

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT

20/21 *Annual Report*

From the Executive Director, Carrie Fullerton

Dear Arlington Heights Park District Residents:

What a year it has been! As a community, we have had to face unprecedented times, while doing our best to keep some sense of “normal” for our families. The data in this report supports our philosophy at the Arlington Heights Park District (AHPD), which is to keep as many facilities open, and offer as many programs as possible, for everyone to enjoy.

A few highlights:

- We offered a wide-range of programs and services (virtual and in-person) as guidance was constantly in-flux from state regulatory agencies.
- Our parks were open the entire time – and provided a safe and fun place for residents to go to relax. While they are always heavily utilized, the pandemic brought more park users than ever before!
- We were proud to collaborate with Jewel/Osco, the Village of Arlington Heights and the Arlington Heights Memorial Library to offer two large COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the ARC this year.
- AHPD was one of the few agencies in the state that opened most of our swimming pools, because we know how important swimming is to our community.
- Our capital projects this year were heavily focused on “taking care of what we have” and repairing existing infrastructure of some of our key amenities.
- We started a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee at the Park District to review, analyze and make recommendations regarding our agency and our services. It is critically important to us that everyone has access to, and feels welcome in everything that we do at the AHPD.

We look forward to serving you and your family in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support of the Arlington Heights Park District...where the fun happens!

In 20/21 the District was challenged to control all expenses, while attempting to offer as many programs and services as possible. During the year, staff created a Hardscape Report that is utilized to improve the District’s infrastructure as it relates to paving and concrete amenities. Strong annual operations allow the District to maintain a high level of service to the community, while simultaneously improving numerous physical assets.

The Government Finance Officers Association awarded the District with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards this year. These awards reflect the District’s commitment to financial integrity and transparency to the community. Operational revenues are primarily generated through fees charged and property taxes. The operating funds chart reflects the actual versus budgeted surplus/(deficit) for the year.

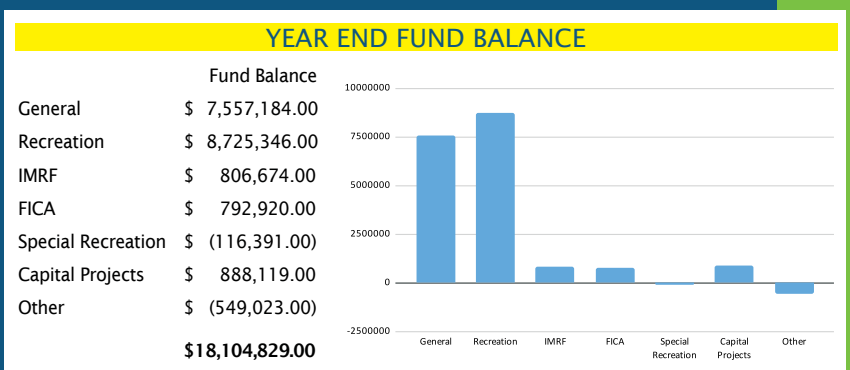
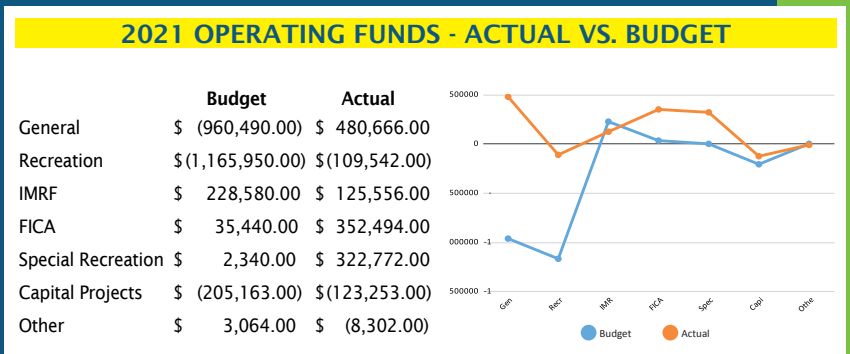
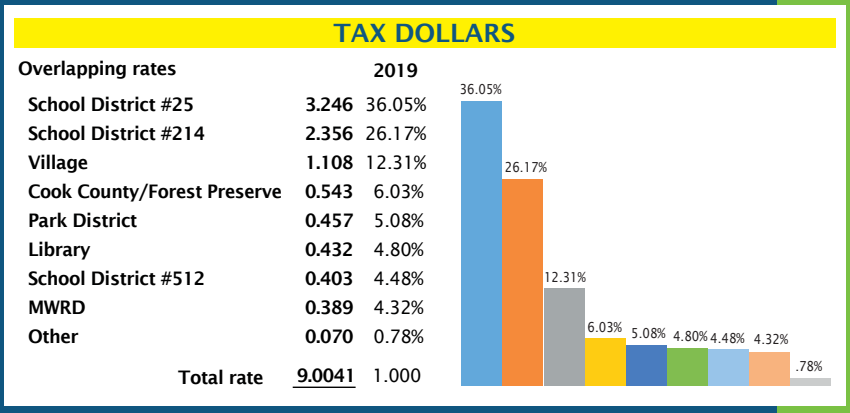
The Year-End Fund Balance chart details the District’s reserves by fund. All monies are reserved for use within their particular fund and in accordance with fund balance policies. These funds are segregated in the annual financial report, which is available on the District’s website. The District is proud to be one of a handful of park districts in the state to maintain a Aaa bond rating (highest rate possible) by rating agencies.

Foundation:

The Foundation hosted its’ 20th Annual Golf Outing in October. Despite the pandemic, nearly \$22,000 was raised. Thank you to all those who participated, donated and volunteered to make this a successful event.



410 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
www.ahpd.org | 847.577.3000



20/21 *Yearly Wrap-Up*



BY THE NUMBERS

Facilities

100,000 sq. ft. Athletic Center includes 4 indoor pools, 4 basketball courts, walking track, and multiple fitness rooms
 720 acres managed • 103 families on Scholarship (306 individuals taking classes/programs)
 52 Cooperative Agreements with schools, other park district, Village of Arlington Heights, and numerous affiliate organizations
 50 parks • 47 athletic fields (soccer, football, lacrosse) • 43 tennis courts • 42 playgrounds • 42 baseball fields
 27 outdoor basketball courts • 21 pickleball courts • 21 buildings • 16 outdoor tennis locations • 6 native gardens
 5 parks with sand volleyball courts • 4 Memorial Donation programs (bricks, benches, trees, leaves)
 3 Monarch Way Stations Official Status gardens • 3 sled hills • 2 lakes • 2 golf clubs • 2 tennis clubs
 2 public garden plots • 1 dog park, Canine Commons

Programs

16,896 enrolled in Recreation Programs • 731 participants in Summer Fun Camp
 611 Dancers enrolled in Dance Recital Session • 153 participants in Lake Arlington Programming
Golf 66,846 rounds played at Arlington Lakes Golf Club and Nickol Knoll • 10,432 buckets hit at Sunset Meadows Driving Range
Tennis 3,231 Tennis Lesson participants between Heritage and Forest View Tennis Clubs
Museum Over 5,000 people attended the Farmers Market organized by the Historical Society in conjunction with the Museum
Arlington Ridge Center 90,657 reservations took place between the fitness center, exercise classes and lap swimming
Summer Pools 41,754 Open Swim/Lap Swim Reservations in Summer 2020

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A number of capital projects were completed for the year, including the Nickol Knoll Clubhouse HVAC replacement, tuck pointing at the Administrative Offices and Recreation Park Community Center, ARC, and ALGC Clubhouse. Pedestrian bridge replacement at Willow Park, continued fleet replacement with the Enterprise Fleet Lease Program, replacement of grounds maintenance equipment, installation of Perfect Turf at Patriots, Rand Berkley, and Victory Park. Replacement of Pioneer Bath House water heaters and storage tanks, roof coating at Forest View Racquet Club, installation of a fire alarm system at the Frontier Service Center, and acquisition of the property at 406 E. Northwest Highway.