

Annual Report



2015-2016

WHERE RECREATION REVOLVES AROUND YOU!

Since 1964, the Bloomingdale Park District has strived to efficiently and economically provide recreation programs, facilities and open space for enjoyable leisure time experience that benefit the community.

Partnership was the predominant theme in the District's many notable achievements in 2015-16, as we continue to seek out the most economical ways to enhance the resident experience.

- A cooperative agreement with Westlake Townhome Owners Association resulted in indoor aquatic programming at Westlake Pool.
- Continued collaboration with Roselle Park District brought about a discounted rate for access to fitness equipment at the Clauss Recreation Center.
- Finally, the renovation of the Tompkins Park playground structures, with assistance from the Bloomingdale Historical Society to provide interpretive signage, stands out as another of the District's major accomplishments in 2015-16.

The Bloomingdale Park District fiscal year begins on June 1st ends on May 31st. The revenues and expenditures on pages 3-4 reflect those dates. Due to printing deadlines and timing, the other content in this report covers September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

The Park District is an award-winning agency dedicated to maintaining and preserving the community's assets, as opposed to building new, while also providing fun, affordable, convenient, trendy and safe programming for all.

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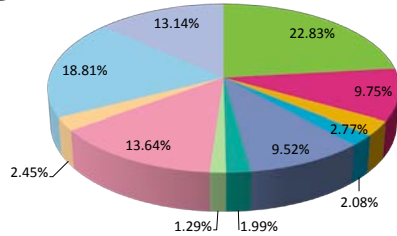
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Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-7:30PM
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Saturday: 9AM-1PM

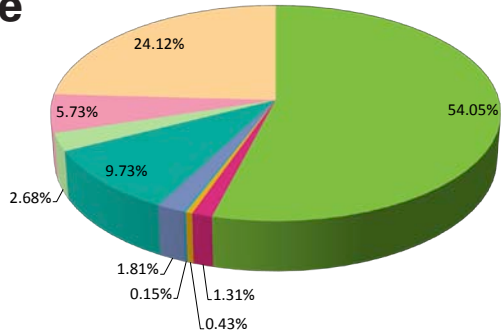
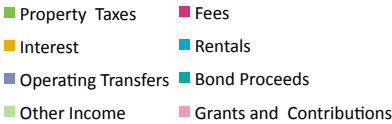


BUDGETED 2016-17 REVENUE & RESOURCES

All Funds Expenditures



All Funds Revenue



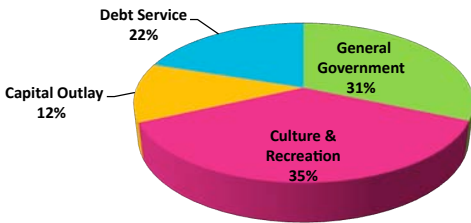
- For the fifth consecutive year, the Finance Department’s comprehensive annual financial report earned the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.
- The Park District again retained its **AA credit rating** with Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services. The ‘AA’ rating reflects the Park District’s:
 - Participation in the deep and diverse Chicago metropolitan area economy
 - Very strong economic indicators; and
 - Low debt burden as a percentage of market value.
- For the third straight year, the Park District received a **\$1,000 PowerPlay! Beyond School Grant** for implementing a model program that focuses on health, nutrition and fitness for children ages K-5th grade and 6-12th grade.
- In September, 2016, the Park District was informed that its **\$224,000 matching Open Space Land and Acquisition and Development (OSLAD)** grant to renovate Circle Park had been unsuspending.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 HIGHLIGHTS

- Property taxes make up 57% of District revenues.
- Program and Rental Revenues of \$1,697,025 make up 27% of District revenues and contribute largely to our continued strong financial position.
- Total fund balances for the District increased \$283,085 for the year.
- Total Capital Outlay for the last fiscal year totaled \$747,236. These are funds that were reinvested into the Park District as part of our continued commitment to maintaining facilities per our Capital Asset Replacement Plan.
- General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds of 2007B were refinanced to take advantage of lower interest rates, resulting in a savings of \$61,923 in total debt over the life of the bond.

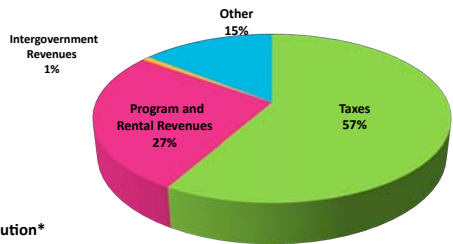
FY 2015-16 Governmental Funds Expenditures

Total \$6,034,283

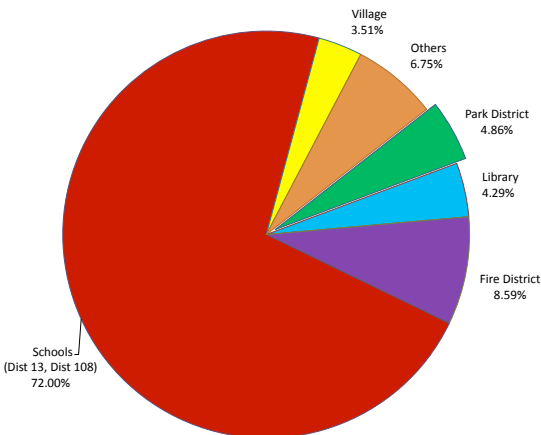


FY 2015-16 Governmental Funds Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Total \$6,317,368



2016 Representative Property Tax Distribution*



* Actual tax distributions may vary based on specific school and other taxing districts.

PARKS & PLANNING

The renovation of **Tompkins Park**, 151 Edgewater Drive, was completed in the spring of 2016. The renovation included:

- New farm-themed playground for ages 2-12
- Expression swing (as requested by residents)
- Interpretive signage detailing Bloomingdale's agricultural origins
- Activity panels chosen by Park District residents
- New message center installed
- New benches and trash receptacles
- New farm-themed landscaping



Phase II of the **Community Gardens** continued to progress. Twenty-three rentable bed spaces sold out quickly when they became available April 2016. A donation station was constructed by a local Eagle Scout; and yard hydrants were installed for use by gardeners. See the Looking Ahead section on Page 8 for Phase III information.

Working with a local Eagle Scout, PVC recycling tubes were installed in **fishing areas** at Springfield, Lakeview and Westlake parks in July 2016.

Two tennis courts, a bench, and the surrounding fence at **Stratford Park** were completely replaced as part of the Park District's capital asset replacement plan in October 2015.

More than 15 dead or dying **ash trees** were removed from Springfield Park. Additionally, **new trees** were planted at Westlake, Lakeview and Springfield parks.

The results of the implementation of the annual stewardship management contract at **Sunnyside Park** were impressive. Management in 2016 included removal of invasive vegetation and re-establishment of native vegetation along the banks of the creek adjacent to the park.



A prescribed burn was held at the **Springfield Park Wetlands** in the spring of 2016, after which more native seeds were distributed. The north pond of the wetlands began intensive treatment of invasive species cattails and phragmites, as well as additional establishment work on native species.

Make a Difference Day, a collaboration between the Park District and Wolff Construction of Roselle, was held October 24, 2015 at Springfield Park. The day featured removal of invasive species, native seed plantings, pick-up of trash and litter, and a barbecue.

At the **BPD Museum**, the floors were refinished, and the ramp stairs and sidewalk entrance were replaced with new concrete in the summer of 2016.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In January 2016, a new partnership was formed with the Westlake Townhome Owners Association which allows the District to use the Westlake indoor pool to offer aqua fitness classes.

Through a cooperative agreement with the Roselle Park District, the Clauss Recreation Center was made available to Bloomingdale Park District residents at a non-resident, discounted rate.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 105 new programs (26 of which were for adults) were offered in 2015-16
- Participation increased 26% in the District's **days-off-of-school programs** in 2015-16, as 311 children spent their day in School's Out! or Busy Bees.
- 175 participants enjoyed Kids' Place and Kindergarten Kids' Place (**before- and after-school care programs**) in 2015-16.
- 294 **summer campers** created lasting memories in one of six different day camp options. **Uniquely U** was a new summer camp option that featured a different theme each week, including Zombie Survival, Good Samaritan, Cool Off, Junior Master Chef and more.



YOUTH ATHLETICS

- 233 soccer players took to the pitch in Spring 2016, while 264 laced up their cleats for Fall 2016. For Travel, 84 competed in the spring and 95 in the fall.
- 142 hoopsters dominated the court in YBA In-House play, while 82 played for Travel.
- 57 gymnasts were anything but routine at Summer Gold Camp.
- At the Optionals State Meet, the Gold and Silver teams were state champs, the Bronze Team third, and the Junior Bronze repeated as conference champs. At the Tumbling State Meet, the Advanced Beginners 1 and 2 teams both finished as state champs. The Newcomers took home second place.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Father-Daughter Hayrides debuted in October, 2015 at Springfield Park. The popular event was slated to return in October 2016.
- Bike Rodeo, featuring Pro BMX Rider Matt Wilhelm and the Bloomingdale Police Department, delighted crowds with a special performance, a mini bike course, safety tips and tricks, and more in April 2016 at Circle Park.
- A large crowd of 200+ helped inaugurate Tompkins Park at the Grand Opening held in May 2016.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

- The **Summer Concert Series** experience was enhanced with pre-concert activities for youngsters ages 5-12, and the addition of several different food trucks.
- **BPD Olympic Day** featured friendly competition with family and friends at Seasons Four Park in August 2016. The event, with approximately 150 participants, coincided with the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **Customer Appreciation Week**, held the last week of August 2016, was very successful as 143 people signed up for one of the 24 FREE classes offered.

THE MUSEUM

Juried Multi-Media Show: "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"
(October – November, 2015)

Holiday Show: "Paws and Claus"
(November – December, 2015)

Photo 2016: "AnyTime, Any Place"
(January – February, 2016)

33rd Annual Student Show
(March - April 9, 2016)

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association
(April, 2016)

Little City Center for the Arts
(April, 2016)

Bloomingtondale Artists Association: "Members Spring Show"
(May-June, 2016)

fotoMuses: "Patterns"
(May - June, 2016)

Abstracts: Essence of the Natural World
Fleeting Moment Artists & Two Men and a Palette
(June – August, 2016)

2,572 visited the Museum at the aforementioned exhibitions



"The Gloaming Hour"
by Marianne Albers McKoveck

AWARDS & HONORS

Bloomington Park District **Executive Director Carrie A. Fullerton**, CPRE was presented the Joseph Bannon Practitioner Award at the Charles K. Brightbill Student Awards Program held in April 2016 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The award is presented to a practitioner who has displayed innovation in community service and support of the field of parks and recreation at both the state and national level.



The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration presented Bloomington Park District Executive Director Carrie A. Fullerton as one of its new members at the National Recreation & Park Association Annual Conference held in October, 2015. Membership is made up of practitioners and educators who have served for at least 15 years in high-level administrative capacities in parks and recreation and demonstrated leadership contribution of the advancement of the field.

Director of Marketing, Communications and IT **Josh Hendricks** was presented with the Illinois Park & Recreation Association Communications & Marketing Section Rising Star Award at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference held in January, 2016.

Bloomington Bank & Trust, the Park District's longest-tenured corporate partner, was awarded Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Small Business by the Illinois Association of Parks Districts (IAPD) at its Best of the Best Awards Gala in October, 2015 at Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase Country Club.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Park District continues to concentrate on meeting the needs of its residents, while also seeking other ways to improve. The main focus of the future remains maintaining and improving the current processes and maintenance of infrastructure rather than building new.

With the Park District's \$224,000 matching Open Space Land and Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the state unsuspended, work has already begun on the renovation of Circle Park. The renovation is scheduled to begin with the removal of the playground structures in November-December 2016. The installation of the new playground structures will begin in early spring 2017 with a targeted date of completion next summer. The remaining projects will begin in 2017.

The renovation is to include:

- new nature playground
- rain gardens and improvements to the stormwater systems
- picnic shelter
- renovated roller hockey rink for multi-season use
- small skate spot
- interpretive nature trail with educational signage

Phase III of the **Community Giving Gardens** includes an information kiosk, accessible garden space and educational programming via the Park District.

Annual stewardship of the **Springfield Park Wetlands** will continue in 2016-17, with increased focus on the eradication of invasive species and enrichment of native species in the north pond. The south pond continues to transition with native species out-competing invasives, resulting in more wildlife and increased biological diversity.