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2019/2020 Annual Report



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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, diversity, equity, inclusion, 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 and 2020 Strategic Plans.

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

-  To ensure that the very best facilities are accessible and available.
-  To provide the very best in parks and open space to our constituents and to be a community leader in environmental conservation and stewardship.
-  To provide an all inclusive range of the very best passive and active recreational programs and opportunities to our entire community.
-  To foster a diverse 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.

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Progressive Upgrades

The Tennis Center completed the HVAC #3 replacement and back-lounge remodeling project which will improve energy efficiency and customer experience.

Forest Glen Park playground, for 2-5 year olds, was replaced with new, colorful, and educational play equipment. The old playground was donated to "Kids Around the World," a nonprofit organization that renovates the play equipment and installs them in impoverished communities.



Listening to our Community

Staff met community needs by offering Pre-K extended day for 4 and 5 year old children entering kindergarten. This provided families with a full day option during the summer months.

Just Keep Swimming!

Swim lessons saw an increase in registration across all three seasons in 2019-2020. The District's instructors provide swim instruction enhancing children's water safety, increasing confidence, and providing healthy exercise and fun! Prior to shutting down for COVID-19 in March, we were on pace to have at least **4600 registrations for the year - an increase of over 6%**.

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Foot Golf

In addition to the Disc Golf Course at Central Park, a **nine-hole Foot Golf Course** was added in 2019. The course is easy to find and follows much of the same terrain as disc golf.

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Bath and Tennis Club at the Village Sports Core

The agreement to manage the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis pools for the Village of Oak Brook was again a positive venture, featuring a member appreciation event to cap off the season. The success of the season prompted the Village to invest in major upgrades to the facility, including a new gutter system, new pool surfacing, a new filtration system, and upgraded chemical delivery tanks for the 2020 season and beyond.

Quality Results

Aquatics staff worked to create efficiencies by revamping staff training and operational reports.

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Sports Core Soccer Fields

The Athletic Department took over management of the Sports Core Soccer Fields. There are a total of 9 soccer fields for all ages.



Protecting Pollinators

Sustainability and environmental stewardship are key strategic initiatives of the Oak Brook Park District. Establishing natural areas in parks and creating habitats for animals and insects continues in the Parks Department. To bolster the Monarch Butterfly Waystation habitat, staff planted additional Milkweed along Ginger Creek at Central Park. In order to focus sustainability efforts district-wide, a Sustainability Team was formed in 2019. The team's initial challenge was better management of recycling practices in the parks and facilities through training and education. From there, the team began to consider bringing sustainable opportunities to both staff and patrons.

Supporting One Another

Part-Time Staff Relief Fund

Once the stay-at-home order was put into place due to COVID-19, the Oak Brook Park District had to close down the building. This significantly impacted our daily operations. Due to the current circumstances at the time, unfortunately, the park district had to lay off all of their part-time employees.

To help off-set some of these hard times for our part-time team, the Oak Brook Park District Foundation started a relief fund to support paying rent, bills, medical expenses, groceries, etc. to any of our part-time staff members that have been impacted by this lay off.

Sponsors, partners, and community members came together and raised \$2,775.00. In addition to these funds, we received Jewel Osco gift cards in the amount of \$700.00. These were provided to staff that applied for the scholarship.

Family Aquatic Center Scoreboard

The Oak Brook Park District STARS Swim Team partnered with the Oak Brook Park District Foundation to fundraise for a timing system and scoreboard for the Oak Brook Park District. The swim team also hosted a Swim-A-Thon to support the cause. From the support of the community, STARS Swim Team, and Foundation, over \$7,750.00 was raised to purchase a new scoreboard and timing system for the Family Aquatic Center.

Central Park North Acquisition

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

As a result of a 2018 referendum, the Oak Brook Park District was able to purchase the 34-acre parcel of land north of Central Park. The planning process for the site included input from the Oak Brook community, focus groups, professional engineers, and architects.

November 6, 2018

Oak Brook Park District
Open Space Referendum



The result of that process was a development plan which includes looping walking trails, illuminated soccer fields, paved parking for 200 vehicles, picnic shelters, fitness stations, bag-toss games, and basketball courts. The project went to bid in the spring of 2020, with construction beginning shortly thereafter.



Awards

The Family Aquatic Center lifeguards received a 5 star audit evaluation, the highest ranking to be received, from Starguard Elite, LLC, an internationally recognized leader for training and assessing lifeguard skills.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARDS

- The Skyline Award in Public Affairs from the Public Relations Society of America.
- The Golden Trumpet Award for Community Relations from the Publicity Club of Chicago.

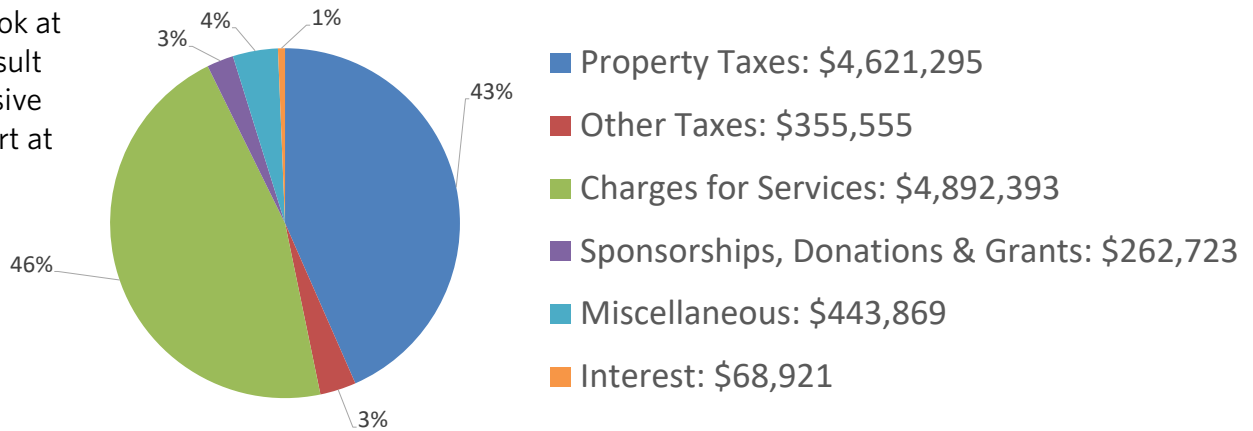


Agency Financial Recap

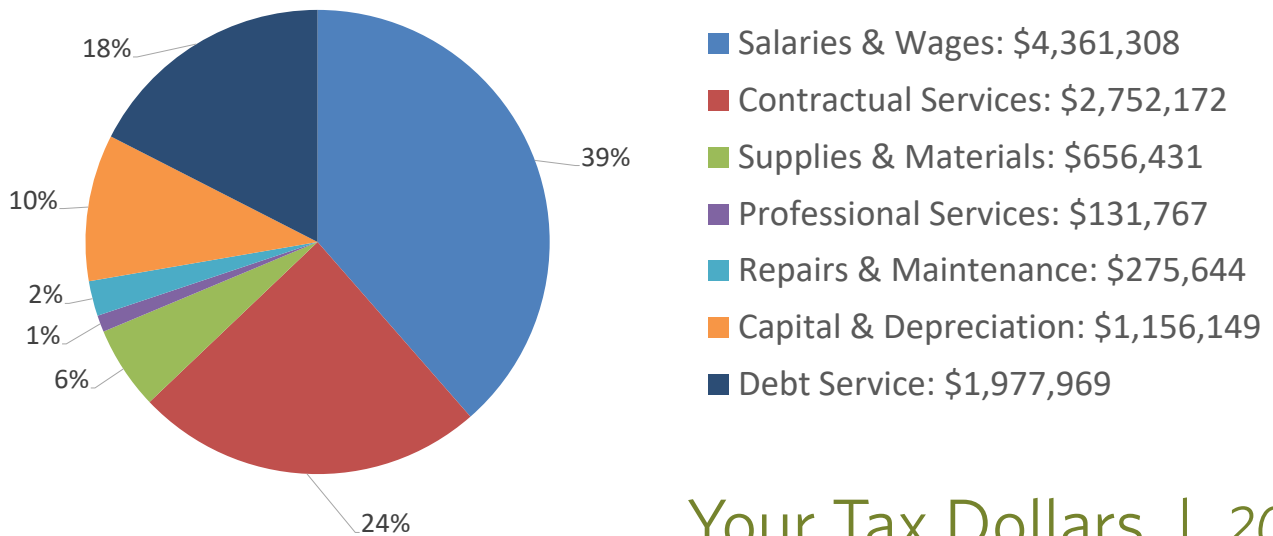
The annual operating budget produces revenue which contributes to capital replacements and improvements such as field maintenance, ballfield work, and facility repairs.

For a more in-depth look at agency financials, consult the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at www.obparks.org.

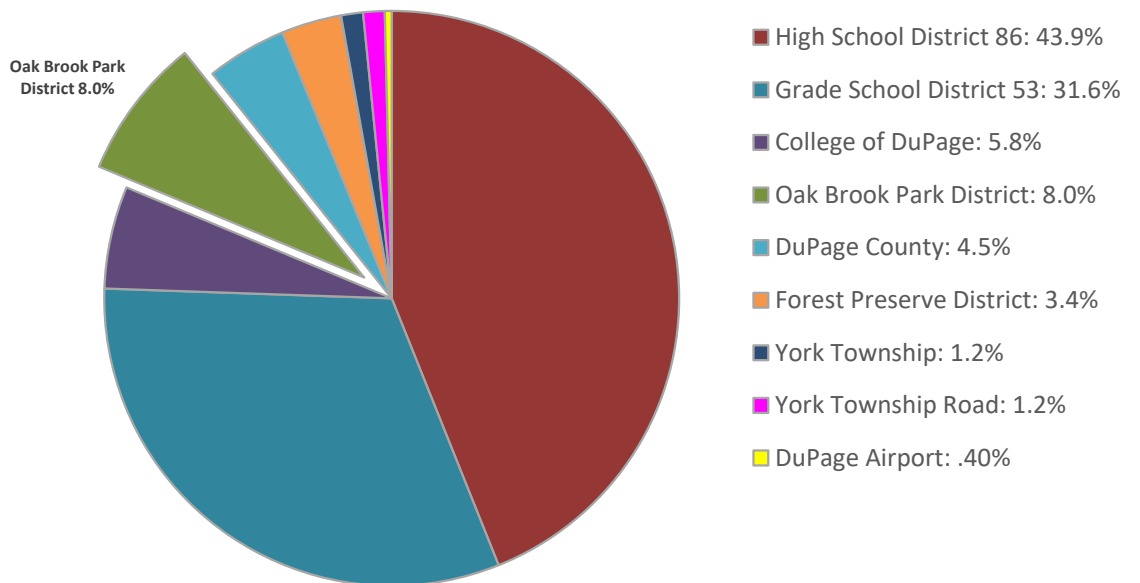
2019/2020 Revenues by Source



2019/2020 Expenditures by Allocation



Your Tax Dollars | 2019



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



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