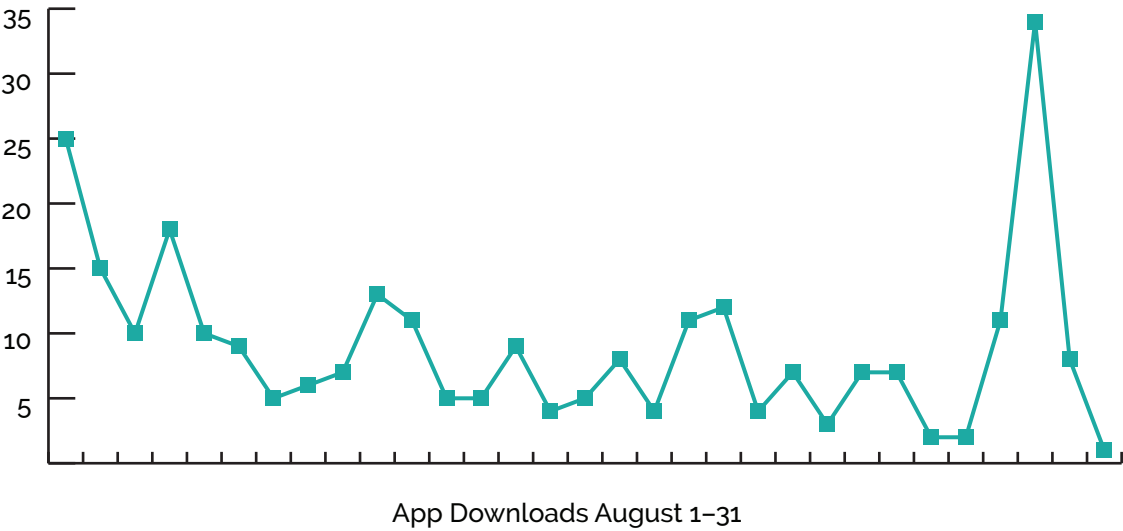
Website Viewers by Device



The majority of users continue to access our website via their phones. The Communications department along with IT is working on creating a more mobile friendly website with an approximate launch date of December 31.

Additionally, we are striving to make certain features even easier to access using our app. *(see below)*

Skokie Parks App

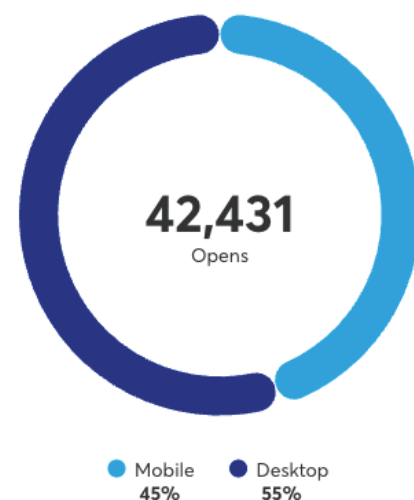


App downloads continue to remain fairly steady with a large boost during Backlot Bash. Communications along with IT are looking for additional features to enhance the app. Push notifications are being used to alert users of upcoming events as well as referendum campaign notifications, such as early voting dates.

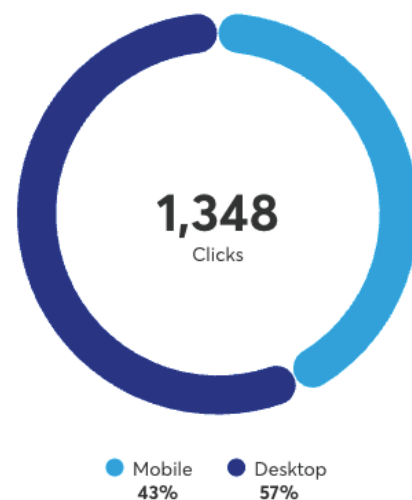
Constant Contact Analytics (e-newsletters)



Top performing campaigns by Open Rate



Top performing links by Total Clicks



Top performing newsletters continue to be TLC Today and our Active Adults Happenings.

Top performing links were Backlot Bash homepage and music lineup, along with our fall brochure and our summer program survey.

Conversely to the website, the majority of people access the newsletters via desktop computer.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

August 2026





NOTES & INSIGHTS

Social Media Follow Totals:

- Facebook: 113 new follows, 24 unfollows, 10,840 total
- Instagram: 283 new follows, 62 unfollows, 5,864 total
- X is up 4 followers. 2148 total followers.
- Bluesky is up 2. 206 total followers.
- TikTok is up 377 followers. 1610 total followers.

Higher Frequency Posts (FB): Little Learners Boost(2.54), Skatium Birthday Rentals Boost (2.41), Tennis Boost (2.21)

Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.

High Engagement Posts (FB): Referendum Baseball Option (128), Backlot Bash Promo Reel (89), Charlie Giveaway Reel (70).

These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.



VIDEO: NOTES & INSIGHTS

Content Strategy:

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

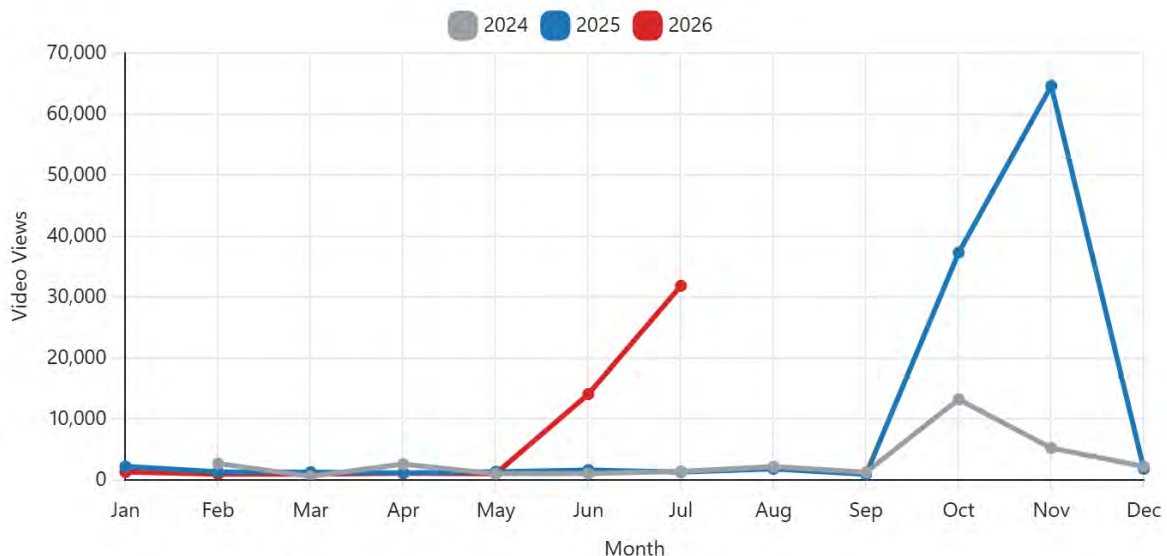
The Effect:

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

Next Month's Goals:

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

TikTok Video Views by Month and Year



SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

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

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

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



- We're so close to 11k followers on Facebook and 6k followers on Instagram! We expect to hit both before the years end.
- Skokie's Backlot Bash coverage dominated our social media this month.
 - We received local coverage on WGN & the Record North Shore, as well as influencers and blogs giving us shoutouts on their platforms.
 - Having been around for 19 years, Skokie's Backlot Bash has become the place to be every year. It's become the thing to do in Skokie! One commenter on a backlot bash post said they come all the way from Wisconsin every year for the festival.
- **Trending Topics:**
 - Facebook: Referendum and Backlot Bash
 - Instagram: Backlot Bash, specifically photos featuring carnival rides
 - TikTok: Backlot Bash promo reels featuring trending audio



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: 8,475

Views: 15,882

Interactions: 91

Link Clicks: 262

Reactions: 50

Comments: 39

Shares: 2

Saves: 0



Viewers: 7,514

Views: 10,856

Interactions: 38

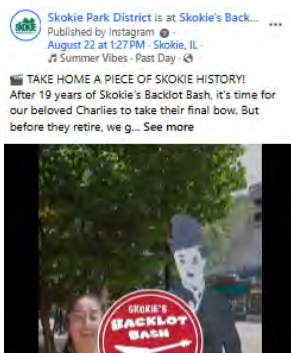
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Reactions: 37

Comments: 1

Shares: 0

Saves: 0



Viewers: 5,771

Views: 7,005

Interactions: 72

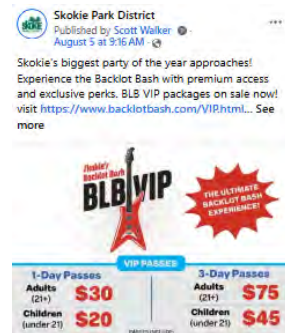
Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 59

Comments: 4

Shares: 5

Saves: 4



Viewers: 5,047

Views: 9,013

Interactions: 40

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 23

Comments: 8

Shares: 8

Saves: 1



Viewers: 5,005

Views: 6,383

Interactions: 31

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 29

Comments: 1

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.

Shop Downtown at Backlot



Reach: 17,328

Views: 39,147

Interactions: 734

Likes: 535

Comments: 5

Shares: 156

Saves: 29

Skokie's Backlot Bash is almost here!



Reach: 10,641

Views: 23,646

Interactions: 829

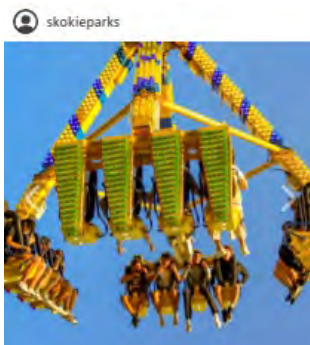
Likes: 394

Comments: 0

Shares: 358

Saves: 69

Carnival Fun at Skokie's Backlot Bash



Reach: 9,819

Views: 24,080

Interactions: 598

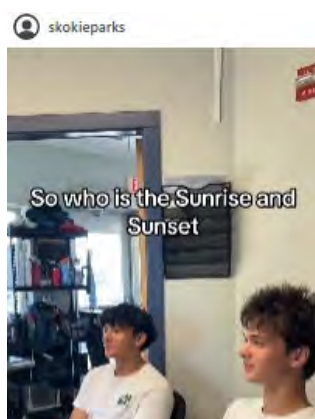
Likes: 307

Comments: 0

Shares: 242

Saves: 46

Fun Reel: Sunrise & Sunset at Sports Park



Reach: 5,819

Views: 11,214

Interactions: 302

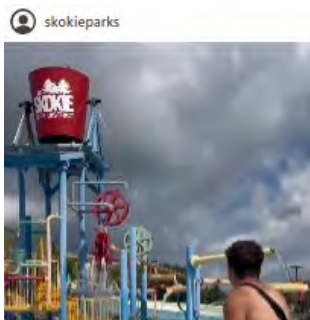
Likes: 244

Comments: 6

Shares: 38

Saves: 6

Reel: Skokie Water Playground Do's & Don'ts



Reach: 5,783

Views: 8,958

Interactions: 213

Likes: 167

Comments: 1

Shares: 36

Saves: 5

Top 5

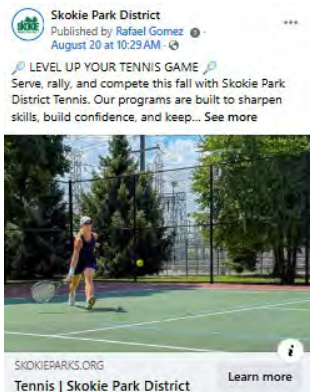
BOOSTED POSTS

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

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

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

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



Viewers: 9,634

Views: 17,893

Interactions: 19

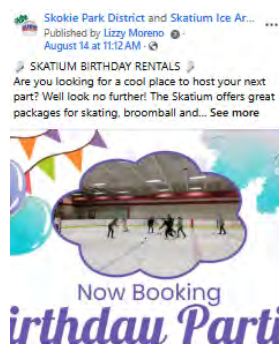
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Comments: 0

Shares: 1

Saves: 1

Link Clicks: 286



Viewers: 7,869

Views: 15,241

Interactions: 20

Likes: 13

Comments: 0

Shares: 3

Saves: 3

Link Clicks: 162



Viewers: 6,690

Views: 12,681

Interactions: 39

Likes: 34

Comments: 0

Shares: 4

Saves: 0

Link Clicks: 149



Viewers: 4,507

Views: 6,367

Interactions: 16

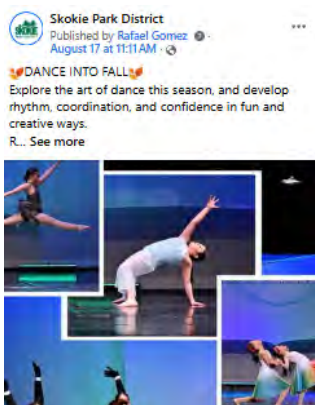
Likes: 12

Comments: 0

Shares: 1

Saves: 3

Link Clicks: 153



Viewers: 4,305

Views: 6,802

Interactions: 15

Likes: 14

Comments: 0

Shares: 1

Saves: 0

Link Clicks: 199

Top 5 TikTok POSTS

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

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

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

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

Friday Night Ferris Wheel



Run Time: :6

Views: 20.9k

Likes: 434

Comments: 2

Shares: 119

Saves: 47

Completion Rate: 27%

Avg. Watch Time (s): 4.8

“Hot & Cold” Trend at Backlot Bash



Run Time: :7

Views: 13.1k

Likes: 514

Comments: 7

Shares: 102

Saves: 38

Completion Rate: 30%

Avg. View Time (s): 5.9

Skokie Water Playground Do's & Don'ts



Run Time: :19

Views: 5.6k

Likes: 138

Comments: 8

Shares: 33

Saves: 8

Completion Rate: 28%

Avg. View Time (s): 9.8

Sunrise & Sunset at Skokie Sports Park



Run Time: :8

Views: 4.4k

Likes: 95

Comments: 1

Shares: 3

Saves: 1

Completion Rate: 38%

Avg. View Time (s): 5.8

Staff Spotlight Video: Eric S.



Run Time: :16

Views: 3k

Likes: 72

Comments: 0

Shares: 21

Saves: 4

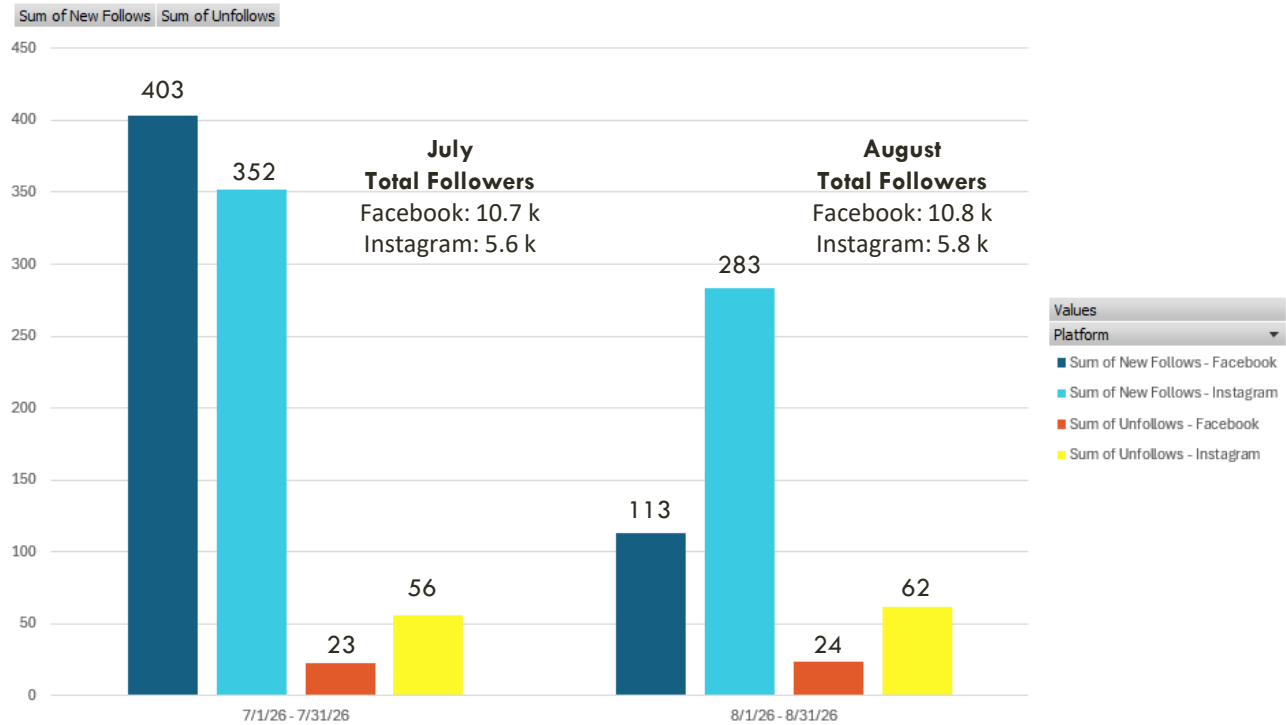
Completion Rate: 18.36%

Avg. View Time (s): 7.9

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

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

Follows vs. Unfollows: July – August



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

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

Views / Reach = Frequency

Frequency: How often a unique person saw a post.

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

Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
(blank)	28170	17088	154	1.65
BASEBALL NOW A REFERENDUM OPTIONYou asked for it and we heard you! Be	15855	8489	128	1.87
🎯 LEVEL UP YOUR TENNIS GAME 🎯 Serve, rally, and compete this fall with S	14617	6603	13	2.21
🎉 SKATIUM BIRTHDAY RENTALS 🎉 Are you looking for a cool place to host your	12683	5270	7	2.41
★ STAFF SPOTLIGHT LINDA Z. ★ Linda's journey with the Skokie Park District	10851	7481	39	1.45
LITTLE LEARNERS AT DEVONSHIREThis class will help your child make an easy	9633	3795	13	2.54
Skokie's biggest party of the year approaches! Experience the Backlot Bash with	9008	5286	54	1.70
🏠 TAKE HOME A PIECE OF SKOKIE HISTORY!After 19 years of Skokie's Backlot	6994	6515	70	1.07
FIND YOUR WAY AT OAKTON PARK!Because Oakton Park has an amazing num	6550	4833	23	1.36
📅 August 28-30 📅 More info at: https://www.backlotbash.com/skokiepark	6388	3031	89	2.11
The Skokie Water Playground is still open through September 7. Post season ho	6367	5719	32	1.11
📸 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AT EMILY OAKS 📸 Shoot your photos N	6274	4773	41	1.31
A huge congratulations to our 2026 NBL Champions and 2026 Softball Champi	6238	3988	17	1.56
💃 DANCE INTO FALL 💃 Explore the art of dance this season, and develop rhyt	6128	3434	11	1.78
🏐 YOUTH VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM! 🏐 Bump, set, and spike your way into so	6028	4391	9	1.37
The glasses adjustment compilation nobody knew they needed. 😊 Thanks, Sc	5834	5410	25	1.08
MONARCH MIGRATION FUN RUN AND WALK 1K & 3KCome spend Sunday mor	5609	3827	21	1.47
🧵 STITCH, SEW & CREATE! 🧵 Get creative and learn new sewing skills with t	4899	2538	10	1.93
🌱 PARK IMPROVEMENT HEARINGS 🌱 Weigh in on new plans for improving th	4843	3187	35	1.52
🤸 TUMBLE, JUMP & PLAY THIS FALL! 🤸 Build balance, coordination, confide	4624	3975	5	1.16
🎨 DRAW, PAINT & CREATE! 🎨 Bring your imagination to life with new Fine Ar	4445	2199	6	2.02
★ Staff Spotlight Interview with Ellie B. ★ #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks #	3479	3566	30	0.98
🏠 CLAY MAGNET WORKSHOP 🏠 In this two-hour session, participants will s	3377	2152	20	1.57
TIL NEXT SUMMER, CAMPERS :(Camp may be over, but we're not ready to say g	3276	1999	26	1.64
AT SKOKIE WATER PLAYGROUND!	2782	1725	12	1.61
Our Park Services Division is serving nothing but looks on the daily! 📄 www.sk	2770	1400	37	1.98
Took Charlie on a date before the bash!! 📅 August 28-30 📅 More info at: http	2670	2511	16	1.06
Kiss and Tell has been delayed until 5 p.m. today, 8/15, due to rain.	2448	1610	16	1.52
At the Skokie Park District we believe all of our employee's are rays of Sunshine	2286	1232	23	1.86
🎟 VIP PASSES ARE BACK AT SKOKIE'S BACKLOT BASH 🎟 Available now for p	2285	1408	42	1.62
★ Staff Spotlight Interview with Linda Z. ★ #skokieparkdistrict #skokieparks	2284	2255	24	1.01
JOIN THE NBL THIS FALL!The Neighborhood Basketball League officially return	2126	1374	2	1.55
PARTNER WITH THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT!If you are a business, big or small, i	1986	1279	15	1.55
SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: BILLY ELTON & JEANIE BJoin us for our final Sund	1826	1068	16	1.71
Guess who stopped by the Skatium Ice Arena!	1657	979	14	1.69
LOOK WHO MADE BROADWAY WORLD!Devonshire Playhouse's production of	1636	1065	9	1.54
🎨 PAINT & PLAY AT THE EXPLORITORIUM! 🎨 This sensory art class will allow y	1634	1155	8	1.41
Here til 6 p.m. today August 30th! 📅 More info at: https://www.backlotbash.c	1504	1414	7	1.06
BECAUSE THEY DON'T "KISS AND TELL,"The cast and crew invite you to take pai	1395	791	42	1.76
BLB VIP - limited packages still available.Purchase your VIP tickets online thro	1377	904	5	1.52
BIG CHANGES, BIGGER SMILES!Skokie's premier indoor playground has updat	1360	931	1	1.46
🏐 YOUTH OPEN GYM IS BACK! 🏐 Looking for a fun way to keep the kids activ	1324	909	4	1.46
If you are looking for a sign to go to Skokie's Backlot Bash, well here it is! Three c	1285	987	16	1.30
🔥 FIERCE. FOCUSED. READY TO DANCE. 🔥 Our Devonshire Dance girls are	1214	900	14	1.35
K-POP CAKE POPS AT THE DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTERGet ready to mix, c	965	567	5	1.70
📅 YOUR FALL PROGRAM GUIDE IS HERE! 📅 Fall classes and events are now	904	632	3	1.43
Today's concert is still on! Hope to see you there!	883	517	7	1.71
TIME TO 'STAND UP SKOKIE!The 'Stand Up, Skokie' campaign rolled out at the S	839	521	8	1.61
📖 TOTAL T MAGIC WORKSHOP 📖 The ABCs of Magic Workshop is taught by a	763	404	5	1.89
FREE EVENT!Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy a fr	744	463	8	1.61
🎉 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIVEAWAY WINNERS! 🎉 A big congratulat	683	441	5	1.55
🍷 LADIES WINE & NINE AT WEBER PARK GOLF COURSE IS BACK 🍷 The cour	605	299	5	2.02
📱 DOWNLOAD THE APP. GET ENTERED TO WIN!Have you downloaded the Sk	572	340	5	1.68
📖 SCRIPT READING HAPPY HOUR📖 Join Will Fisher as he leads this month's	544	355	4	1.53
📖 STORY STROLL AT PECCIA PARK! 📖 Skokie Story Stroll moves to Peccia Pa	462	298	2	1.55
Grand Total	237983	150283	1258	
Averages	4326.96	2732.42	22.87	1.59



Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report September 2026



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Park Services Door Access

IT assisted with the deployment of a new door access system at Park Services.

Internet Failover Testing

IT tested backup internet connectivity if the primary internet connection goes down.

Website Sales Redesign

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

Backlot Bash Set up

IT assisted with Backlot Bash onsite payment set up.

Fiscal Year New Projects

IT has nearly completed 2026-27 fiscal year project deployments across all district facilities.



Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports September 2026



Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus
The Backlot Bash took place August 28-30 and had a great turnout despite some rain on Saturday and Sunday. The recap meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 1 p.m.
Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus
No report.
DEI Committee Mary Amato
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 11 a.m.
Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen
No report.
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
The last board meeting was held on August 25. Inclusion was discussed as three of the member districts (Lincolnwood, Niles, and Morton Grove) transitioned to hiring their own inclusion aids this past summer, with support and training provided by M-NASR. All three agencies were pleased with the new process. We may pilot this hiring practice at one or two of our camp sites next year. Skokie's inclusion numbers are considerably larger than the three test districts and we want to evaluate this before contemplating implementation at all camp sites.

Niles Township Youth Coalition	
Breanne Labus	
The next meeting is scheduled for November 10.	
Safety Committee	
Amanda Green	
The committee met on September 2 and discussed summer safety and incident reporting year to date. Planning is underway for the full-time Safety Day Training hosted at Oakton Community Center on October 13. The next meeting is October 7.	
Skokie Chamber of Commerce	
Michelle Tuft	
The Chamber board met on August 17. The Chamber's finances continue to improve, and the new Director is doing a great job organizing and managing operations.	
Skokie Pride	
Cassie Schaeffer	
No report.	
Skokie's Spring Greening	
Lee Hansen	
No meeting is scheduled until October.	
Staff Appreciation Committee	
Keli Stonitsch	
The Committee successfully hosted the Summer Staff Appreciation Party on August 19. The Committee will meet again on September 21 to review the event and discuss plans for a Fall/Winter event.	
Wellness Committee	
Jennie Bever	
The fall meeting was held on September 8. The committee is developing a monthly newsletter to encourage staff to stay healthy.	