



LOOKING BACK

A YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Glen Ellyn Park District's 2019 Annual Report provides highlights of the District's accomplishments, finances, activities, events, and projects undertaken during 2019. It also provides an overview of where we intend to go in 2020.

The financial data in this report represents preliminary numbers as of the publication date of this report. The 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is typically finalized in June and can be viewed in its entirety online at www.gepark.org/CAFR once available. Residents may also obtain paper copies of the reports at the Spring Avenue Recreation Center, 185 Spring Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL.

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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.

BACKGROUND

Established in 1919, the Glen Ellyn Park District is a separate governmental entity and serves approximately 36,000 residents who live within the District's 10.6-mile service area. This service area closely aligns with the boundaries of the Village of Glen Ellyn, while also incorporating parts of Lombard, Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, and Wheaton.

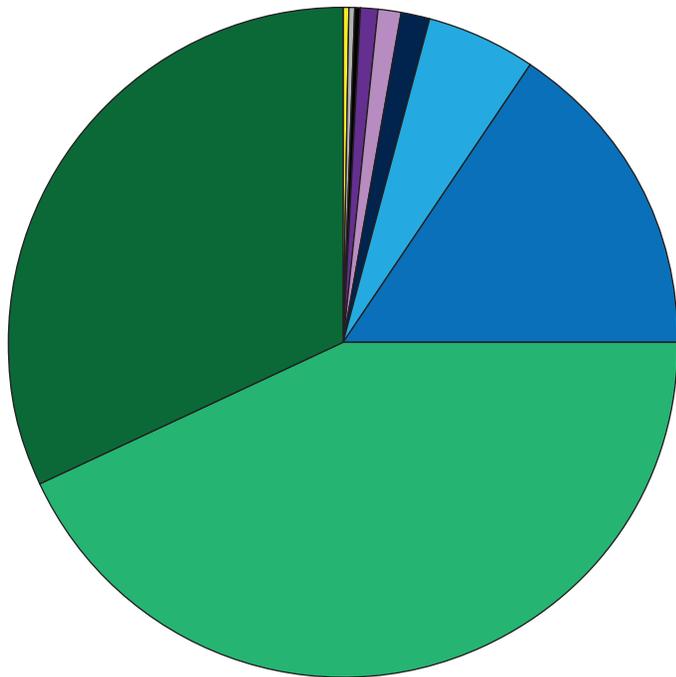
Park District operations are funded by revenue generated through program fees, tax dollars, grants, donations, and other sources. These funds provide for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of natural areas, parks, and leisure time facilities. The District also plans, develops, and implements a wide range of recreational programs and activities that reflect the interests of all age groups.



2019 GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

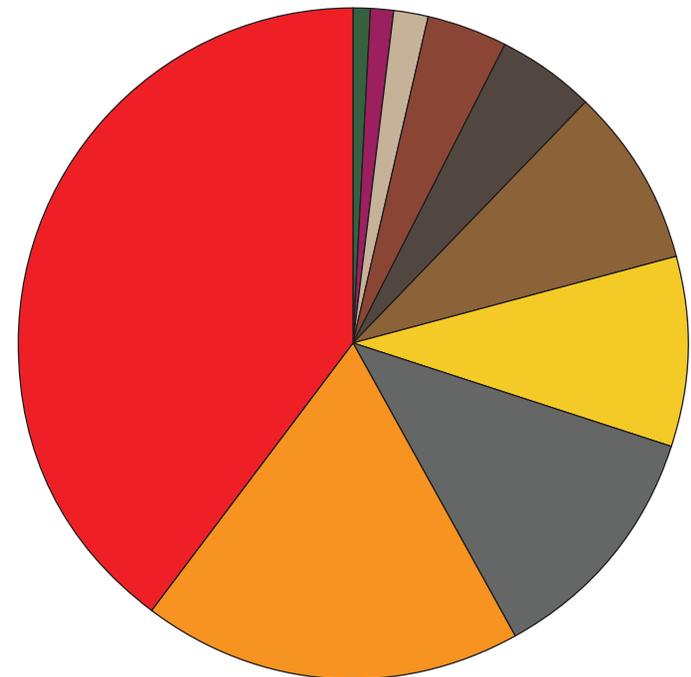
The annual operating budget produces **surplus revenue** which contributes to capital replacements and improvements such as parking lot repairs, playground replacements, and athletic field maintenance.

REVENUE: Total \$12,247,032*



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| Program Fees: \$3,937,659 | Interest Income: \$157,334 |
| Property Tax Receipts: \$5,260,377 | Concessions: \$78,418 |
| Charges for Services: \$1,908,993 | Grants & Donations: \$55,999 |
| Rentals: \$630,157 | Licenses & Permits: \$16,165 |
| Other Taxes: \$175,838 | Miscellaneous Income: \$20,090 |

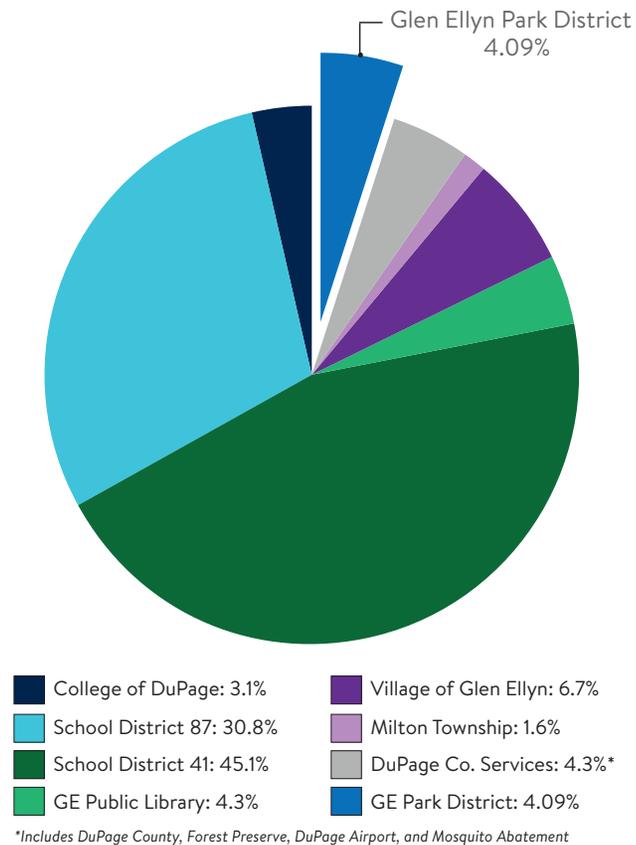
EXPENSES: Total \$9,786,933*



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| Salaries & Wages: \$3,919,326 | Utilities: \$473,273 |
| Contractual Services: \$1,791,797 | Miscellaneous: \$360,335 |
| Debt Service: \$1,155,243 | Insurance: \$172,994 |
| Employment: \$896,268 | Building & Landscaping: \$97,519 |
| Materials & Supplies: \$847,842 | Equipment: \$72,336 |

*Preliminary financial activity for the 2019 fiscal year through 2/5/2020. Totals are net of capital activity and transfers.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS



*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
- Downers Grove
- Fox Valley
- Itasca
- Lisle
- Lombard
- Warrenville
- Wood Dale
- Wheaton
- Winfield

AA+ BOND RATING FROM STANDARD POOR'S

The Park District continues to maintain a strong AA+ bond rating

- » One of only a few Illinois Park Districts to achieve this rating or equivalent.
- » Reflects strong and sound financial practices.
- » May allow for lower interest rates on bond issues.



BY THE NUMBERS

► Bringing the Community Together

- **2440+** program sessions offered
- **120** special events offered (**51** of which were free to attend!)
- **41** boats registered for the 26th year of the Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta
- Close to **150** participants in the second WDSRA/Lakers Soccer event.
- **288** wristbands sold at Afternoon Festivities

► Well-Maintained Parks

- **263** acres maintained each week at **29** community and neighborhood parks
- **Over 122** newly planted trees
- **1** playground replaced at Walnut Glen Park
- **2** trees removed due to emerald ash borer
- **9** days of ice skating at Lake Ellyn, **20** on the Newton hockey rink and **13** on the Newton ice skating rink
- Around **40 acres** of natural areas actively managed for invasive plant species

► Communicating with You

- **3** social media pages maintained: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- **300** pages in seasonal program guides
- **14,000+** Activity Guides delivered to residents each season
- **60+** eNewsletters delivered to your inbox
- **6th** 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, **9** volunteers on the Citizens’ Finance Committee, **5** volunteers on the Environmental Committee, and **9** volunteers on the Youth Athletics Advisory Committee.
- **30** full-time employees District-wide
- **597** part-time and seasonal employees

In 2019, the Glen Ellyn Park District employed **over 250** Glen Ellyn residents at our facilities. Employment at the Park District is often the first work experience for teenagers in the community!

► Staying Fit

- **4,880+** fitness members at Ackerman SFC
- **55+** group fitness classes each week
- **986** running enthusiasts in the Freedom Four™ 4-Mile Run
- Over **145,998** fitness & walking track member visits in 2019

► Splish, Splash, and Putt

- **4,009** pool memberships sold
- **366** kids in Gators swim program
- **23,500+** rounds played at Holes & Knolls

► On the Financial Side

- The Park District estimates to have a positive surplus in operations of more than **\$1.5 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.
- **\$38,000+** dollars raised for scholarships through programs/events (\$23,000 from Fall Fete)
- **177** families experiencing financial hardships assisted with nearly **\$33,000** in scholarship funds.
- **\$61,000** raised for the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks’ Foundation through Fall Fete.

► Time to Celebrate!

- The Glen Ellyn Park District turned **100!**
- Ackerman SFC celebrated **9** years!
- Lake Ellyn Boathouse turned **82** and was rented over **145** times.
- The FREE Block Party Wagon was utilized by residents **53** times from April to November.

► A Greener Glen Ellyn

- **2nd** native tree and shrub sale offered
- **~10%** of the electrical use of Lake Ellyn Park and the Boathouse provided by the solar pergola
- **Over 500** plugs were planted in wetland and prairie areas
- **1** Greener Glen Ellyn Facebook page created



100-Year Anniversary Celebration

The Glen Ellyn Park District celebrated its 100-Year Anniversary throughout 2019 with new events, giveaways, and more. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Glen Ellyn community for many years of incredible support!







Community Events

Glen Ellyn Park District events bring the community together. These 2019 events are just a sampling of the activities that were made possible through your tax dollars and generous donations from our sponsors.

► **Winter Gym Jam**

Giant games, an inflatable snow globe, and cake to celebrate the Glen Ellyn Park District's 100-Year Anniversary.

► **Touch-A-Truck**

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

► **Bike Rodeo**

Helmet fittings, a mini riding course, bike safety and decorating, raffles, and more.

► **Boating in the Park**

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

► **Movies in the Parks**

Families enjoy evenings under the stars in our community and neighborhood parks all summer long with five free family-friendly movies!

► **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!

► **Adults-Only Egg Hunt**

Over 100 adults search for hidden eggs filled with prizes at Lake Ellyn Park.

► **Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta**

26th 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**

19th year of family-friendly fun after the Fourth of July parade with penny carnival games, rides, food and live music.

► **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.

► **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.

► **Pupcorn & a Movie**

A movie date night for pups and their owners.

► **Pumpkin Flotilla Fest**

Fall fun for the whole family including a carved pumpkin flotilla on Lake Ellyn at dusk.

► **Prom with Mom**

Over 320 sons and moms enjoy an evening of dancing, games, and ice cream at Crowne Plaza.

► **Turkey Trot**

31 years of burning off calories before sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner. Over 380 runners participated this year, collecting 92 bags of food and \$398 for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry!

► **Summer Swim Jam at Sunset Pool**

Games, activities, contests and giveaways in honor of the Park District's 100-Year Anniversary.

► **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, Bridge Community, Glen Ellyn 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, Jack's Fund, 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.





Community and Neighborhood Parks & Facilities

Ackerman Park Improvements Phase IV

The District began to implement major elements of the Ackerman Park Master Plan including renovation of the softball “hub”, an artificial turf athletic field, irrigation and drainage upgrades, bioswales, improved grass fields, an outdoor exercise area, and a trail system throughout the entire park.

A portion of the project was funded by a \$400,000 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant that was awarded to the Glen Ellyn Park District in February 2019. Improvements included in this phase are on schedule to be completed in late spring/early summer 2020.

Sunset Park Tennis Court and SARC Safety Village Resurfacing

The tennis courts at Sunset Park and Safety Village at SARC were resurfaced in October 2019. Both will receive a color coat in Spring 2020, weather permitting.

Churchill Park Access Road

The access road at Churchill Park was rebuilt in July 2019.

Village Green Shade Structures

Four (4) shade structures were installed at Village Green Park for baseball fields 5-8. These structures were made possible thanks to a generous contribution from the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund.

Ackerman SFC Interior Improvements

New drop-down volleyball nets, four pieces of cardio equipment, two pieces of strength equipment, swing-arm soccer goals, a trophy case, and athletic team banners were added at Ackerman SFC. In addition, both the gym and fitness studio floors were refinished, and the stretching area was remodeled

Walnut Glen Park Improvements

The playground at Walnut Glen Park, which was well past its useful life, was replaced late 2019. After engagement with neighbors and community members, a nature-based playground, with equipment geared toward grade school children (ages 6-12) and some components for preschool children (ages 2-5) was selected. Improvements were also made to landscaping, park amenities, and signage.

Ackerman SFC Capital Improvements

As an integral recreational and community center for Glen Ellyn, the Park District recognizes that there could be an opportunity for future Ackerman SFC interior and exterior improvements. The Park District engaged an outside consultant to develop conceptual improvement plans that could be implemented in the future depending on the outcome and available funding. Several public meetings took place including an informational open house held on December 10th at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center to present the proposed future improvements and gain feedback, comments, and suggestions from the community. Implementation of the improvements would be based on available funding. The District has submitted a grant application which would fund a portion of the proposed improvements.

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 on the 2nd Annual Native Tree & Shrub Sale on and organizing a sustainable garden tour featuring five Glen Ellyn homes.

► 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.

In 2019, the Glen Ellyn Park District's Lakers Travel Soccer program partnered to offer the second WDSRA-Lakers Soccer Event at Ackerman SFC. Close to 200 people participated in an August afternoon filled with soccer games, laughter, high fives, and fun.

► 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 organizations while maximizing community assets and minimizing expenses.

► Glen Ellyn School District 41 and Community Consolidated School District 89

The Park District and School Districts 89 and 41 have intergovernmental agreements allowing some shared use of facilities and fields. Additionally, the Park District provides maintenance services for some of their properties.

► College of DuPage

Glen Ellyn Park District and College of DuPage partner to allow Ackerman SFC members the ability to purchase a lap swimming monthly membership to swim at College of DuPage's indoor pool for just \$15 per member per month.

► 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.

► 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.

» 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.

In 2019, Friends of Glen Parks held their first fundraiser, Fall Fête: Whiskey, Wine, and Whimsy, which raised \$61,000.

Learn more: www.gepark.org/friends

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 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.

► Prescribed Burns

Prescribed burns were conducted at Lake Ellyn, Ackerman, and Churchill Parks in 2019. Prescribed fire stimulates growth of native plants and grasses while reducing invasive trees and non-native, weedy plant species.

► Native Plant Installation Projects

- Over 500 plugs were planted in wetland and prairie areas
- Dozens of oak saplings and over 40 native trees and shrubs were planted in natural areas
- Seeds were collected from over 50 species of native plants and redistributed throughout the District's nine natural areas

► Plant Inventories

Vegetation surveys are annually conducted to assess and measure increased plant diversity.

► Trail Maintenance

Many of our natural areas are accessed by trails. Vegetation is cut back, woodchips are added to pathways, and erosion areas are repaired.

► Greener Glen Ellyn

A Greener Glen Ellyn Facebook page was launched to provide a source of local green efforts, information, and events.

► Nature-Based Programs

Over 40 nature-based programs were offered for youth, adults and families and 17 week-long nature camp sessions ran for preschool through middle school aged youth.

► DuPage River Sweep

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

► Partnerships

The Park District partnered with The Conservation Foundation and the Village of Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission to offer a Sustainable Yard Tour and the second annual Native Tree and Shrub Sale. Over 120 plants were ordered/sold at the sale!

► Volunteers

Approximately 350 volunteers helped with natural area restoration and habitat improvement projects. The Park District offers Restoration Work Days each month where residents can lend a hand in their local parks and natural areas.

Learn more about our 2019 environmental accomplishments by visiting our website at: www.gepark.org/green-initiatives



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 2019, there were:

- Over 14,000 registrations for athletic programs, camps and leagues
- Over 5,500 baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, rugby and basketball games/practices scheduled and played
- Almost 3,000 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:

- Illinois Boys Lacrosse Association U10 Championship
- Glen Ellyn Phillies Fastpitch Softball Invitational Tournament
- Glen Ellyn Phillies All-Star Classic Tournament
- DeMarini Invitational Softball Showcase
- OnDeck Softball Chicago Jamboree
- Glen Ellyn Classic Baseball Tournament
- Seminole Sports Memorial Day Classic Baseball Tournament
- West Suburban Youth Baseball League Championship
- Glen Ellyn Golden Eagles Football Jamboree
- Glen Ellyn Golden Eagles Cheer Showcase
- Frosty 3v3 Soccer Tournament
- Glen Ellyn Lakers/Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Soccer Play Day
- True Lacrosse National Team Training Camp
- Glen Ellyn Rage Field Hockey Play Days

► 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:

- Purchase and installation of shade structures for Village Green Park Fields #5-8 in cooperation with the Jack H. Marston II Melanoma Fund
- Purchase of three sets of soccer goals for the Ackerman Park Synthetic Turf Field
- Purchase and installation of fold-away soccer goals for the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center
- Purchase of field equipment for the Youth Baseball and Girls Softball programs
- Contracting professional choreographers for the Golden Eagles Cheerleading program
- Ongoing redevelopment of athletics program websites

Other initiatives in 2019 included continuation of the Youth Sports Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of the youth sports programs to provide input and feedback to staff, expansion of youth basketball and flag football programming, continued cooperation of the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton Park Districts to administer the Midwest FC Soccer program, increased youth volleyball opportunities, and continuation of Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) training for all youth sports coaches.



Glen Ellyn Cares Soccer Scholarship Fund

The Glen Ellyn Cares Soccer Scholarship Fund was developed to provide financial assistance to players in need.

The fund aims to diminish and/or eliminate economic, logistic, and cultural obstacles, and enable Glen Ellyn community members to participate in the GEYSO, Lakers, and Midwest soccer clubs.

100% of donated funds go towards player fees, uniforms, equipment, transportation and other direct costs for program participation.

In 2019, Glen Ellyn Cares assisted 20 players with over \$10,000 in funds, allowing the players and their families to not only experience a tremendous soccer opportunity but more importantly make lifelong friends, develop life skills and be active community members.

2019 ATHLETIC TEAM SUCCESSES

REBELS TRAVEL BASEBALL

Rebels 9U Black – 1st place WSBL AA Championships
Rebels 10U Black – 2nd place Greater Midwest Baseball World Series
Rebels 10U Black – 2nd place Glen Ellyn Classic Tournament
Rebels 10U Black – 1st place WSBL AA Division
Rebels 13U Black – 2nd place Glen Ellyn Classic Tournament
Rebels 13U Black – 2nd Place Northbrook 4th of July Tournament
Rebels 13U Red – 1st place – Wheaton Red, White & Blue Classic Tournament
Rebels 13U Red – 1st place WSBL AA Division
Rebels 14U Black – 2nd place Bulldog Classic Tournament
Rebels 14U Black – 2nd Place WSBL AAA Championships

PHILLIES TRAVEL SOFTBALL

Phillies 10U Blue – 2nd place Carol Stream Super Dad Classic Tournament
Phillies 10U All-Stars – 2nd place Glen Ellyn All-Star Classic Tournament
Phillies 12U Blue – 2nd Place Romeoville Baden Dream Seam Tournament
Phillies 14U Blue – 2nd place West Chicago Summer Blast Tournament
Phillies 14U All-Stars – 2nd place Cary Tournament of Stars
Phillies 18U – 1st place Aurora Summer Sizzler Tournament

BULLDOGS LACROSSE

3rd/4th Grade Black – 1st place Washington Tournament
3rd/4th Grade Green – 2nd place Washington Tournament
3rd/4th Grade White – 3rd place Washington Tournament
5th/6th Grade Green – 1st place Cow Tipper Tournament
5th/6th Grade Black – 2nd place Rip the Duck Tournament
8th Grade – 2nd place IBLA Tournament

GLEN ELLYN RUGBY

U14 Stingers – Rugby Illinois D1 State Champions
U14 Stingers – Rugby Illinois D2 State Champions
U17 Ducks – Rugby Illinois State Champions
HS Varsity Ducks - Rugby Illinois State Champions

GOLDEN EAGLES CHEERLEADING

3rd Grade – IRCA State Qualifier
5th Grade – IRCA State Qualifier
Jr. High – IRCA State Qualifier

LAKERS FC TRAVEL SOCCER

Lakers U9 Boys Green - 2nd Place Glen Ellyn Indoor League
Lakers U10 Boys Green - 2nd Place Glen Ellyn Indoor League
Lakers U11 Girls Premier - 1st Place Indy Burn Cup
Lakers U11 Girls White - 2nd Place Spring IWSL Division D
Lakers U12 Girls Premier – 1st place Fall IWSL Division C
Lakers U12 Girls Premier – 1st place Puma Aurora Showcase
Lakers U12 Girls Premier – 1st place Glen Ellyn Indoor League
Lakers U12 Boys Premier – 1st place Fall YSSL Division 2
Lakers U12 Boys Premier – 2nd place Spring YSSL Division 2
Lakers U12 Boys White – 2nd place Fall YSSL Division 4
Lakers U12 Boys White – 1st place Spring YSSL Division 5
Lakers U13 Girls Premier – 2nd place Chicago Development Showcase
Lakers U13 Boys Premier – 2nd place Spring YSSL Division 4

MIDWEST FC TRAVEL SOCCER

Midwest FC U14 Girls Elite – 1st place Schaumburg Soccerfest
Midwest FC U14 Girls Elite – 2nd place Fall IWSL Division ABS
Lakers U14 Boys Premier – 1st place Spring YSSL Division 3
Lakers U14 Boys Premier – 2nd place Glen Ellyn Indoor League
Lakers U14 Boys White – 2nd place Fall YSSL Division 5
Midwest FC U15 Boys Elite – 1st place Fall YSSL Division 3
Midwest FC U15 Boys Elite – 1st place Schaumburg Soccerfest
Midwest FC U16 Boys Elite – 1st place Lou Fusz Winter Showcase
Midwest FC U18 Boys Elite – 2nd place Puma Rockford Showcase
Midwest FC U18 Boys Elite – 2nd place Puma Aurora Showcase
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Lou Fusz Winter Showcase
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Spring YSSL Division 1
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Puma Rockford Showcase
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Chicagoland Indoor Soccer League
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Puma Aurora Showcase
Midwest FC U19 Boys Elite – 1st place Southern Indiana Showcase

GATORS SWIM TEAM

“A” Team – 1st place West Suburban Swim Conference
“B” Team – 1st place West Suburban Swim Conference

GRASSHOPPERS GYMNASTICS

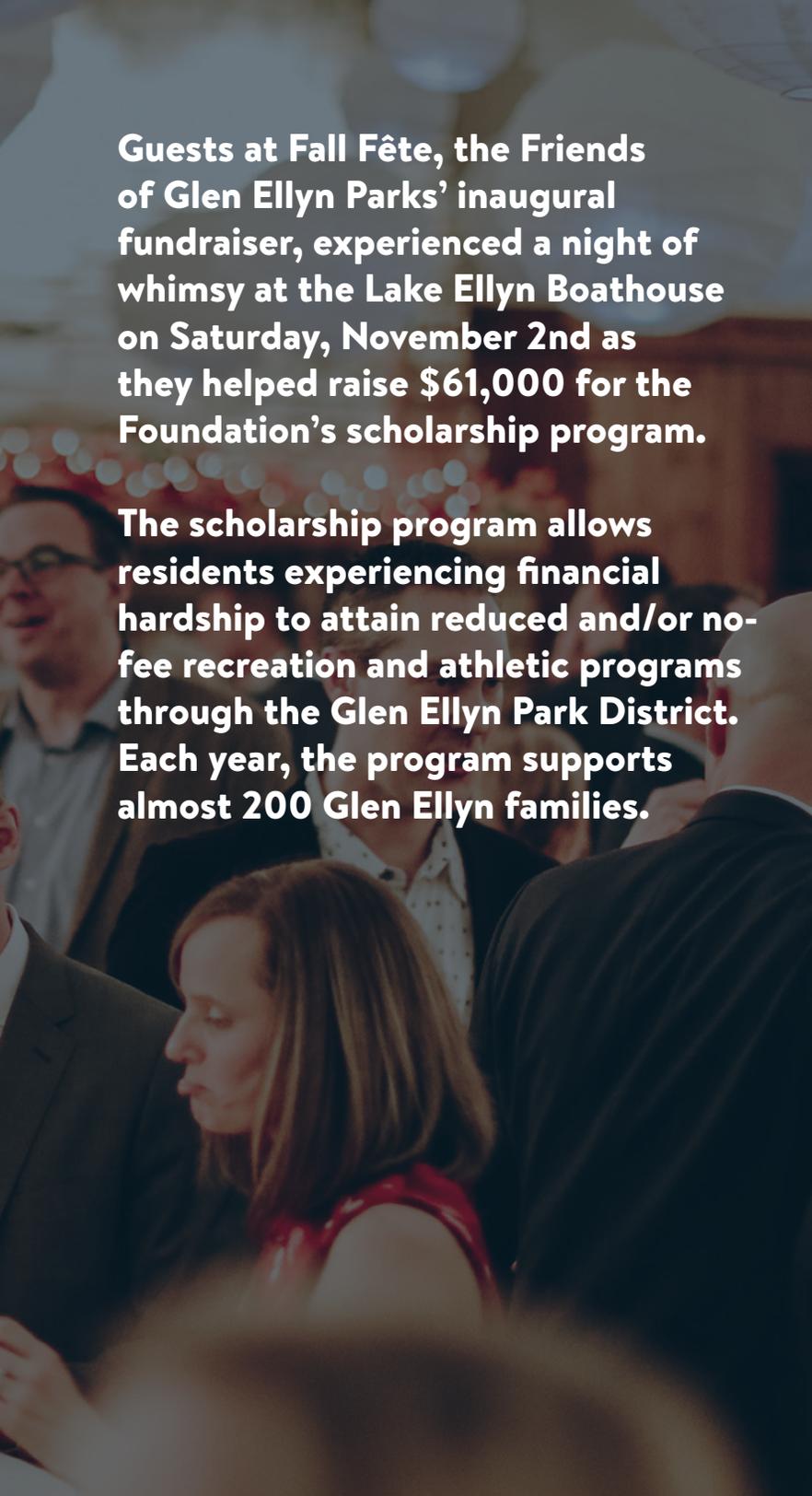
Beginner Division – 1st place IPDGC State Meet
Advanced Beginner 1 Division – 2nd Place IPDGC State Meet
Advanced Beginner 2 Division – 2nd Place IPDGC State Meet
Novice 2 Division – 3rd Place IPDGC State Meet
Intermediate Division – 3rd Place IPDGC State Meet



Fall Fête

Whiskey, Wine, & Whimsy Fundraiser

\$61,000 raised for the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation



Guests at Fall Fête, the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks' inaugural fundraiser, experienced a night of whimsy at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse on Saturday, November 2nd as they helped raise \$61,000 for the Foundation's scholarship program.

The scholarship program allows residents experiencing financial hardship to attain reduced and/or no-fee recreation and athletic programs through the Glen Ellyn Park District. Each year, the program supports almost 200 Glen Ellyn families.

2020 PROJECTS & INITIATIVES:

- » Internet Imagineering was engaged in 2019 to provide the redesign of the youth and adult sports website. The website is scheduled to be completed in April 2020.
- » Introduce new events in honor of Ackerman SFC's 10-Year Anniversary.
- » Add group fitness classes at Spring Avenue and Main Street Recreation Centers to be included within an Ackerman SFC membership.
- » Replace existing turf field inside Ackerman SFC.
- » Complete major elements of the Ackerman Park Master Plan including renovation of the softball hub, walking trail and improved athletic fields, and outdoor fitness equipment.
- » Research options for closed-circuit parent viewing for drop-off activities such as gymnastics and dance.
- » Continue planning and research process to improve Sunset Pool including addressing infrastructure needs.
- » Engage an engineer to review and compile plans to replace the roofs at Spring Avenue and Main Street Recreation Centers in 2021.
- » Community Attitude and Interest Survey
- » Landscape improvements at Lake Ellyn Park including circle area in front of Boathouse.
- » Marynoll Park parking lot resurfacing.

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**





Founded in 1919, the Glen Ellyn Park District (GEPD) spans approximately **10.6 square miles** and serves more than **36K residents** in DuPage County and Milton Township. GEPD owns or manages **29 park sites** with active recreational amenities, 4 miles of trails, a swimming facility, two recreation centers, one sports complex and **over 263 acres** of open space.

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 2019, 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.

Dan Tripp
Ken McEwen
Dawn Smith
Steve Thompson
Glen Ellyn Chamber
of Commerce

Ruben Stivan
Alberto Perez
Joel Cortes
Roberto Arciniega
Jacek Lechowicz
Jorge Perez

Martin Aparicio
Ginger Dilworth
Dante Espejo
Brianna Henrichs
Chris Wilson
Ron Aubrey

Melissa Creech
Bill Dallman
Marty Durkin
Jay Kinzler
Craig Turner
Glen Ellyn Public Library

Tom Lawson
Carrie Burrows
Bill Taylor
Denis Kania
Eileen Mullin-Gasteier



Resident Advisory Committees

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 Carrie O'Halloran, Diane Padilla, Gail Bode, Janet Kuefler, and John Bower.

YOUTH SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Formed in 2018, the committee is comprised of key stakeholders whose task is to provide ideas, input and feedback regarding Glen Ellyn Park District's youth athletics programs.

Thanks to Aaron Bare, Andy Humble, Jon Ciero, Judi Cipollari, Kurt Mika, Dave Larrance, Mary Beth Bletsas, Mike Jackert, and Pete Danielewicz.

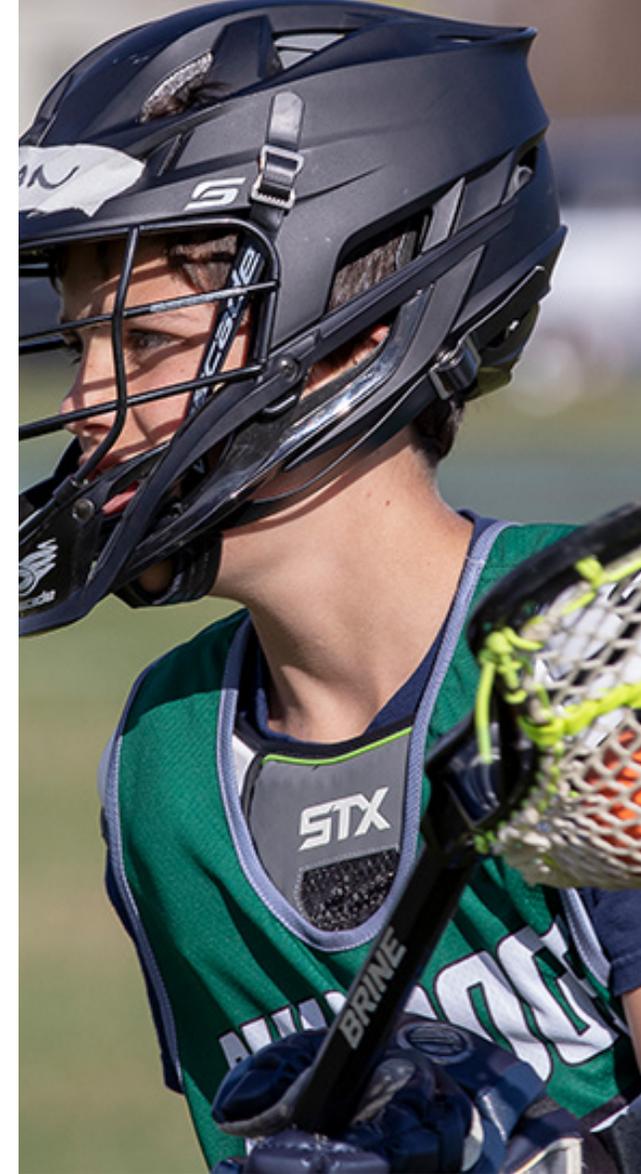
CITIZENS' FINANCE COMMITTEE

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, Art Pech, Charlie Prisco, Don St. Clair, Fred Bachman, John Vitalis, Michael Graham, Mike Hoban, and Tom Lettenberger.

PART-TIME & SEASONAL STAFF

Thanks to the almost 600 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.



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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Lake Ellyn Park Master Plan

www.gepark.org/plans

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Board Agendas & Minutes

www.gepark.org/board-meetings

2019 Park District Budget

www.gepark.org/budget



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