



2021-2022 POPULAR ANNUAL REPORT





Parks & Maintenance

The Parks & Maintenance Department works year round to keep Tinley Park-Park District's green space, playgrounds and facilities safe and beautiful. Access to excellent parks contributes to increased home values and the local economy benefits from spending and job opportunities. The health and wellness of the citizens of Tinley Park are positively impacted by the easy access to green space and outdoor recreation opportunities the Park District offers. Young adults are two to three times more physically active when parks and recreation facilities are easily accessible.*

Did you know...

- Each fall the staff winterizes concessions buildings at Freedom, Memorial, Bettenhausen and Vogt Woods parks, the White Water Canyon and Tinley Junction, the Water Park bath and guard houses and park water fountains. This work entails disassembling plumbing and blowing air through to prevent freezing, and replacing worn parts. In the spring, staff puts everything back together in preparation for summer fun!
- Staff places 308 trash cans throughout our park system along with 35 recycle cans. All of these are emptied weekly...that's a lot of trash bags!!
- Each year approximately 8 of our 28 playgrounds receive updated safety surfacing based on site conditions.
- Each season staff levels each of the 4 sand clay fields and 23 limestone fields and installs/maintains pads at homeplate. It takes about 36 hours for staff to drag all limestone fields 3 times per week and groom the sand clay fields.
- Twice yearly the trees are evaluated. Those that are at the end of life are removed. These are replaced with new healthy trees.

*Godbey and Mowen, 2010

Recreation & Programs

Much research over the past ten years shows that access to Park District recreation centers and programs improves self-esteem, connects individuals to the community and increases social networks. Health benefits include lower levels of obesity, reduced stress and prevention and mitigation of diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and heart disease. Tinley Park-Park District makes it easy for everyone to take advantage of all these benefits.

Did you know...

- We have four Recreation Supervisors that plan, create, organize and staff the more than 1,170 programs offered to the community in 2021.
- Over 9,110 individuals participated in classes and youth athletic leagues.
- Our Tot, Children and Teen camps provided 536 campers with a summer of friendship, games, swimming and field trips.
- Our camp programs employed 33 staff leaders and counselors.
- Online registration accounted for 71% of all program registrations.
- We graduated 110 Tot Time Preschool students preparing them to successfully move onto Kindergarten.
- The 1,103 runners in our 3 race series covered a combined total of over 3,400 miles.

July 4th Celebration



Summer Day Camp



Senior Programs



Athletic Programs, Leagues and Events



Special Events

Tinley Junction Miniature Golf & Batting Cages



For over 35 years, the community has enjoyed affordable fun for families, individuals and groups at Tinley Junction. We continue to make improvements to the course and batting cages. Each season we offer fun events like Family Fun Night Packages, free popcorn & lemonade day and many more.

Did you know...

- 8,500 rounds of mini-golf (*that's 152,892 holes!*) were played and 21,536 batting tokens were sold (*that's 323,040 pitches!*)
- Tinley Junction provided employment for 11 staff during the 2021 season
- Parties and group functions are always a hit at the Junction. In 2021, 55 groups took advantage of the golf, batting cage and food packages we offer.



White Water Canyon Water Park



Since opening in 2002, White Water Canyon Water Park has been providing the community with a close to home, affordable, safe and fun option to keep cool all summer long. 2021 continued that tradition! What makes WWC so great? Well,

Did you know...

- The park's managers, lifeguards, supervisors and deck attendants earned the highest StarGuard ELITE honor of a five stars rating in each of three audits.
- Our swim instructors conducted 294 swim lessons.
- 21 students took the Junior Lifeguard program in anticipation of becoming a future staff member.
- The park promotes water safety every day and participates in the World's Largest Swim lesson each June providing a free lesson for the community.
- The Canyon Cafe concessions fed patrons selling 3,918 hot dogs, 10,218 chicken tenders and 12,760 pizza slices. Our delicious ice cream was popular with sales of 4,054 cones and 7,405 cups.



Tinley Fitness



Tinley Fitness was voted the #1 Fitness Center in the Southland in 2021 and there are plenty of reasons why that is so!

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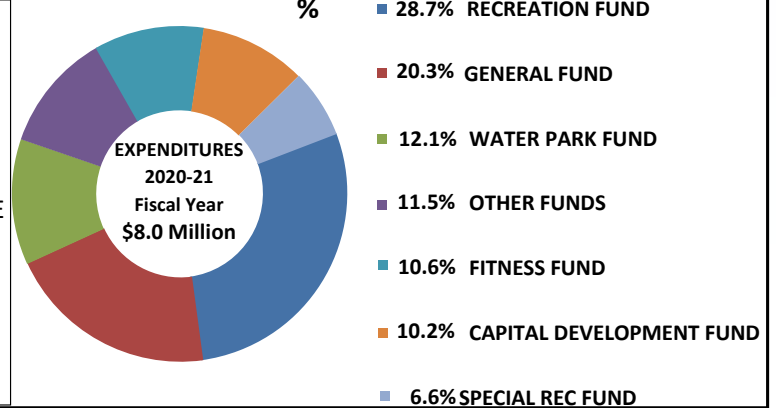
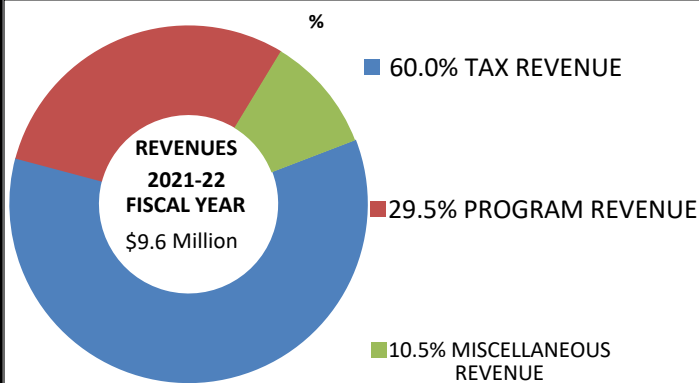
- The facility offers a huge variety of cardio equipment that includes treadmills, cycles, step machines and many others.
- Members can select from 26 weight training machines and a huge assortment of free weights.
- Each week our instructors offer approximately 35 free group fitness classes for every fitness level throughout the day and evening.
- 3,400 members visited the facility over 310,000 times to improve their fitness and health.
- Holiday aqua events at the Sweetheart Swim and Eggs-stravaganza Swim provided 75 attendees with fun family afternoons in the pool.
- Tinley Fitness has six personal trainers who work with clients individually or in groups to take their exercise regimens to a new level.
- *Swimming lessons save lives!* In the Tinley Fitness pool, our certified instructors taught 312 students, infant through adult, how to float, breathe and the different strokes. Lessons always include information and instruction on the importance of water safety.



Financial Summary

The Tinley Park-Park District reported \$9.6 Million in revenue from various sources during the 2021-22 Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2022. The Park District received 60% of its total revenue from Property taxes, about 30% from programs and memberships fees, and the remainder from other sources. During the 2021-22 Fiscal Year, Program Revenue increased 261% mainly due to stoppage of Covid-19 restrictions, which curtailed many of the programs and memberships during the previous Fiscal Year.

The Tinley Park-Park District uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. For example, the Recreation Fund is used for the majority of the Programs and Activities offered by the Park District, the Fitness Fund is used for the Tinley Fitness membership facility and the Water Park Fund is used for the outdoor White Water Canyon facility. The Park District reported a total of \$8.0 Million in expenditures for all its funds during the 2021-22 Fiscal Year ending February 28, 2022. The graph summarizes the percentages of expenditures by fund.



A Note from *Shawn Roby*, Executive Director

The year of 2021 was one of heavy transition as we navigated changing Covid-19 restrictions throughout. Despite challenges during the year, the District continued to make improvements, experience increased attendance and evolve. By the end of the fiscal year, the way forward became clearer for all.

St. Boniface Park reopened in the summer of 2021 after the complete renovation of the site. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) of \$400,000 contributed to the District's funding of the project. The updated Park has a playground, walking path, parking lot, basketball court, pickle ball court, volleyball court, baseball/softball field and multipurpose field. As we wrapped up St. Boniface, the District awarded the Volunteer Park renovation project bid and broke ground in October. The Volunteer Park Renovation project was another OSLAD project that received a \$400,000 grant. The District updated the Park's amenities and addressed layout issues at the site. The Park now features an updated parking lot, baseball/softball, soccer/lacrosse, volleyball, basketball, walking path and playground.

White Water Canyon Water Park did not open in 2000 because of the pandemic. In 2021, White Water Canyon Water Park reopened. The 2021 summer season was one of the busiest starts in the Park's history due to multiple days of 90-degree temperatures in the first 2 weeks. The well-trained staff easily met the challenge of this immediate barrage of people. With almost 96,000 people served, the 2021 season became the most financially successful year for the Water Park.

Recreation program registration surged, as participants became more comfortable returning to facilities and parks. Enrollments for the year were 15,836, comprised of individuals and teams who signed up for the many activities provided during the year. Our ticket sales for plays, improv shows and races topped 2,400! These registrations and ticket sales do not include the thousands of people who attended free events such as the July 4 Celebration, Thursday's in the Park Concerts & Movies, the Giant Garage Sale, Canine Campus events and many others throughout the year.

Thank you to the entire staff of the Park District who work tirelessly to provide the wide variety of recreational options to the community every year. All agency employees work as a team to provide the residents of the Tinley Park-Park District the services, programs, facilities and parks they expect. Finally, thank you to the Board of Park Commissioners who provide us the direction and latitude to create, maintain and improve the Park District programs and facilities. Their leadership and experience help guide us and their faith in staff is phenomenal.

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