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Mission Statement:

To provide the **very best** in **park & recreational opportunities, facilities,** and **open lands** for our community.

Vision:

To provide a diverse range of opportunities designed to keep the members of the Greater Oak Brook Community happy, fit and active. By maintaining fiscally responsible practices and focusing on communication, environmental stewardship, and accessibility, the Oak Brook Park District works to help our community as a whole be its very best and feel its very best.

About This Report

This report highlights progress, accomplishments, goals, and initiatives of the Oak Brook Park District, as outlined in our 2016 Strategic Plan.

The report follows our five **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**, developed through our Strategic Planning process. They focus on developing a tactical and adaptive working plan linking our mission, vision, and core values with policy making and organization. This will ensure the operational goals for the next three years fall within the parameters of our mission and vision.

5 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



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To offer the very best in park and open space to our constituents and to be a community leader in environmental conservation and stewardship.



To provide a diverse range of the very best passive and active recreational programs and opportunities to our entire community, regardless of age or ability.



To foster a work environment that encourages collaborative teamwork and the development of the very best in park and recreation professionals.



To prioritize the fiscally responsible use of resources in all aspects of our operations.

To ensure that the very best facilities are available to our constituents.



Progressive Upgrades

Updated the fitness studios with a new fan system in addition to adding mirrors and barres to Studio B.

The Aquatic Center switched out overhead lighting to LED lights to conserve energy and lower maintenance costs.

The Aquatic Center installed Variable Frequency Drives on all main pumps to improve pump performance while increasing energy efficiency.

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A new spin on an old tradition

Replacing the local MIST Tri Series, Fitness Staff developed the Triple Threat Dri-Tri Series, featuring "Tackle the Tri", "Team Dri Tri", and "Turkey Dri Tri".

Re-energized programs

Swim team numbers grew from 225 members last year to 346 this year, a 65% increase. This year's athletes combined for **14 new team records over the course of the season.**

Open Pickleball interest exploded **averaging 30 patrons** per day. The renewed interest has led to the creation of several new pickleball programs.

The Youth Basketball League partnered with Breakaway Basketball to offer an additional practice per week and the 1-4 grade league filled to max capacity with **160 kids enrolled.**



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Playground Partners

Partnered with Knights Basketball and Breakaway Basketball to offer the Build A Dream 3v3 Tournament weekend. In its inaugural year, **31 teams participated raising over \$6,500** for the Universal Playground.

A Successful Season

Entered into agreement with the Village of Oak Brook to manage the Bath & Tennis Club pools. The agreement was extended into a 3 year contract for the 2019-2021 summer seasons.

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Eagle Scout Project Completed

20 bird houses were built and installed at Dean Nature Sanctuary through a cooperative Eagle Scout project.

50 trees planted

Over 50 new trees were added to the parks, including White Oak, Crimson King Maple, Colorado Spruce, Norway Spruce, and White Pine.



Protecting Pollinators

Two monarch butterfly waystations were established and registered, one at Dean Nature Sanctuary and one along the south shoreline of Ginger Creek at Central Park. The areas are planted with milkweed and other native plants which are critical to the health, sustainability, and successful migration of monarch butterflies.

Central Park Improvements Completed

New and innovative LED sports lighting was installed on Field #1 at Central Park, along with the adjustment of the baseline fences to increase field safety.

The sledding hill at Central Park was enlarged to allow for more users and a better sledding experience.

Inclusive play comes to Oak Brook...

Completed construction of the Sandlot, a Universal Playground at Central Park. This barrier-free playground is designed for people of all ages and abilities.



In September 2018, we celebrated the opening of a \$1 million playground in Central Park. The Sandlot features equipment designed to increase social and play interaction among people of all ages and abilities. The playground is fully fenced and the features are accessible through double-wide ramping. From parents and grandparents that have limited mobility with typically-abled children, to families that have a child with special needs, this incredible park provides a fun and interactive environment where everyone can experience the benefits of play together. The playground is located near the Tennis Center at 1301 Forest Gate Road.

On Inclusion:

We are all better when we have the opportunity to play together and learn from each other! The Oak Brook Park District works to remove physical, social, and emotional barriers to play and recreation so that people of all ages and abilities have access to exciting opportunities designed to help them be their very best and feel their very best, every single day.

Central Park North Acquisition

"A Referendum to Preserve Oak Brook's Limited Green Space"

"The relocation of McDonald's corporate offices to Chicago presents the Oak Brook Park District with an opportunity to secure more open space and park land for the community. On November 6, 2018, the Oak Brook Park District will ask residents to vote on a referendum for the issuance of up to \$17.9 million in bonds to purchase 34 acres of open space between Jorie Boulevard and Route 83 at Kensington Road, commonly known as the 'McDonald's Soccer Fields.' "

November 6, 2018

Oak Brook Park District
Open Space Referendum



-From Oak Brook Park District FAQ

The referendum question was on the Nov. 6, 2018, ballot, and all residents of the Oak Brook Park District had the opportunity to vote on the measure.



Why Go to Referendum?

Earlier in 2018, Oak Brook Park District held focus groups to listen to what the community wanted. The clear direction from residents was for the park district to try to acquire the 34-acres of land next to Central Park. If the referendum passed, the Park District would be able to purchase the land and secure critical open space for the community.

Results

After the overwhelmingly successful passing (68% voter support) of the referendum in November of 2018, the sale of the former McDonald's property known as Autumn Oaks, was finalized in February of 2019.

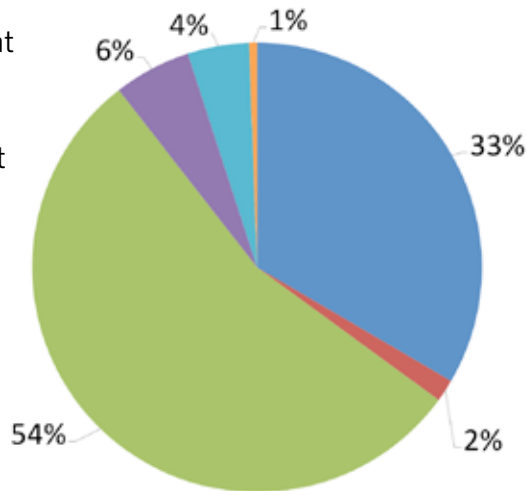
The Park District has begun the planning process to develop the open space into a valuable recreation area through the planting of trees and other native landscaping, in addition to the improved athletic fields and other features.



Agency Financial Recap

The annual operating budget produces revenue which contributes to capital replacements and improvements such as field maintenance, ballfield work, and facility repairs.

For a more in-depth look at agency financials, consult the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at www.obparks.org.



2018/2019 Revenues by Source

Property Taxes: \$3,353,130

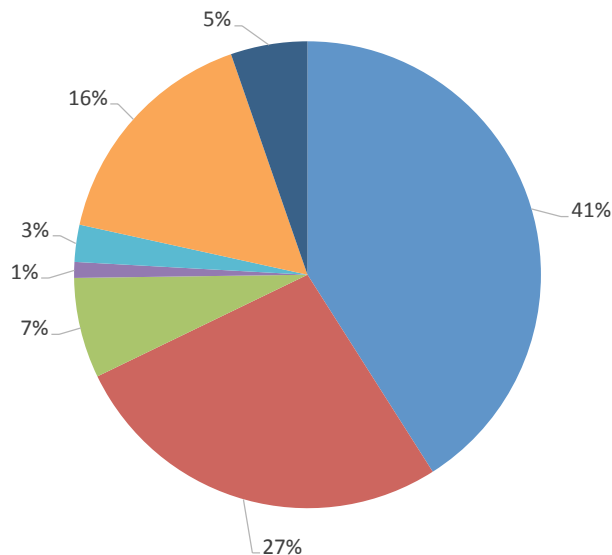
Other Taxes: \$161,448

Charges for Services: \$5,457,069

Sponsorship & Grants: \$557,077

Miscellaneous: \$441,554

Interest: \$58,190



2018/2019 Expenditures by Allocation

Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Expenditures

Salaries and Wages: \$4,232,837

Contractual Services: \$2,771,874

Supplies and Materials: \$718,130

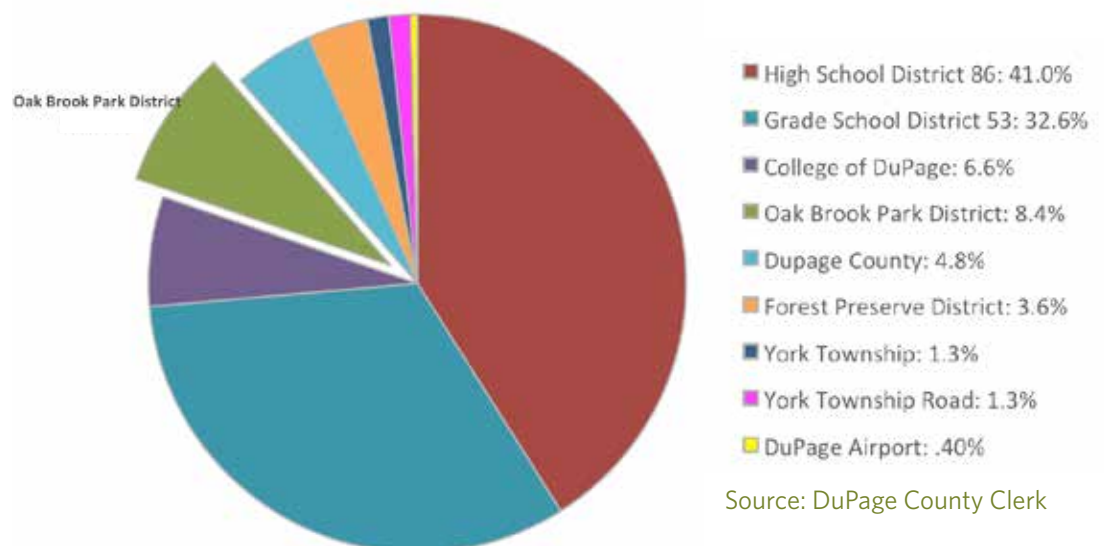
Professional Services: \$113,284

Repairs and Maintenance: \$264,949

Capital & Depreciation: \$1,677,280

Debt Service: \$548,876

Your Tax Dollars | 2018



To prioritize the fiscally responsible use of resources in all aspects of our operations.



Source: DuPage County Clerk

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