

# LOOKING BACK A Yeah in Review

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT** 



# **A Message From the President**

The Glen Ellyn Park District is turning 100 years old in 2019! The Park District has been an integral part of this community since its establishment in 1919. It all started with the simple purchase of thirteen acres of land around Lake Ellyn. It has since grown to encompass 29 park sites, multiple facilities, and hundreds of events and programs each year. That type of growth occurred because of the hard work of the Park District staff and the incredible support of the Glen Ellyn community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Glen Ellyn community for many years of incredible support and all the staff for their hard work over the years. Over the next 12 months the Park District will celebrate this important anniversary with many events and programs, and I invite you to join in the fun throughout 2019.

Reflecting on this past year, the 2018 Annual Report finds the Glen Ellyn Park District in excellent financial condition while also providing opportunities and activities for people of all ages. The Glen Ellyn Park District continues to achieve important goals including providing high-quality recreation while lowering property taxes. The average homeowner experienced an estimated 30% savings on the park district portion of their property tax bill over the prior few years.

Following are some highlights of major projects that were implemented in 2018:

- Lake Ellyn Park paths were improved and expanded with continuous paths throughout the park. Thanks to the Village of Glen Ellyn for partnering on these improvements.
- New picnic shelter at Spaulding Park. This is part of our continuing effort to improve all our community parks.
- Energy-efficient L.E.D. lights were installed on Platform Tennis courts 1, 2, 3 and 4. All courts have now been converted to L.E.D. lighting.
- Two additional platform tennis courts are now at Maryknoll Park for the general public, funded partially through a generous contribution by the Glen Ellyn Platform Tennis Club and members.
- Sunset Pool's main pool received a new coat of paint.

- New playgrounds were installed at Main Street Recreation Center and President's Park.
- New landmark, informational, and interpretative signage was installed throughout Lake Ellyn Park. This project was funded through a grant and an anonymous donation.
- The 25th Anniversary of the Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta was celebrated in 2018 with 59 boats entering the event.
- Long awaited improvements to the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center parking lot were completed. We appreciate your understanding, your patience, and your continued patronage during the improvement project.
- Extensive and collaborative planning took place in anticipation of implementing major elements of the Ackerman Park masterplan beginning late spring 2019. These improvements will include renovation of the softball hub and improvements to the athletic fields.
- Acquired property contiguous to Manor Park to increase open space in Glen Ellyn parks. Adding open space is an important part of our mission.

I look forward to witnessing the future growth of the Glen Ellyn Park District, and I am confident that our strong foundation and plans will allow the Park District to thrive for years to come.

I hope to see you at our parks,

Rob Weber

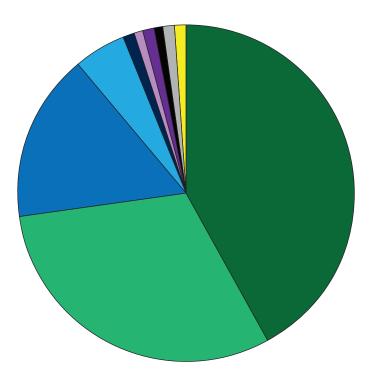
Rob Weber, President Board of Commissioners Glen Ellyn Park District

**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.

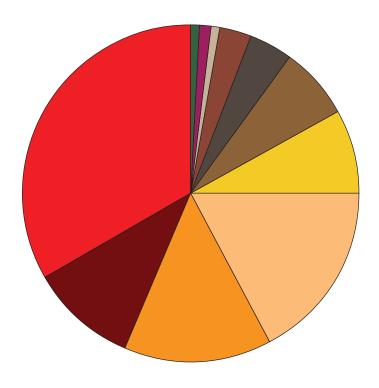
# **2018 GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

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 \$12,076,477\*



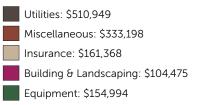
## **EXPENSES:** Total \$11,601,171\*



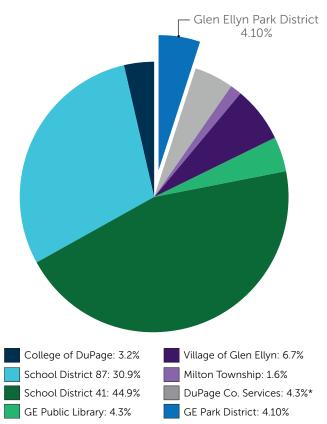
Property Tax Receipts: \$5,112,546
Program Fees: \$3,758,918
Charges for Services: \$1,916,396
Rentals: \$597,664
Miscellaneous Income: \$163,928

Other Taxes: \$141,435
 Concessions: \$77,883
 Interest Income: \$175,215
 Grants & Donations: \$117,857
 Licenses & Permits: \$14,630





# 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
- Wood Dale • Lisle
- I ombard
- Wheaton

Warrenville

• Winfield

# **AA+ BOND RATING FROM STANDARD POOR'S**

The Glen Ellyn Park District maintains a AA+ bond rating.

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

# BY THE NUMBERS

#### Bringing the Community Together

- 2400+ program sessions offered
- **115** special events offered (**40** of which were free to attend!)
- **59** boat registered for the 25th year of the Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta
- Over 200 participants in the first WDSRA/ Lakers Soccer event.

#### Well-Maintained Parks

- 263 acres maintained each week at 29 community and neighborhood parks
- Over 35 newly planted trees
- 2 playgrounds replaced: Main Street Recreation Center and President's Park
- 14 trees removed due to emerald ash borer
- 5 days of ice skating at Lake Ellyn, 22 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 new timeline on District history created
- **300** pages in seasonal program guides
- **14,000+** Activity Guides delivered to residents each season
- 75+ eNewsletters delivered to your inbox
- 5th 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, 7 volunteers on the Environmental Committee, and 9 volunteers on the Youth Athletics Advisory Committee.
- **30** full-time employees District-wide
- 595 part-time and seasonal employees

In 2018, 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

- **4,910+** fitness members at Ackerman SFC
- 55+ group fitness classes each week
- 949 running enthusiasts in the Freedom Four™ 4-Mile Run
- Over **141,324** fitness & walking track member visits in 2018

#### Splish, Splash, and Putt

- 4,120 pool memberships sold
- 360 kids in Gators swim program
- 18,000+ rounds played at Holes & Knolls

#### On the Financial Side

- The Park District estimates to have a positive surplus in operations of more than \$1.4 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.
- **\$6,900+** dollars raised for scholarships through programs and special events
- 174 families experiencing financial hardships assisted with nearly \$32,000 in scholarship funds

#### Time to Celebrate!

- The Glen Ellyn Park District turned 99!
- Ackerman SFC celebrated 8 years!
- Lake Ellyn Boathouse turned **81** and was rented over **125** times.
- The FREE Block Party Wagon was utilized by residents **51** times from April to November

#### A Greener Glen Ellyn

- 1st native tree and shrub sale introduced
- ~15.4% of the Boathouse's energy needs provided by the PV (solar) pergola
- Over 800 wetland plants were planted in the low wet areas of Maryknoll Park
- 6 Tesla/electric vehicle charging stations added at Sunset Pool and Maryknoll Park



# **Community Events**

Glen Ellyn Park District events bring the community together. These 2018 events are just a sampling of the activities that were made possible through your tax dollars and generous donations from our sponsors.

#### 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 four 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!

#### Earth Day Celebration

Local "green" organizations, rain barrel sales, guided walks, earthy activity stations, live music, canoe/kayak rentals to celebrate our planet.

#### Monday Miles

Community members gather to socialize and run 1, 2, or 3 miles around a designated course.

#### Lake Ellyn Cardboard Regatta

25th 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

18th 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.

#### Mom & Son Jammin' Fun

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

#### Turkey Trot

30 years of burning off calories before sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner. Over 450 runners participated this year, collecting 1,162lbs of food donations for the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry!

#### 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, 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 & Neighborhood Parks & Facilities**

#### **Ackerman SFC Parking Lot**

Parking lot improvements were completed at Ackerman SFC which included replacement of sub material and resurfacing of the main lot, permeable pavers within the center parking area, L.E.D. lighting enhancements within the lot and entrance drive, bioswales to reduce runoff volumes and improve stormwater quality, resurfacing of the entrance drive and roadway towards the playground, sidewalk repairs, and sealcoating the front drive along Ackerman SFC.

# Lake Ellyn Park Path Improvements and New Signage

Path improvements were completed on the south end and east side of the lake. A new path along the west side of Lake Ellyn Park, parallel with Lenox Road, was added in partnership with Village of Glen Ellyn. In addition, new landmark, informational and interpretive signage was installed in the park, thanks to an anonymous donation.

#### Tesla & Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Visitors to Sunset Pool and Maryknoll Park can now charge their electric or Tesla vehicles free of charge for up to 2 hours, thanks to charging stations provided by Tesla.

#### **Platform Tennis L.E.D. Court Lighting**

Energy-efficient L.E.D. lights were installed on Platform Tennis courts 1,2, 3, and 4. All courts now have L.E.D. lighting.

#### **Churchill Park Access Road**

The access road at Churchill Park was begun to be rebuilt. Completion was delayed due to weather conditions and will be completed in Spring 2019.

#### **Ackerman SFC Interior Improvements**

Four (4) additional basketball goals were installed on Court 2 and new cardio equipment was added in the Fitness Center. In addition, new graphics were installed in the lower level hallway, party room, and in the indoor turf area.

#### Main Street Recreation Center & President's Park Playgrounds

The playgrounds located at Main Street Recreation Center and President's Park were replaced in 2018. Both playgrounds were over 20 years old and, due to age and popularity, had begun to fall into disrepair. The District once again collaborated with Kids Around the World, who removed the President's Park playground and will repurpose the old equipment to be used in a less fortunate community.

# **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 community workshops on Nature Rx and improving sustainability at home, held a rain barrel sale, introduced a new native tree and plant sale, and organized 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 2018, the Glen Ellyn Park District's Lakers Travel Soccer program partnered to offer the first 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 constituents 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 have partnered to offer Ackerman SFC members an exclusive opportunity. Active Ackerman SFC fitness members may now 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.

Learn more: www.gepark.org/friends

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

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# **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 Ackerman and Churchill Parks in 2018. Prescribed fire stimulates growth of native plants and grasses while reducing invasive trees and non-native, weedy plant species.

#### Native Plant Installation Projects

- Over 800 wetland plants were planted in the low wet areas of Maryknoll Park
- Dozens of oak tree saplings were dug from a holding area and planted in parks as part of an Eagle Scout project.

#### 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: recycling & upcycling, the importance of unstructured outdoor time, and helping native plant and animal species.

#### Greener Glen Ellyn Campaign

The Greener Glen Ellyn Campaign featured ten different topics with monthly educational articles, supported by examples and ideas residents could enact to practice a greener lifestyle. www.gepark.org/a-greener-glen-ellyn

#### Earth Day 2018

As part of Earth Day, the Park District worked with School District 41 to showcase student's earth art work and projects made with recycled materials.

Over a dozen local environmental groups were present to showcase their services. Rain barrels were available for purchase and educational tours of Lake Ellyn Park were offered.

#### 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 public workshop on the health benefits of being in nature, offered a Sustainable Yard Tour, as well as a Native Tree and Shrub Sale for residents. Over 170 plants were ordered/sold at the sale!

#### Monarch Waystations

Monarch Waystations were registered at Churchill Park and Maryknoll Park. These areas support monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

#### Volunteers

Approximately 400 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.

#### Land Acquisition

Acquired property contiguous to Manor Park to preserve and expand open space within Glen Ellyn. The acquired property will remain in its natural condition while expanding Manor Park. Additionally, the Village has agreed to vacate the cul de sac which currently divides the park in half. The roadway will eventually be removed and converted to greenspace.

#### Green Initiatives

Learn more about our 2018 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 2018, there were:

- 15,000+ registrations for athletic programs, camps and leagues
- 6,000+ baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, rugby and basketball games/practices scheduled and played
- 3,000+ participants in Glenbard West/South and Glen Crest camps

#### **Tournaments & Special Events**

The District also hosted seventeen (17) 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
- DeMarini Invitational Softball Showcase
- OnDeck Softball Chicago Jamboree
- PGF Starts and Stripes Showcase
- 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
- Glen Ellyn Lakers/WDSRA Soccer Play Day
- True Lacrosse National Team Training Camp
- Glen Ellyn Rage Field Hockey Play Day

#### 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:

- Infield renovation of Village Green Park Field #6
- Installation of portable fencing for Village Green Park Field #4
- Installation of portable fencing for Ackerman Park Field #3
- Purchase of field equipment for the Youth Baseball and Girls Softball programs
- Purchase of a competition cheer floor for the Golden Eagles Cheerleading program

Other initiatives in 2018 included the creation of the Youth Sports Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of the youth sports programs to provide input and feedback to staff, the addition of new adult volleyball and basketball leagues, the cooperative creation of the Midwest FC Soccer program by the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton Park Districts, expansion of youth volleyball opportunities, and continuation of Positive Coaching Alliance training for all youth sports coaches.



# **2018 ATHLETIC TEAM SUCCESSES**

#### **REBELS TRAVEL BASEBALL**

10U Black - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Classic
11U Black - 2nd place Wheaton Red, White & Blue Classic
11U Red - 2nd place West Suburban Baseball League Championships
12U Black - 1st place Vernon Hills Cougar Kickoff
12U Black - 2nd place Northbrook 4th of July Tournament
12U Black - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Classic
12U Red - 1st place Wheaton Red, White & Blue Classic
12U White - 2nd place GTAA Memorial Day All-Star Tournament
14U Black - 1st Place West Chicago Showdown
14U Black - 1st place West Suburban Baseball League Championships
14U Black - 2nd place GMB Blue World Series

#### **YOUTH BASEBALL**

Pony A's - 1st place Greater DuPage Pony Baseball Assoc. Bronze Division 11U Cubs - 1st place Lombard/Glen Ellyn Fall League 11U Dodgers - 2nd place Lombard/Glen Ellyn Fall League 13U Dodgers - 1st place Lombard/Glen Ellyn Fall League

#### **PHILLIES TRAVEL SOFTBALL**

10U Gold – 1st place Carol Stream Gold Medal Tournament
10U Gold – 2nd place Winfield of Dreams Tournament
12U Blue – 1st place Streamwood End of Summer Slam
12U Blue – 1st place Carol Stream Gold Medal Tournament
12U Blue – 2nd place Orland Park Lightning Fastpitch Tournament
12U Silver – 1st place Cary Grove Tournament of Stars
12U Silver – 2nd place Wood Dale Softball Tournament
12U Silver – 2nd place Carol Stream Gold Medal Tournament

#### **BULLDOGS LACROSSE**

4th Grade - 1st place Washington Tournament
4th Grade - 2nd place Tower Tournament
5th Grade Green - 1st place Washington Tournament
5th Grade Green - 2nd place IBLA Tournament
5th Grade White - 2nd place IBLA Tournament
5th/6th Grade - 2nd place Rip the Duck Tournament
6th Grade - 2nd place Washington Tournament
8th Grade - 1st place Washington Tournament
8th Grade - 2nd place IBLA Tournament

#### **GLEN ELLYN RUGBY**

U12 Stingers – Rugby Illinois State Champions U14 Stingers – Rugby Illinois State Champions U17 Ducks – Rugby Illinois State Champions

#### **GLEN ELLYN FIELD HOCKEY**

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

#### **GOLDEN EAGLES FOOTBALL**

Senior Silver – BGYFL Super Bowl Runners-Up

#### **GOLDEN EAGLES CHEERLEADING**

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

#### LAKERS TRAVEL SOCCER

Lakers U9 Boys Green - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U10 Boys Green - 1st place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U10 Girls Green - 1st place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U11 Boys Premier - 1st place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U13 Boys Premier - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U14 Boys Premier - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Indoor League Lakers U8 Boys Green - 1st place YSSL division Lakers U9 Boys Green - 1st place Wheaton Wings Spring Classic Lakers U10 Boys White - 2nd place YSSL division Lakers U10 Girls Green - 2nd place IWSL division Lakers U11 Boys Premier - 1st place IYSA Presidents Cup Lakers U11 Boys Premier - 2nd place Indy Burn Cup Lakers U12 Boys Premier - 1st place Nike Classic Cup Lakers U12 Girls Premier - 2nd place Eclipse Spring Classic Lakers U13 Girls Premier - 2nd place Hawks Cup Lakers U14 Boys Premier - 1st place Wheaton Wings Spring Classic Lakers U17 Boys Premier - 1st place YSSL division Lakers U17 Boys Premier - 1st place Bayern Cup Lakers U18 Boys Premier - 1st place YSSL division MFC 15U Girls - 1st place Schaumburg SoccerFest Lakers U8 Boys Green - 2nd place YSSL division Lakers U9 Boys Green - 1st place YSSL division Lakers U9 Boys Green - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic Lakers U10 Boys Green - 1st place YSSL division Lakers U10 Boys Green - 2nd place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic Lakers U10 Girls Green - 2nd place IWSL division Lakers U11 Boys Premier - 1st place Glen Ellyn Fall Classic

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#### **GATORS SWIM TEAM**

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

#### LIGHTNING RUNNING CLUB

Boys - 3rd place – 9-10 year-old division - Elgin Sharks Invitational Boys - 3rd place - 11-12 year-old division - Batavia Invitational

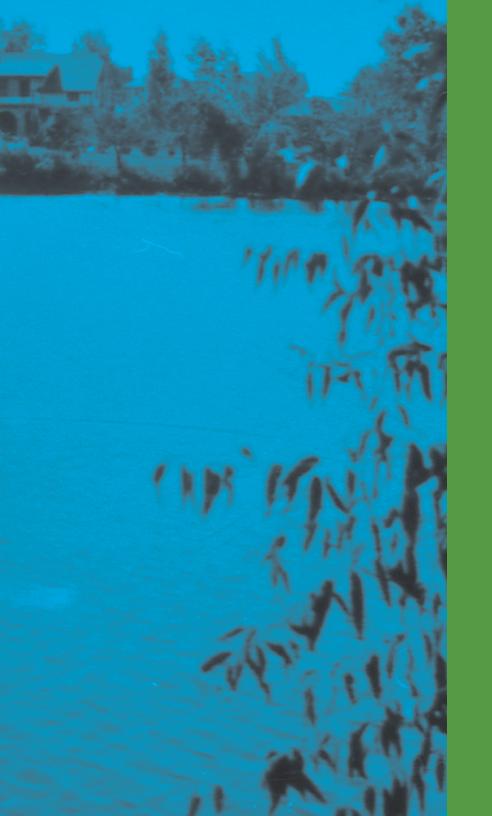
#### **GRASSHOPPERS GYMNASTICS**

Beginner Division – 4th place IPDGC State Meet Advanced Beginner 2 Division – 3rd Place IPDGC State Meet Novice 2 Division – 3rd Place IPDGC State Meet Intermediate Division – 3rd Place IPDGC State Meet

# LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2019...

# **CONTRACTOR** 100 YEARS OF FUN!

Established in 1919, the Glen Ellyn Park District has been providing residents with countless recreational opportunities and serving as stewards of open space for 100 years. We invite you to explore your park district this year and join us in celebrating this milestone - whether it's heading to the sled hill at Newton Park for a cold-weather adventure; taking a quick hike through Churchill Park with views of woodland, wetland, and prairie; chasing an afternoon bike ride over to Lake Ellyn to view the Cardboard Regatta; or participating in one of our athletic, special interest, or art programs. Here's to another 100 years!



# **2019 PROJECTS & INITIATIVES:**

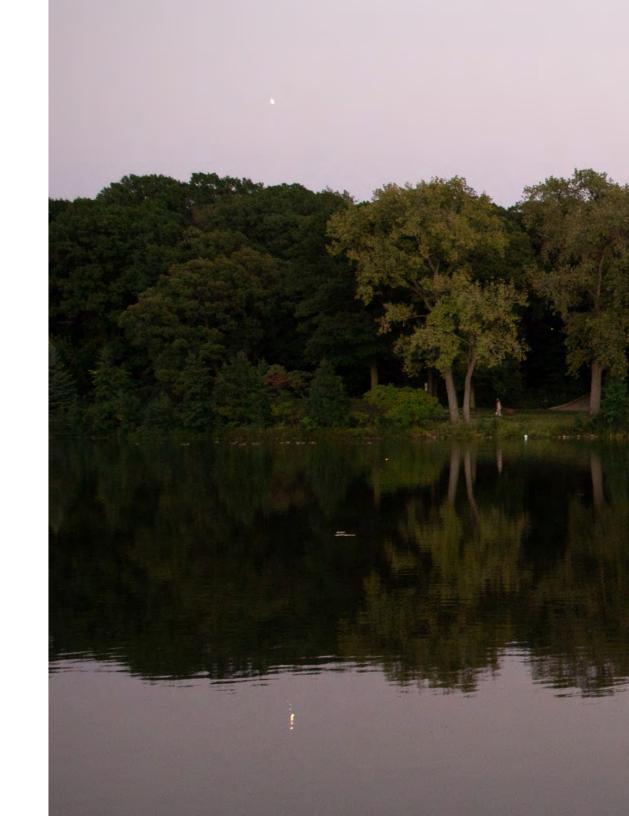
- » Glen Ellyn Park District will celebrate its 100 Year Anniversary throughout 2019. Watch for new events, contests, throwback photos, and more.
- » Walnut Glen Park playground replacement.
- » Plant 100 trees in honor of the Park District's 100 Year Anniversary and new landscape bed within the circle in front of the Lake Ellyn Boathouse.
- » Drop-down volleyball net added to the gymnasium at Ackerman SFC.
- » Launch a new website for youth/adult athletic programs and leagues.
- » Additional cardio/fitness equipment will be added to the Fitness Center at Ackerman SFC.
- » Gym and studio floor refinishing at Ackerman SFC.
- » Begin to implement major elements of the Ackerman Park Masterplan 2019 including renovation of the softball hub, walking trail and improved athletic fields, one of which will be an oversized synthetic turf field.
- » Various parking lot improvements along with Newton Park basketball court resurfacing.
- » Additional shade structures over spectator seating at Village Green fields 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- Initiate planning process to develop concepts to improve Ackerman SFC programming and operational space in the next few years.
- » Initiate planning and research process to improve Sunset Pool including addressing infrastructure needs.

## 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 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 <sup>SQ</sup> and serves more than 36 kesidents in DuPage County and Milton Township. GEPD owns or manages 29 stress 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 2018, 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.

- Paula Barnett Gina Walch Kim Welsh Tina Hutchinson Dave Short Dominick Ficarella
- Rob Pieper Sarah Mical Brendan Cavanagh Dawn Smith Steve Thompson Maureen Ray
- Shanda Cotter Rebecca Karales John Bower Gail Bode Amber Bode Adam Kreuzer
- Carrie O'Halloran Diane Padilla Myron Yocum Stacey Lim Pete Heinrich Bola Akinlawon
- Maurice Velasco Adam Baldocchi Kathleen Taback Julie Miller Kathleen Hokenson Deborah Cernich













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

#### 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, Mary Beth Bletsas, Pete Danielewicz, Jon Ciero, Judi Cipollari, Brett Hepner, Mike Jackert, Kurt Mika, and Mark Tennyson.

#### **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.

#### **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.





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#### **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

Lake Ellyn Park Master Plan www.gepark.org/plans

Ackerman Park Master Plan www.gepark.org/plans

Board Agendas & Minutes www.gepark.org/board-meetings

2018 Park District Budget www.gepark.org/budget



