



# LOOKING BACK

*A Year in Review*

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**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**



# A Message From the President

Our 2017 Annual Report finds the Glen Ellyn Park District is achieving important goals including providing high quality recreation while lowering property taxes. We expect the average homeowner will save an estimated 30% on the park district portion of their property tax bills over the prior two years.

The following are some highlights of major projects that have been implemented this past year or are scheduled for 2018 along with an upcoming anniversary:

- Energy efficient LED lights were installed on the turf field and basketball courts at the Ackerman SFC with costs offset by a ComEd grant.
- Two additional platform tennis courts are now at Maryknoll Park for the general public, funded partially through a large contribution by the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club and members.
- Sunset Pool's main pool has a new coat of paint for 2018!
- New playgrounds are coming to Main Street Recreation Center and President's Park.
- Lake Ellyn Park will have new signage throughout the property funded through a grant and an anonymous donation.
- Lake Ellyn Park improvements Phase III was completed with playground, path realignment, natural area, park amenities and vegetative restorers.
- The 25th Anniversary of the Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta will be celebrated in 2018.

The Ackerman SFC parking lot has been a challenging issue for the past few years as the State of Illinois never fulfilled its commitment on a previously awarded grant to fund parking lot improvements which would enhance water quality for the nearby wetlands and the East Branch of the DuPage River. While disappointed, the Board remains

dedicated to implementing environmentally friendly means to filter storm water and mitigate flooding while improving and addressing the deteriorated parking lot in the summer of 2018.

When I walk through Lake Ellyn Park I am reminded of the Glen Ellyn residents who, despite their differences, voted in 1919 to create a park district with the first goal of saving Lake Ellyn Park from development. Those voters recognized that communities are strengthened by efforts that preserve places where neighbors can congregate, recreate, socialize, and enjoy nature. The oak savanna at Lake Ellyn Park, made up of the descendants of the oak and hickory trees noted by a federal surveyor in 1827, is being restored so that new descendants can survive. For more information on the history of the Park District, check out <http://geparkhistory.omeka.net/>.

I want to close with a special thank you to all of the volunteers of the various programs and activities, the members of our volunteer advisory committees and my fellow volunteer Park District Commissioners. Glen Ellyn is truly the "Village of Volunteers"!

*Julia Nephew*

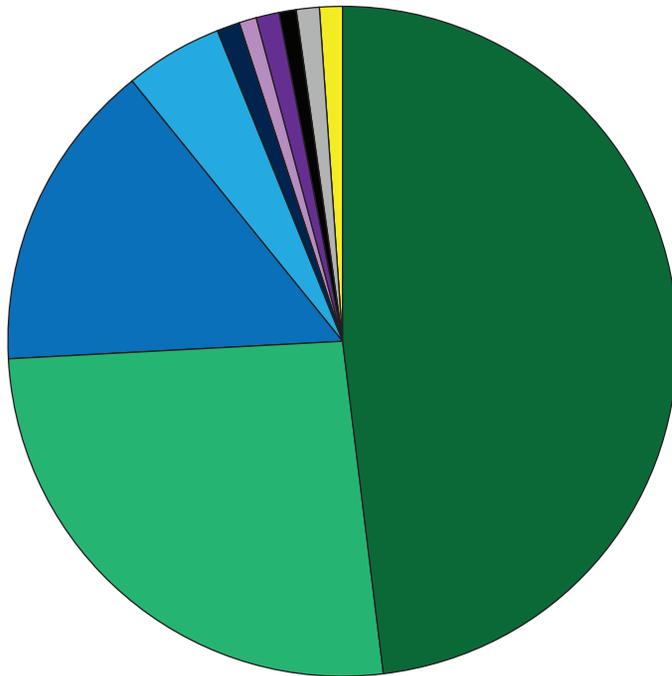
Julia Nephew, President  
Board of Commissioners  
Glen Ellyn Park District

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Park District's mission is driven to foster diverse, community-based leisure opportunities, through a harmonious blend of quality recreation programs, facilities and open space which will enhance the quality of life into the future.

# 2017 GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

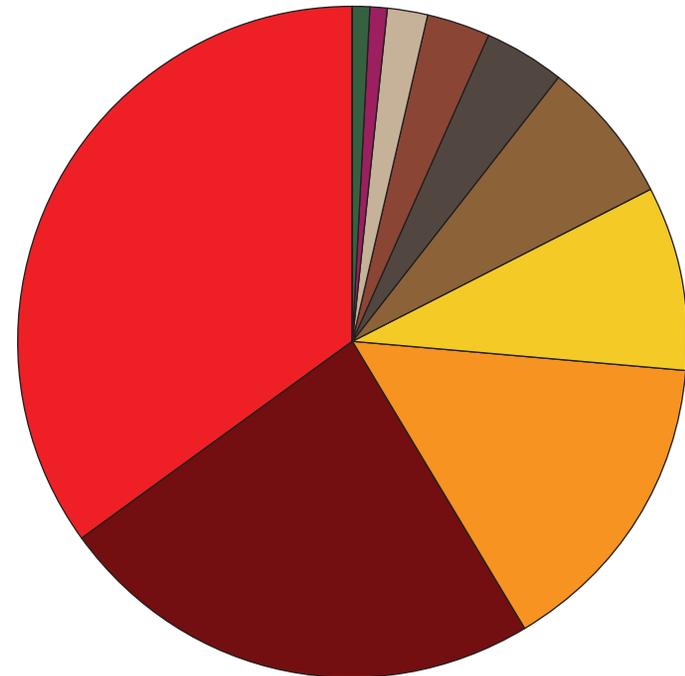
The annual operating budget produces **surplus revenue** which contributes to capital replacements and improvements such as parking lot repairs, playground replacements, and athletic field maintenance.

**REVENUE:** Total \$12,895,677\*



Property Tax Receipts: \$6,314,152	Other Taxes: \$155,574
Program Fees: \$3,520,137	Concessions: \$68,884
Charges for Services: \$1,913,580	Interest Income: \$77,149
Rentals: \$611,737	Grants & Donations: \$150,517
Miscellaneous Income: \$69,517	Licenses & Permits: \$14,425

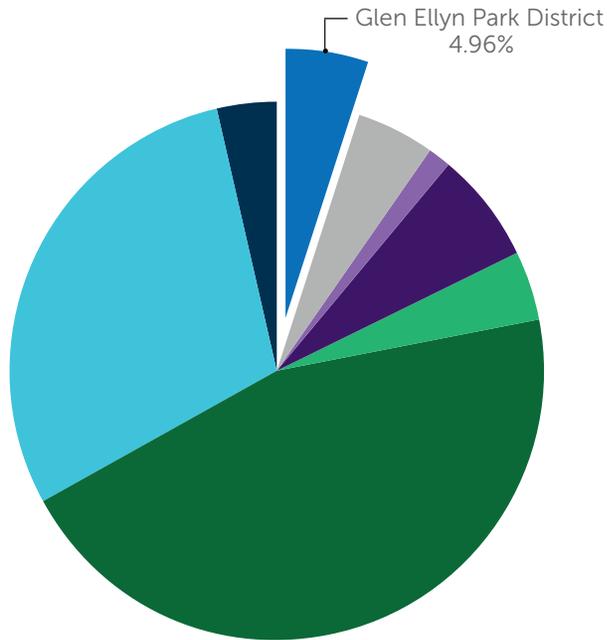
**EXPENSES:** Total \$10,391,369\*



Salaries & Wages: \$3,604,945	Utilities: \$454,843
Debt Service: \$2,446,188	Miscellaneous: \$311,540
Contractual Services: \$1,583,322	Insurance: \$162,151
Employment: \$900,038	Building & Landscaping: \$97,181
Materials & Supplies: \$698,498	Equipment: \$132,658

\*Preliminary financial activity for the 2017 fiscal year through 1/18/2018. Totals are net of transfers.

# YOUR TAX DOLLARS



- College of DuPage: 3.3%
- School District 87: 30%
- School District 41: 45.1%
- GE Public Library: 4.2%
- Village of Glen Ellyn: 6.5%
- Milton Township: 1.5%
- DuPage Co. Services: 4.5%\*
- GE Park District: 4.96%

\*Includes DuPage County, Forest Preserve, DuPage Airport, and Mosquito Abatement

## Did You Know?

The Park District's tax rate is **lower** than all surrounding comparable communities such as:

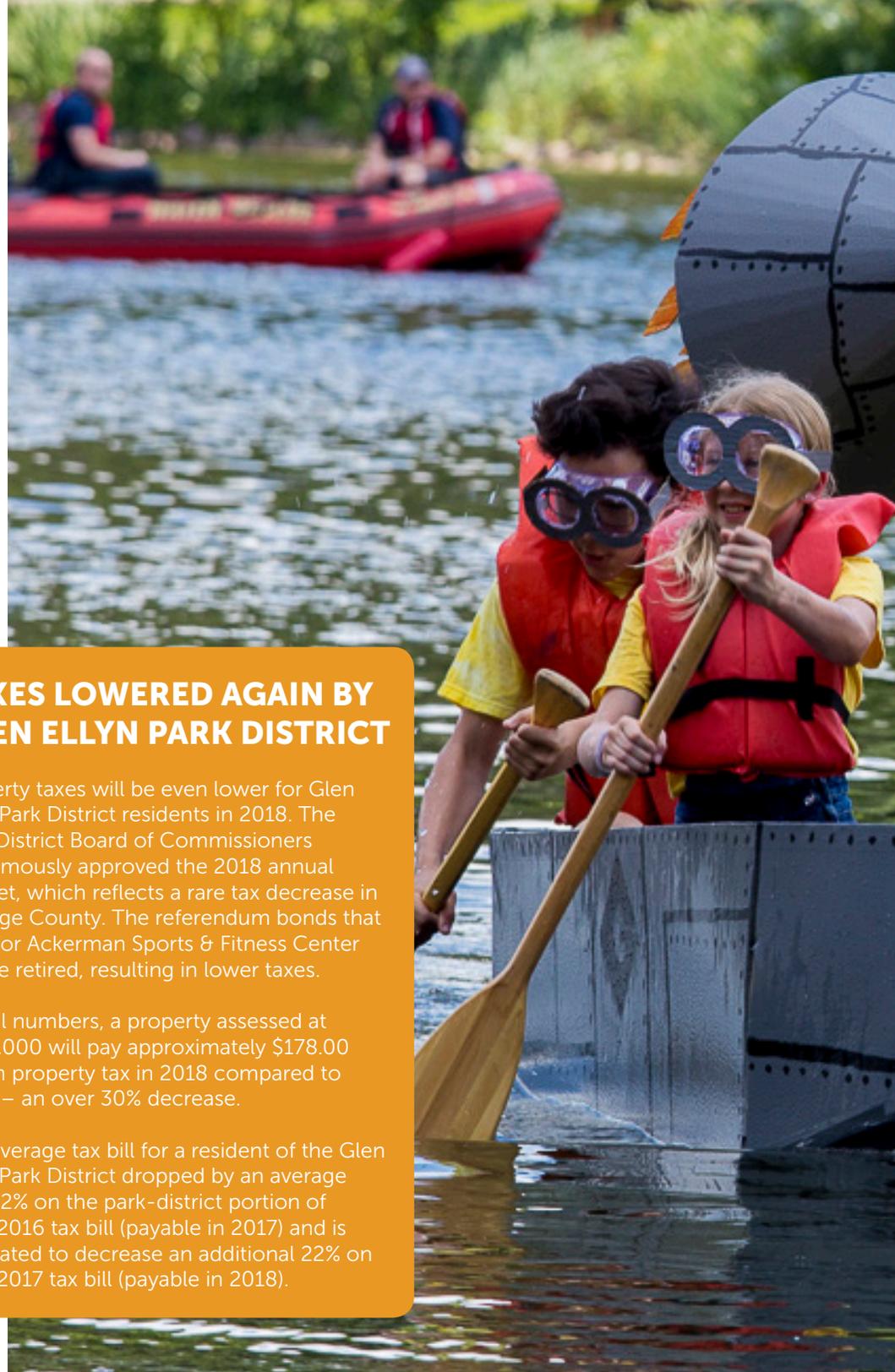
- Addison
- Butterfield
- Carol Stream
- Lisle
- Lombard
- Warrenville
- Wheaton
- Winfield

## TAXES LOWERED AGAIN BY GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT

Property taxes will be even lower for Glen Ellyn Park District residents in 2018. The Park District Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2018 annual budget, which reflects a rare tax decrease in DuPage County. The referendum bonds that paid for Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center will be retired, resulting in lower taxes.

In real numbers, a property assessed at \$400,000 will pay approximately \$178.00 less in property tax in 2018 compared to 2016 – an over 30% decrease.

The average tax bill for a resident of the Glen Ellyn Park District dropped by an average of 10.2% on the park-district portion of their 2016 tax bill (payable in 2017) and is estimated to decrease an additional 22% on their 2017 tax bill (payable in 2018).





**The Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta  
will celebrate 25 years in 2018!**

## **LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2018...**

- » Renovation of the main parking lot at Ackerman SFC.
- » New signage at Lake Ellyn Park.
- » Main Street Recreation Center and Ulhorn/President's Park playground replacements.
- » Path improvements to south end and east side of lake. New path along west side of park, parallel with Lenox Road, in partnership with Village of Glen Ellyn.
- » Four (4) additional basketball goals will be installed on Court 2 at Ackerman SFC.
- » Additional cardio equipment will be added to the Fitness Center at Ackerman SFC.
- » Rebuilding of the Churchill Park access road.
- » Installation of a shade structure at Spalding Park.
- » Improvements to the drainage system at Village Green Park.
- » Athletic Advisory Committee
- » Begin preparation and planning for 2019 Ackerman Park improvements. Upgrades could include improved fields, walking trail, exercise stations, and a renovated softball hub.
- » Initiate planning of Park District 100 Year Celebration in 2019!



## Community Events

Glen Ellyn Park District events bring the community together. These 2017 events are just a sampling of the activities that were made possible through your tax dollars and generous donations from our sponsors.

### **NEW** Glow in the Park Lantern Walk

Attendees raise funds for Lurie Children's while enjoying family activities followed by an illuminated lantern parade around Lake Ellyn. Glow in the Park is produced in partnership with Charlie's Corner Foundation.

### **NEW** Boating in the Park

Canoes, kayaks, and a pedal boat available on select Sundays to tour scenic Lake Ellyn.

### ► Touch-a-Truck

Kids get their hands on the big trucks they see driving around town including dump trucks, fire engines, and police cars.

### ► Movies in the Parks

Families enjoy evenings under the stars in our community and neighborhood parks all summer long with four free family-friendly movies to watch! In the spring, fall and winter, indoor movies are shown on the turf at Ackerman SFC.

### ► Summer Jazz in the Park

Relaxing nights out with wonderful music provided by the Glen Ellyn Jazz Ensemble playing Big Band tunes. A touch of Ravinia in Glen Ellyn!

### ► Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta

24th year of boats made almost exclusively out of cardboard setting out upon Lake Ellyn, each carrying intrepid sailors, seemingly defying the laws of physics as they glide across the lake.

### ► Afternoon Festivities

17th year of family-friendly fun after the Fourth of July parade with penny carnival games, rides, food and live music. Around 2,000 community members attended in 2017.

### *NEW* Moonlight Madness Mini Golf

A nighttime adventure at Holes & Knolls Mini Golf Course where only the ball and cup are lit!

### ► Platform Tennis Open House

Platform tennis pros provide free instruction in the sport for kids and adults.

### *NEW* Father/Son Fall Fishing Picnic

Fishing, canoeing, and snacks at Lake Ellyn Park.

### ► Zumbathon for Susan G. Komen

This fitness dance party brings the Zumba community of Glen Ellyn together to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure. This year's event raised \$325 for the fight to end breast cancer.

### ► Mom Prom

Over 250 sons and moms enjoy an evening of dancing, games, and ice cream at the Main Street Recreation Center.

### ► Turkey Trot

29 years of burning off calories before sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner. Over 450 runners participated this year, collecting 868lbs of food donations for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry!

### ► Tween Nights

Tweens (ages 8-12) enjoy a pizza party and activities at Ackerman SFC including: dodgeball, volleyball, kickball, soccer & more.

### ► TGIF at Sunset Pool

Friday night fun at the pool ranging from the annual Teen Splash Bash to Patriotic Popsicle Night to a Belly Flop Contest.

### ► The District also assists many groups in the community with their events:

Alliance of Downtown Glen Ellyn, Glenbard West Boosters, District 41 PTA(s), Backyard BBQ, WDSRA, Chamber of Commerce, Glen Ellyn Historical Society, Glen Ellyn Public Library, Kiwanis of Central DuPage, Glen Ellyn Kiwanis, Glen Ellyn Lions Club, Glenbard South Post Prom, Glen Ellyn Fourth of July Committee, Glenbard West Post Prom, Glenbard District 87 advanced placement testing & college placement testing, Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn Junior Women's Club, Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters, People's Resource Center, Teen Connection, Shop with a Cop, Tour of Lake Ellyn Bike Race, and more!



## Supporting Local Businesses

The Park District reinvests back into the community by supporting local businesses and vendors whenever possible.

Activities at the Park District, such as special events and tournaments, attract crowds from within and around the community. Increasing the number of visitors to Glen Ellyn helps to build and stimulate the local economy.



# BY THE NUMBERS

## ► Bringing the Community Together

- **104** special events offered (**47** of which were free to attend!)
- **3** new seasonal photo contests
- **570** lanterns sold for the Glow in the Park Lantern Walk benefiting Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Over **160 teams** participated in the 24th Annual Lakers Fall Classic at Ackerman Park

## ► Well-Maintained Parks

- **263** acres maintained each week at **29** community and neighborhood parks
- **Over 50** newly planted trees
- **4** Pickleball courts added at Village Green
- **17** trees removed due to emerald ash borer
- **4** days of ice skating at Lake Ellyn, **15** on the Newton hockey rink and **14** on the Newton ice skating rink
- Around **40 acres** of natural areas actively managed for invasive plant species

## ► Communicating with You

- **1** redesigned Ackerman SFC website
- **280** pages in seasonal program guides
- **14,000+** Activity Guides delivered to residents each season
- **65+** eNewsletters delivered to your inbox
- **4th** District "Looking Back" Report created

## ► Volunteers Serving our Community

- **7** volunteers on the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners
- **9** volunteers on the Ackerman SFC Committee, **7** volunteers on the Citizens' Finance Committee, and **7** volunteers on the Environmental Committee
- **29** full-time employees District-wide
- **596** part-time and seasonal employees

In 2017, the Glen Ellyn Park District employed **over 200** Glen Ellyn residents at our facilities. Employment at the Park District is often the first work experience for teenagers in the community!

## ► Staying Fit

- **4,780+** fitness members at Ackerman SFC
- **50+** group fitness classes each week
- **943** running enthusiasts in the Freedom Four™ 4-Mile Run
- Over **132,809** fitness & walking track member visits in 2017

## ► Splish, Splash, and Putt

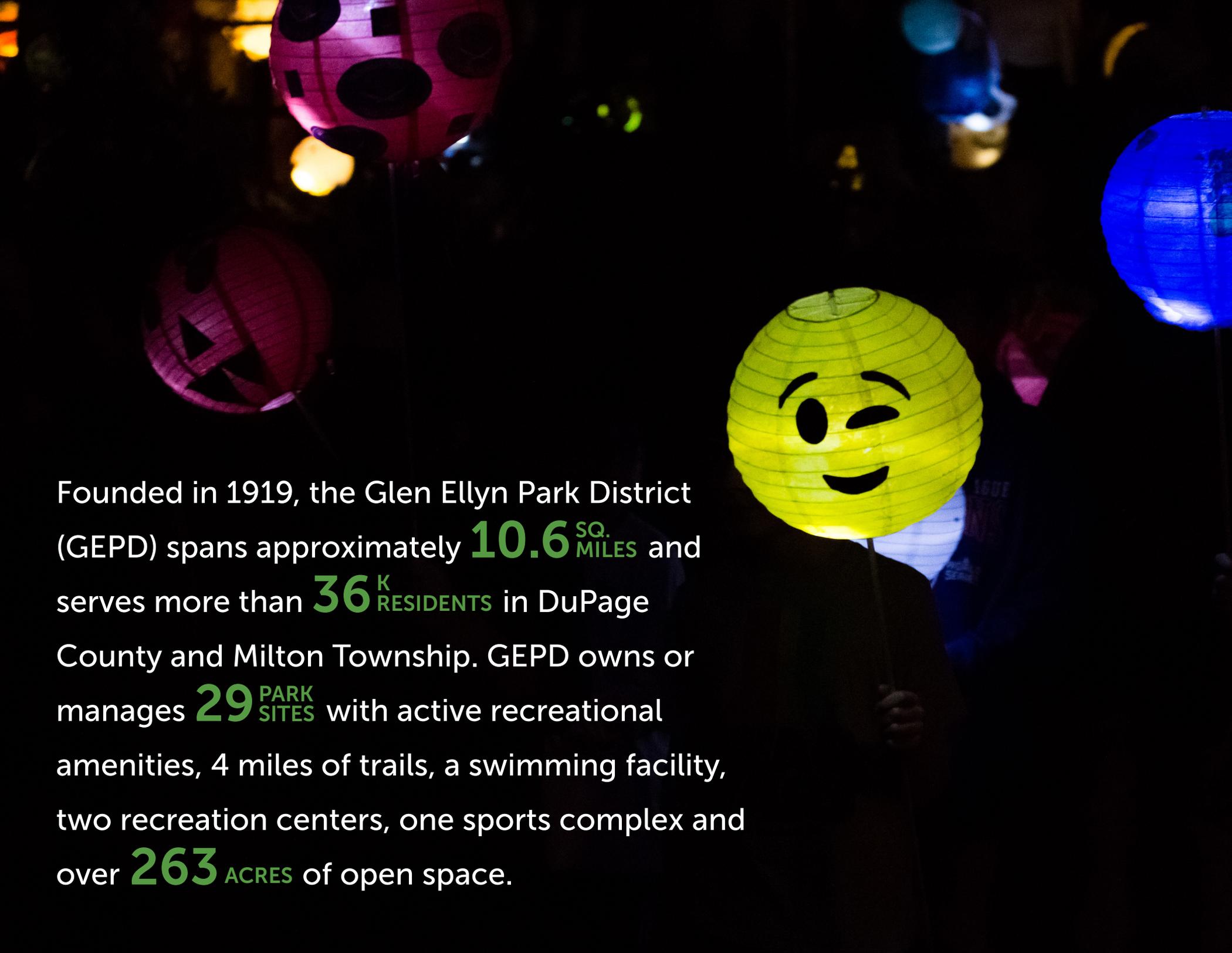
- **4,400+** pool memberships sold
- **350** kids in Gators swim program
- **20,000+** rounds played at Holes & Knolls

## ► On the Financial Side

- Due to the retirement of referendum debt, the Park District portion of your 2017 tax bill (payable in 2018) is forecasted to reduce approximately 22.2%, on average, which is in addition to a 10.2% reduction from the previous year.
- The Park District estimates to have a positive surplus in operations of more than \$1.2 million that will be used to fund capital replacements and improvements in future years. Generating surplus from operations reduces the Park District's reliance on the issuance of debt.
- **\$4,200+** dollars raised for scholarships through programs and special events
- **170** families experiencing financial hardships assisted with nearly **\$30,000** in scholarship funds

## ► Time to Celebrate!

- The Glen Ellyn Park District turned **98!**
- Ackerman SFC celebrated **7** years!
- Lake Ellyn Boathouse turned **80** years old and won the Historic Preservation Commission's Restoration of the Year award.
- The FREE Block Party Wagon was utilized by residents **53** times from April to November



Founded in 1919, the Glen Ellyn Park District (GEPD) spans approximately **10.6<sup>SQ.</sup> MILES** and serves more than **36<sup>K</sup> RESIDENTS** in DuPage County and Milton Township. GEPD owns or manages **29<sup>PARK</sup> SITES** with active recreational amenities, 4 miles of trails, a swimming facility, two recreation centers, one sports complex and over **263<sup>ACRES</sup>** of open space.

# Value of the Glen Ellyn Park District

While some aspects of quality of life cannot be measured, the Glen Ellyn Park District provides many quantifiable benefits to its residents. Here is an overview of some of the outstanding parks and facilities that our residents can enjoy:

**29**  
PARKS

**21**  
PLAYGROUNDS

**18**  
ATHLETIC FIELDS

**13**  
TENNIS COURTS

**7.5**  
BASKETBALL COURTS

**4**  
OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

**4**  
MILES OF TRAILS

PLATFORM TENNIS FACILITY • PICKLEBALL COURTS  
SKATEBOARDING FACILITY • SPLASH PARK  
MINIATURE GOLF COURSE • SWIMMING FACILITY  
SPORTS & FITNESS COMPLEX • DOG PARK  
SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS  
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS  
SLED HILL • INDOOR MULTI-USE TURF  
FREE, ANNUAL EVENTS

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS, 9 OUT OF 10 ILLINOISANS AGREE THAT PARK DISTRICTS AND OPEN SPACES IMPROVE LOCAL PROPERTY VALUES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.





# Natural Area Restoration Projects

The Glen Ellyn Park District is dedicated to helping sustain plant life for future generations by protecting and restoring indigenous natural communities such as prairies, woodlands and wetlands. Restoration projects are primarily focused on the removal of invasive non-native plants and reintroducing native trees and plants. In 2017:

- **127 different species of native plant seeds were harvested or donated**
- **Approximately 500 volunteers helped with natural area restoration and habitat improvement projects**

## ► Prescribed Burns

Six prescribed burns were conducted in 2017. Prescribed fire stimulates growth of native plants and grasses while reducing invasive trees and non-native, weedy plant species. Burns were performed at Ackerman, Churchill, Glen Ellyn Manor, Lake Ellyn, and Maryknoll Parks.

## ► Native Plant Installation Projects

- The District worked with contractors to seed 2.7 acres at Maryknoll Park that is being converted from turf into a native short-stature prairie.
- Approximately 1,300 native plants were planted within the woodland restoration zone at Lake Ellyn Park.
- Over 400 wetland plants were planted

and seeds were spread in a degraded retention area at Ackerman Park.

## ► Problem Based Learning (PBL)

Staff worked with School District 41 on three different problem-based learning projects related to natural resources including topics such as: community gardening, supporting pollinators, and native plant species.

## ► Outreach Efforts

The Park District passed a Monarch Resolution with help from the DuPage Monarch Project to educate residents on the plight of monarch butterflies and to create and promote practices that will provide habitat for this vulnerable species.

As part of Earth Day, the Park District offered a native plant sale, which enabled many residents the opportunity to secure plants not normally found at traditional garden centers.

Natural resource staff helped organize the DuPage River Sweep, a county-wide effort coordinated by The Conservation Foundation to clean local rivers and waterways. The sweep was conducted at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve.

## ► Green Initiatives

Learn more about our 2017 environmental accomplishments by visiting our website at [www.gepark.org/green-initiatives](http://www.gepark.org/green-initiatives).

# GLEN ELLYN: The Village of Volunteers

The Park District is truly fortunate to have a large number of community members who give freely of their time, working behind the scenes to help make our programs successful. We would like to thank each and every person whose time and talent have made our agency what it is today.

In 2017, the Glen Ellyn Park District Board of Commissioners recognized the following individuals for their dedication, efforts, volunteerism, and commitment to the Glen Ellyn Park District.

Nicki Tazelaar  
Beth Rosch  
Nick Maruyama  
Donna Murphy  
Maggie Wilhite  
Lauren Rayer  
Sarah DeStefano

Joan Bry  
Beatriz Clark  
Cheryl Conley  
Stan Emmert  
Pete Heinrich  
Carlos Hernandez  
Karen Johnson

Jen Karlson  
Ken Karlson  
Jessica Lang  
Matt Larmore  
Patti Lawler  
Brett Love  
Gerry Smith

Janet Vargas  
Scott Watkins  
Myron Yocum  
Don St. Clair  
GBW Bass Fishing Team  
Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn  
Jon Ciero

Brendan Cavanagh  
Debra Shakin  
Mike Graham



## THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS!

A special thank you to former commissioners Melissa Creech, Jay Kinzler, and Vanessa Pierce for serving on the Park District Board and for their years of volunteerism in Glen Ellyn. "No one is more cherished in the world than someone who lightens the burden of another."

- Author Unknown



# Resident Advisory Committees

## CITIZENS' FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Park Board initiated and formed the Citizens' Finance Committee, comprised of Glen Ellyn professionals in the financial and business community, whose task was to oversee and provide guidance regarding District finances. The committee has been instrumental in review, advising and establishing financial direction and oversight. These efforts have contributed to the financial stability of the District both present and for the future.

*Thanks to Leo Lanzillo, Michael Graham, Fred Bachman, Tom Lettenberger, Charlie Prisco, Tony Saguto, and Don St. Clair.*

## ACKERMAN SFC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Formed in 2015, the committee is comprised of Ackerman SFC users and members whose task is to provide guidance and advice regarding the facility.

*Thanks to Adam Smith, Beth Lilly, Gina Walch, Jim Cantore Jr., John Nevins, Katie Kline, Mark Reinke, Marion Michel, and Mary Carrier.*

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Formed in 2016, the committee is comprised of users and members whose task is to provide guidance and advice regarding environmental efforts throughout the Park District.

*Thanks to Dawn Pearce Bley, Gail Bode, Janet Kuefler, Carrie O'Halloran, Diane Padilla, John Bower, and Adam Kreuzer.*

## PART-TIME & SEASONAL STAFF

*Thanks to the over 595 part-time and seasonal staff members who serve in various capacities including: preschool teachers, camp counselors, lifeguards, referees, concession attendees, personal trainers, fitness attendees, park maintenance, desk attendants, recreation instructors, coaches, and many other positions.*





# Community & Neighborhood Parks & Facilities

## Lake Ellyn Playground & Park Improvements

Phase III improvements at Lake Ellyn Park included replacement of the playground (originally built in 1991); park amenities such as energy-efficient L.E.D. pathway lights, park benches, bike rack, picnic tables, trash and recycling receptacles; a fishing pier in the northwest corner of the lake; vegetative restorers (small islands near the inlets which will filter and cleanse incoming storm water); and realigned paths in the southern portion to expand green space closer to the lake and landscape. 50% of the cost was funded by an O.S.L.A.D. grant.

## Platform Tennis Court Expansion

Two additional Platform Tennis courts were installed at Maryknoll Park. The Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club contributed nearly half (\$100,000) of the total cost with the remainder being offset with operating revenue from the two additional courts within six years. This will allow the facility to serve the increasing growth of women, youth, house league, open play and travel.

## Pickleball Courts & Tennis Court Resurfacing at Village Green Park

Four Pickleball courts were completed at

Village Green Park in early fall. These outdoor courts were incorporated into the existing tennis court area to accommodate the increased demand for this popular sport.

## Ackerman SFC Improvements

New energy-efficient L.E.D. lighting was added above the indoor turf and basketball courts, new flooring was installed in the indoor turf area, and an improved security system.

## Spring Avenue Parking Lot & Dog Park Entryway

The parking lot at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center was renovated in late summer. As part of this project, a new paved walkway was added from the lot to the Spring Avenue Dog Park and new gates were installed.

## Prairie Path Park Improvements

The newly renovated Prairie Path Park now includes outdoor ping pong and chess tables, a StoryWalk®, and a rain garden thanks in part to a \$10,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn.

## Babcock House

The house at Babcock Park was removed to expand green space.

# Partnerships

*The District actively develops relationships with other government agencies, not-for-profits and businesses in order to benefit residents through cooperative services, programs and facilities.*

## ► The Conservation Foundation

The Park District partnered with the Village and The Conservation Foundation to host two community workshops on improving sustainability at home, held a rain barrel sale, and organized a sustainable garden tour featuring five Glen Ellyn homes.

## ► Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn

The Glen Ellyn Park District and the Rotary Club of Glen Ellyn, along with the Village of Glen Ellyn and the Glen Ellyn Public Library, collaborated to improve Prairie Path Park in 2017. Rotary contributed a \$10,000 grant towards the improvements which included a StoryWalk®, and outdoor ping pong and chess tables.

## ► WDSRA

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) is a collaboration of nine park districts including Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Carol Stream, Naperville, Winfield, West Chicago, Roselle and Bloomingdale. WDSRA offers direction, programming, and support for the special needs patrons in relation to recreation. Programs include assistance

to special needs participants in Park District programs, adapt-a-sports, life skills, special events and fitness/well-being.

## ► Glenbard High School District 87

The Park District and District 87 have a combined intergovernmental agreement allowing shared use of facilities and fields. This benefits both constituents while maximizing community assets and minimizing expenses.

## ► Cooperative Programs

The Park District works with other local park districts, as well as organizations within the community, in order to offer a wider variety of programs to our residents. This year, the Park District was able to offer over 80 additional programs/events thanks to these efforts.

## ► Village of Glen Ellyn

The Park District and the Village continue to collaborate and partner to improve services and reduce expenses. Examples include stormwater management, marketing, snow removal storage, fuel purchase, road salt, open space, planning and development, environmental services, special events, and programming.

## » Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks

The Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which solicits support for the Glen Ellyn Park District through volunteerism, gifts and grants, and planned giving opportunities. A Board of Directors consisting of local community members acts to improve the quality of life for the residents utilizing the Park System.

Learn more: [www.gepark.org/friends](http://www.gepark.org/friends)



# Athletics

The Glen Ellyn Park District is committed to offering diverse athletics opportunities for the community, including classes, leagues and camps. We strive to provide quality experiences and facilities focused on developing skills, building confidence, and learning the values of teamwork and good sportsmanship. In 2017, there were:

- ~13,000 registrations for athletic programs, camps and leagues
- Over 5,000 baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, rugby and basketball games/practices scheduled and played
- Over 2,950 registered participants in Glenbard West, Glenbard South and Glen Crest Summer Camps

## ► Tournaments & Special Events

The District also hosted fourteen (14) tournaments and special events which showcased our many parks and facilities to players, teams and spectators from around the country including:

- Glen Ellyn Youth Rugby Middle School Jamboree
- Illinois Boys Lacrosse Association U9 Championship
- Glen Ellyn Phillies Fastpitch Softball Invitational Tournament
- Glen Ellyn Girls Softball All-Star Tournament
- DeMarini Invitational Softball Showcase
- OnDeck Softball Chicago Jamboree
- Glen Ellyn Classic Baseball Tournament
- Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic Baseball Tournament
- GameDay USA All-Star Baseball Weekend
- West Suburban Youth Baseball League Championship
- Glen Ellyn Golden Eagles Football Jamboree
- Glen Ellyn Golden Eagles Cheer Showcase
- Glen Ellyn Lakers Fall Classic Soccer Tournament
- Frosty 3v3 Soccer Tournament

## ► Giving Back

In addition to Park District staff, hundreds of volunteers assist with the administration of the athletics programs. Many of these individuals serve on Executive Committees representing their various organizations in order to provide direction and to assist with the various tasks, activities and events needed throughout the year.

Through their hard work and dedication, over \$50,000 in athletic program fundraising and sponsorships including cash, supplies and services was received. These results have helped supplement existing efforts to fund program and facility improvements including:

- Complete infield renovation of Village Green Field #3
- Installation of scoreboard on Village Green Field #3
- Replacement of Ackerman Park batting cages
- Purchase of field equipment for the Rugby program

Other initiatives in 2017 included the addition of new youth volleyball programs, expansion of youth basketball opportunities, continuation of Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) training for all youth sports coaches, the addition of a new indoor house soccer program for fall and winter seasons, and continued implementation of imPact Concussion testing and having Certified Athletic Trainers on-site for all home football games throughout the season.



# 2017 ATHLETIC TEAM SUCCESSES

## REBELS TRAVEL BASEBALL

Rebels 9U Black – 2nd place Arlington Heights Mother’s Day Classic  
Rebels 10U White – 1st place Batavia Dawg Days of Summer Tournament  
Rebels 11U Black – 1st place Glen Ellyn Classic  
Rebels 11U Black – 1st place Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic  
Rebels 11U Black – 2nd place Prairie Stone Slugfest  
Rebels 11U White – 2nd place Geneva Stars and Stripes Tournament  
Rebels 12U Black – 2nd place Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic  
Rebels 13U Black – 1st place Meier Michigan State Games  
Rebels 13U Black – 2nd place Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic  
Rebels 13U Black – 2nd place Glen Ellyn Classic  
Rebels 13U Red – 2nd place Game Day USA Swim ‘n Slide Tournament  
Rebels 13U Red – 2nd place Woodstock Summer Slam  
Rebels 14U Red – WSBL Champions  
Rebels 14U Red – 1st place Kane County Cougars Round Robin  
Rebels 14U Red – 1st place Vernon Hills “B” Bash  
Rebels 14U Black – 1st place Kettle Moraine Classic  
Rebels 14U Black – 1st place Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic

## PHILLIES TRAVEL SOFTBALL

Phillies 10U Gold – 1st place Winfield of Dreams Tournament  
Phillies 10U Gold – 2nd place Glen Ellyn All-Star Tournament  
Phillies 10U Gold – 2nd place Streamwood End of Summer Slam  
Phillies 12U Blue – 1st place Glen Ellyn All-Star Tournament  
Phillies 12U Blue – 2nd place Cary Grove All-Star Tournament  
Phillies 12U Gold – 2nd place Glen Ellyn All-Star Tournament  
Phillies 12U Gold – 2nd place Streamwood End of Summer Slam  
Phillies 14U Blue – 1st place Roselle Rockers Summer Tournament  
Phillies 14U Gold – 2nd place Glen Ellyn All-Star Tournament

## BULLDOGS LACROSSE

U9 Black - 1st place Washington Tournament  
U9 Black - 1st place Tower Tournament  
U9 Black - 2nd Place IBLA Tournament  
U9 Green - 2nd place Tower Tournament  
U9 Green - 2nd place IBLA Tournament  
U9 White - 2nd place IBLA Tournament  
U11 - 2nd place Tower Tournament  
U11 - 2nd place IBLA Tournament  
U11 Black – 2nd place Washington Tournament  
U11 Green - 2nd place Washington Tournament

## GLEN ELLYN RUGBY

U12 – State Champions  
U14 – State Champions  
HS Varsity – Conference Champions

## GLEN ELLYN FIELD HOCKEY

U16 – National Invitational Tournament Qualifier  
U19 – National Invitational Tournament Qualifier

## GOLDEN EAGLES FOOTBALL

Senior Gold – BGYFL Super Bowl Champions

## GOLDEN EAGLES CHEERLEADING

3rd Grade – IRCA State Qualifier  
4th Grade – IRCA State Qualifier  
5th Grade – IRCA State Qualifier

## LAKERS TRAVEL SOCCER

U8 Boys Fire - 2nd place Westmont Yard indoor league  
U10 Boys Green - 1st place GEPD indoor league  
U11 Girls Premier - 1st place GEPD indoor league  
U9 Boys Green - 1st place NISL division  
U10 Boys Black - 2nd place NISL division  
U10 Girls White - 2nd place IWSL division  
U11 Girls Premier - 1st place IWSL division  
U11 Girls Premier - 2nd place Nike Classic Spring Cup  
U13 Boys Premier - 2nd place NISL division  
U15 Boys White - 1st place Wheaton Wings Classic  
U16 Boys Premier - 1st place Memorial Day Challenge  
U18 Boys Premier - 2nd place Nike Classic Spring Cup  
U10 Boys Black - 1st place YSSL division  
U10 Boys Green - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic  
U11 Boys Premier - 1st place Crystal Lake Force Tournament  
U11 Boys Premier - 2nd place YSSL division  
U11 Boys White - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic  
U11 Girls White - 2nd place IWSL division  
U12 Girls Premier - 1st place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic  
U13 Boys Premier - 1st place YSSL division  
U13 Boys Premier - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic  
U13 Girls Premier - 1st place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic

## GATORS SWIM TEAM

"B" Team - 1st place West Suburban Swim Conference  
"A" Team - 2nd place West Suburban Swim Conference

## LIGHTNING RUNNING CLUB

Boys - 3rd place - 11-12 year-old division - Elgin Sharks Invitational  
Boys - 3rd place - 11-12 year-old division - Batavia Invitational  
Lauren Bennett - Girls - 22nd place National Championship

## GRASSHOPPERS GYMNASTICS

Newcomer Division - 2nd Place IPDGC State Meet  
Beginner Division - 1st Place IPDGC State Meet  
Advanced Beginner 1 Division - 1st Place IPDGC State Meet  
Advanced Beginner 2 Division - 4th Place IPDGC State Meet  
Novice 1 Division - 1st Place IPDGC State Meet



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## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

### Lake Ellyn Park Master Plan

[www.gepark.org/plans](http://www.gepark.org/plans)

### Ackerman Park Master Plan

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### Board Agendas & Minutes

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