Dear Fellow Crystal Lake Park District Residents,

We are always working to improve parks, facilities and services for our residents. Each fall, we will provide an Annual Report summary that details our achievements, goals and priorities. This report is designed to provide factual revenue and expenditure information in efforts to show accountability to our residents. I encourage you to contact a Park Board member or our Executive Director, Jason Herbster with questions (jherbster@crystallakeparks.org.)

We always welcome your input as we continue to provide well-maintained park space and facilities that meet the recreational needs of this generation and the generations to come.

Sincerely,
Deborah Gallagher
President

Awards & Recognitions

The Crystal Lake Park District has been recognized as a Distinguished Accredited Agency by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Illinois Park & Recreation Association for excellence in park and recreation management.

Director of Park Planning, Ann Viger was a McHenry County 2016 Woman of Distinction Award recipient.

Jack Sebesta, Superintendent of Facilities was presented the Presidential Award of Excellence by the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Jessica Ortega, Recreation Aquatics Supervisor was awarded 2015 Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers.

Our Mission Statement

To enhance the lives of our residents by providing programs, services, facilities and open spaces that safely promote health, recreation and community in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.
The Crystal Lake Park District has been recognized as a national leader for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. For the fifth consecutive year, the Finance Department’s comprehensive annual financial report earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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

Grants:
- Received an Illinois EPA Section 319 grant to restore the shoreline of the creek and to naturalize two detention basins at Fetzner Park – work will be done in 2017
- Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant received in 2015 is on hold pending the Illinois State Budget resolution – for replacing the playground and boat rental facility at Main Beach
- In cooperation with the Crystal Lake Historical Society, received a technology grant from the McHenry County Community Foundation to improve public access to historical archives

**HOW MUCH OF MY PROPERTY TAX BILL FUNDS THE PARK DISTRICT?**

If the average Crystal Lake resident’s annual property tax bill is $7,500, the tax dollars would be divided as follows:

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**WHAT DOES THE PARK DISTRICT DO WITH MY $375?**

- Maintains 41 parks totaling over 1400 acres of land
- Manages the ecology of Crystal Lake, the 5th cleanest lake in Illinois
- Operates 17 independent facilities
- Provides quality programs and free special events for all ages
- Supports residents with an increased quality of life
2015 Completed Projects

- Remodeled restrooms at Lippold Park Family Golf Center, Rotary Building and Spoerl Park for handicap accessibility
- Re-built two decayed chimneys on the Colonel Palmer House to prevent leaks and to restore historical architecture
- Installed a handicap accessible ramp on the Colonel Palmer House
- Replaced playground at West Beach for improved safety and handicap accessibility
- Built new retaining wall at West Beach to filter water running off the street before entering Crystal Lake
- Improved wetlands at Lippold Park to filter pollutants from water entering Crystal Lake
- Color coated tennis and basketball courts at Woodland Estates, Veteran Acres, Brighton Oaks and Sterling Meadows Parks to improve playing surfaces
- Treated invasive and nuisance vegetation in Crystal Lake and continued water quality and quantity monitoring
- Repainted outdoor tennis courts, refurbished court ventilation, and repaired foundation breaches at the Racket Club

2016 Scheduled Projects

- Remodel restrooms and aquarium display wall at the Nature Center for handicap accessibility
- Renovate Main Beach Pavilion Room to provide air conditioning-includes windows, doors, ceiling, lighting and wall treatments
- Pave new handicap parking spaces and entrances to soccer and softball fields at Lippold Park
- Re-build remaining two decayed chimneys on the Colonel Palmer House to prevent leaks
- Replace flooring and carpet at Nature Center, Grand Oaks Recreation Center, Woods creek Activity Building, Park Place and Rotary Building
- Replace roof at Spoerl Park and siding at Boncosky Softball Complex Clubhouse
- Replace furnaces and air conditioners at Grand Oaks Recreation Center, Administrative Office, Spoerl Park and Colonel Palmer House

Notables

The Racket Club has reduced electrical consumption/cost by over 40% due to the installation of an energy saving lighting system.

Echo Products has implemented Lippold Park Sports Complex as the BETA (test) site for Robotic Mowers and Robotic Golf Ball Picking machines. These robotic machines, provided at no cost to the Park District, has reduced fuel emissions and fuel/labor fees while improving turf conditions.

The Crystal Lake Park District offered over 1000 programs and processed 9100 registrations last fiscal year.

Extended Time, the Park District before/after school program offered in partnership with District 47 is utilized by 500 students.

20,000 paid visitors enjoyed our beaches (does not include free special events, campers, boat rentals, fisherman, etc.)

Lippold Park hosted 51 special events in 2015-2016 which consisted of youth baseball tournaments, adult softball tournaments, various 5K fundraisers, the RUNdevous, CL Park District Half Marathon, the MCYSA International Baseball tournament, a regional soccer tournament, the Bernotas 8th Grade Field Days event and many others.