



2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



FOLLOW THE PARK PATH THE FUN STARTS HERE

Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center

2,106 members of the Rec Center enjoyed the walking track, basketball/volleyball courts, indoor batting cage and Pit Stop Teen Center with a total 76,821 visits. 4,029 daily fee guests also joined the fun.

Recreation, Athletics Programs & Events

In each of our three yearly seasonal brochures, we offer hundreds of activities, programs, special events, trips and athletic leagues! Here are a few of the 2019 highlights!

4,512 enrollments in over 200 programs by 2,596 Park District Patrons! 8,100 Patrons participated in paid and free events!

DAY CAMP

Our day camp counselors supervised a summer of fun for 790 campers. Field trips required 57 buses over the summer as campers visited zoos, arcades, the lakefront and more!

Special Events included
*July 4th Celebration,
Flashlight Egg Hunt,
Fall Fest and
Active Aging Week
and over 25 others!*



In 2019, over 207,280 workouts were done to by the 4,742 members.

The Center's personal trainers, aquatic programs, wide variety of fitness classes and state of the art equipment are the reason why Tinley Fitness is the community's favorite spot for health and wellness!

Vogt Visual ArtsCenter



Gallery Exhibits Art Classes Gazebo Jazz Nights

Over 600 submissions by local and regional artists were displayed in our open gallery exhibits in addition to the featured artist exhibits in 2019!

Anyone with a passion to perform or create can satisfy their craving for theater, art and music as well as develop their own talents with our extensive class offerings in both performing and visual arts.

Did you know in 2019...

68% of our 177 year round employees resided in Tinley Park?
We hired 230 seasonal summer employees?

The PARKS



At a glance...

Bettenhausen Rec Ctr
 Tinley Fitness (171st St)
 White Water Canyon
 Vogt Visual Art Center
 Landmark Museum & Church
 Tinley Junction Miniature Golf
 Tinley Performing Arts Center
 Canine Campus
 Extreme Skate Park

43 parks / 452 acres
 32 playground structures
 34 baseball fields
 15 soccer/lacrosse fields
 13 volleyball courts
 11 basketball courts
 6 tennis courts
 3 pickleball courts
 2 football fields
 2 outdoor ice rinks
 2 horseshoe pit
 9 natural areas
 16 pavilions

As you can see, there is no shortage of green space, athletic fields, pathways and outdoor fitness opportunities at the Tinley Park-Park District. Twelve of our parks have walking and cycling paths, some of which connect to the wider county system. Natural areas offer a peaceful spot for quiet reflection. We offer a free disc golf course at The Meadows. Canine Campus Dog Park provides open, off-leash play to member's pets. Enjoy live music and entertainment at The Band Shell and The Gazebo during summer months.

Our Parks staff works tirelessly year round to maintain the entire park system and facilities. Just a few of the hundreds of services they provided in 2019 include:

Trees: 30 replacement and new trees and 5 memorial trees planted.

Installed: 800 cu.yds landscape mulch
 880 yds Playground Fibar covering
 100 tons of sand on volleyball courts
 200 tons of limestone screening to ball fields

Recycled: 14,734 pounds of cardboard, paper and cans

Updated: Playgrounds at Hirsch and Towne Point parks



White Water Canyon kept the community cool in 2019! The 3,930 members made over 30,600 visits to enjoy the slides, sprayground and lazy river. Swimmers were protected by our 83 lifeguards. The 74 gate, deck and concessions stand staff provided a clean, safe and tasty experience to all!



Family fun awaits at the Tinley Junction! The mini-golf course saw 10,436 rounds played in 2019 while 11,563 batting cage purchases were made for 5, 10 or 30 tokens... that's a lot of swings!

Performing Arts Center



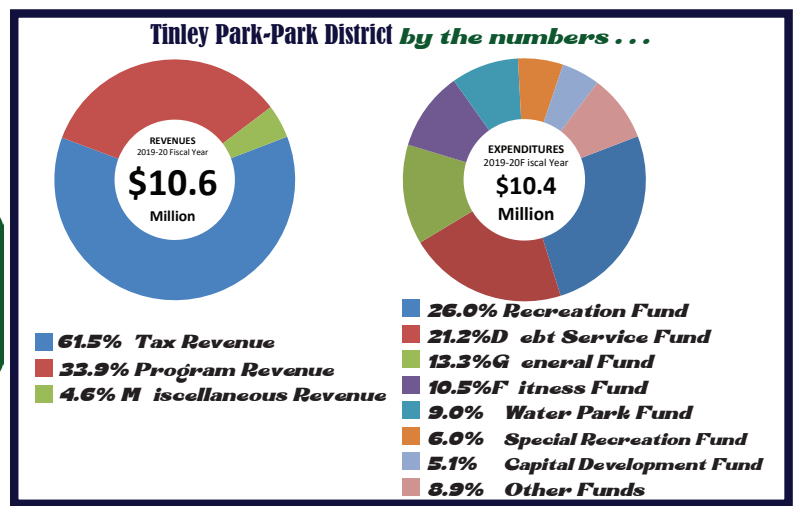
Performances Acting Classes Improv Nights

In 2019, 197 actors participated in theater programs! The year's 30 performances entertained 2,389 theater goers!



Mission Statement

The Tinley Park-Park District is committed to creative recreational programming opportunities and outstanding customer service while providing and maintaining quality recreational facilities and parks to enhance the quality of life in Tinley Park.



from the desk of
 Shawn Roby
 Executive Director

2019 was a very successful year for the Tinley Park-Park District! We completed the Veterans Park Renovation Project and procured an additional OSLAD grant for another project. We continued to improve and update our parks throughout the entire district. Our enterprise operations flourished, as have all our programs.

The Veterans Park renovation project, which originated in 2015, was officially completed with a ribbon cutting in May 2019. The park features new tennis courts, basketball court, playground, softball field, walking path and a new Veterans Memorial. With completion of Veterans Park, we began the official planning and permitting of the St. Boniface Park renovation. Funding for this renovation is partially through a State of Illinois Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant, which we received in 2018.

In 2019, the Park District again successfully applied for an OSLAD grant for the redevelopment of Volunteer Park. We hosted numerous public meetings and planning sessions prior to submitting the renovation layout and updated amenities, which ultimately resulted in receiving our second OSLAD grant in as many years. The completed park renovation will feature expanded parking, a larger softball/baseball field, a basketball shoot around, new playground, volleyball court, soccer field and walking path integrated throughout the park and connecting to the existing trail. Completion is estimated for 2021 or early 2022.

The Park District also updated two playgrounds in the 2019 fiscal year. Both Towne Point Park (8400 179th Street) and Hirsch Park (6550 177th Street) now feature new playgrounds providing up-to-date amenities for residents to enjoy.

The Park District operates three enterprise facilities: White Water Canyon Water Park, Tinley Fitness and Tinley Junction. Operation and funding of each of these facilities comes solely from the revenue generated by its members and patrons. Each operates with a net profit and 2019 was no exception. Continued improvements and updates will ensure revenue growth in the future.

Whether senior programming or special events our attendance continues to be strong across program offerings provided by the Park District. In 2019, we had 8,100 participants in free and paid programs. We truly offer something for everyone — Thursdays in the Park family concerts and movies, athletic programs for youth and adults such as baseball or volleyball, theatre programs, art classes, music lessons, senior lunches, trips, fitness classes and so much more.

I sincerely thank the entire staff of the Tinley Park-Park District for their dedication, creativity, innovation, enthusiasm and tireless efforts in bringing the community outstanding programs, events, customer service and impeccable facilities and parks. Finally, thank you to the Board of Park Commissioners who donate their time and energy to the betterment of the Park District and serving the residents of this great town. Their leadership and experience help guide us forward.

Shawn Roby

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