



MEETING AGENDA

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.
MEMORIAL HALL – MEMORIAL BUILDING
19 E. CHICAGO AVENUE
(Tentative and Subject to Change)**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) Approval of minutes- July 20, 2021
- 5. LIAISON REPORTS**
 - a) Gateway Special Recreation Association Report
- 6. MONTHLY REPORTS**
 - a) Recreation Staff Report – August 2021
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Ice Rink
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Picnic Reservation Policies and Fees-Proposed Changes
 - b) KLM-Dog Park
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a) HPTA-Hut Update
 - b) Next Meeting Date- October 12, 2021, 6pm
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Items listed on the agenda will be discussed and considered by the Commission. The Commission welcomes public comment on the agenda items during discussion. Items recommended for Board of Trustee approval at this meeting may be referred to the Board for further consideration at their next meeting. The Village of Hinsdale is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to contact Brad Bloom, ADA Coordinator, at 630-789-7007 or by TDD at 630-789-7022 promptly to allow the Village of Hinsdale to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

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**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waverley called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Alice Waverley, Commissioners Chris Boruff, Steve Keane, and Greg Moore

Absent: Commissioners Darren Baker, John George, and Heather Hester

Others Present: None

Staff Present: Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
Sammy Hanzel, Recreation and Marketing Communications Manager
Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes- April 13, 2021

Commissioner Keane made a motion to accept the draft minutes as presented. Commissioner Boruff seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Boruff, Keane, and Moore

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, George, and Hester

The motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Gateway Special Recreation Association Report

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. A 0% budget increase was approved. Numbers have been increasing to pre-COVID amounts. Gateway is using the Burns building for their camp this summer. Hinsdale is the only location that has a pool available for the summer. Gateway is still using Veeck for softball, and the state SRA softball tournament was also hosted at Veeck.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Recreation Staff Report – June 2021

Ms. Bereckis presented the report. The Lodge is doing well, and is even booking weekday events including today's Eid celebration. Staff are also seeing an increase in bookings for memorial services. Staff will be partnering with the Hinsdale Historical Society to rent the Zook Studio next to the Lodge as part of a rental package. Part of these rental fees will help to subsidize the continued renovations to the Zook House. The Studio can accommodate up to 30 people and would be suitable for rehearsal dinners, cocktail hours, or showers. The school is no longer renting the Lodge but they may return.

Book Walk has been a successful event at Burns and KLM. Lunch on the Lawn has also been successful this summer as have the Unplug and Play events. Upcoming events include the Christmas in July movie with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Book Walk at Robbins Park. The Independence Day Parade was very successful and was live-streamed for the community. The community has been very complimentary and the parade was very well-attended. Dog Days of Summer will be returning this summer.

Most of fall field space has been booked. Two Eagle Scouts are working on projects in the parks, one of which is the Nature Playground at KLM. The other is sprucing up Eleanor's Park in August.

The pool is doing very well and is exceeding where it was in 2019. Restrictions and uncertainty at other pools have brought many new members and an increase in rental revenue.

Ms. Bereckis presented Mr. Finnell's report to the Commission. He has added a category to his report to itemize various tasks he is called to deal with throughout the day, particularly due to increased vandalism in the parks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Irma Butler Tot Lot-Equipment Replacement Review

Ms. Bereckis presented an older photo of the Tot Lot as well as a rendering of the proposed playground replacement equipment. All proposed equipment is ADA compliant and is similar to what is already existing. The layout will be the same with either a turf or poured in place surface. A turf surface is more easily replaced, but a poured in place surface is longer-lasting. Both are low maintenance. Staff will also replace the existing picnic shelter. Staff are seeking feedback for the colors of this playground and recommend keeping the colors consistent as playgrounds are replaced. A shared and consistent color palette will make the parks more cohesive and make replacing parts across playgrounds easier. The Commission provided their feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. HPTA-Hut Update

Ms. Bereckis provided an update on the construction at the Paddle Hut. The outside framing of the building has been completed and all of the rough components inside will be inspected soon. Construction is proceeding on track.

B. Next Meeting Date- September 14, 2021, 7pm

The next meeting will be held at Memorial Hall on September 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Boruff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. Commissioner Keane seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Boruff, Keane, and Moore

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Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, George, and Hester.

The motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

ATTEST:

Maggie South, Administrative Assistant

Gateway Special Recreation Association

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the meeting of the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, August 12th at 3:00PM at the
Oakbrook Family Recreation Center
1450 Forest Gate Rd. Oak Brook IL., 60523

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OPEN FORUM

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

V. OMNIBUS AGENDA

All items on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Gateway Board and will be enacted in one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus Agenda and considered separately.

A. Approval of the July 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the August 2021 Treasurer's Report

VI. REPORTS

A. RGA Monthly Report

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vehicle purchase/lease discussion

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elmhurst IGA

B. Willowbrook IGA

C. Surplus Equipment Ordinance 2021-1

IX. OPEN FORUM

X. ADJOURNMENT

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GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

July 8, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Fenske called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Director's Meeting to order at 3:04pm on July 8, 2021 at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

Roll Call: Board Members present: Billy Rosinia, Countryside; Cindy Szkolka, Elmhurst; Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale; Karen Spandikow, Oak Brook; Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale; Dean Hoskin, Westchester; John Fenske, Willowbrook; Scott Nadeau, York Center.

Absent: Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge

Ray Graham Staff: Ryan Massengill

Visitors: Michele Sullivan, Countryside

- II. **Open Forum:** None

- III. **Board Member Comments:** Michele Sullivan, Assistant Manager from Flagg Creek Golf Course in Countryside introduced herself to the group and Board Members introduced themselves. Michele will be replacing Billy Rosinia as the Countryside representative.

- IV. **Communications:** One check approved at last month's meeting needed a signature.

- V. **Omnibus Agenda:**

- A. Approval of June, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of July, 2021 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale; to approve the Omnibus Agenda and seconded by Dean Hoskin, Westchester.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- VI. **Reports:**

RGA Monthly Report- Superintendent Massengill reviewed her report and mentioned that a few more registrations will be forthcoming for the volleyball team that will start in August. Summer camp currently has 28 registrants and another 28 are registered for session 2 of camp. A few virtual programs have been offered but there is a lot of excitement for return to in-person programs. They have been using both vehicles for pool days, horsemanship, and bowling. A

return to field trips will be upcoming as many participants are eager to return to "normal". Gateway will be hosting a softball tournament in Hinsdale later in July.

Cindy Szkolka inquired about interest/complaints about transportation between Elmhurst and the Hanson Center. Ms. Massengill replied that they have been able to split programming and hold programs in Elmhurst at the Community Learning Center.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A. Vehicle purchase/lease discussion-Ms. Massengill reminded the Board about the status of the current Gateway fleet. One 15-passenger van (own) and one paratransit bus (lease) are the only vehicles currently in use. Paratransit bus (#192) is not in use due to rusted out lift. Knowing that there is an increase to in-person programming the demand for transportation will continue to grow. There isn't an issue for families with participants playing softball right now but with a plan for 4 basketball teams this fall/winter, additional transportation options are needed. RGA allows Gateway to use vehicles right now to help bridge the gap. The goal would be to eventually have 2 of each type of vehicle. The 15-passenger van would be the bigger priority at this time.

Discussion continued, specifically noting the length of time it may take to get a vehicle ordered and delivered. Additionally, extending the current lease by a year may be an option due to low inventory in the marketplace. With the vehicle chip shortage, it would be beneficial to "get in line" as it may take upwards of 18 months to get a vehicle.

A motion was made by Scott Nadeau, York Center; to have Ms. Massengill start the pricing and ordering process of a new 15-passenger van and secure options for disposing of vehicle 192 and seconded by Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale.

On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

IX. Open Forum: Billy Rosinia thanked Ryan for her efforts, specifically with the golf program and wished everyone well.

X. Adjournment: Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale; made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Spandikow, Oak Brook. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

G A T E W A Y S P E C I A L R E C R E A T I O N A S S O C I A T I O N B O A R D

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: August 12, 2021
TO: Gateway Board
FROM: Cindy Szkolka, Elmhurst Park District
RE: Intergovernmental Agreement between Elmhurst Park District and Gateway Special Recreation Association concerning grant of SRA Funds for FY 2021 through 2019

On November 5, 1997 the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board approved an intergovernmental agreement between the Elmhurst Park District and Gateway that enabled the Elmhurst Park District to utilize tax dollars from its Special Recreation Fund to make Elmhurst Park District facilities more accessible to people with disabilities/participants of special recreation programs using such facilities, add and implement programs for individuals with special needs, and ensure transportation and inclusion needs are met.

The expenditure of the funds by means of a direct contribution or "grant" from Gateway SRA to the Elmhurst Park District met the requirements of state statute. Participants throughout the Gateway community and all people with disabilities have received real benefits from the expenditure of these funds. Also, this agreement is done at no cost to Gateway because it is strictly a paper transaction and continues in perpetuity until either agency decides to terminate the agreement.

On behalf of the Elmhurst Park District, I am requesting approval of a special project grant, per terms of the agreement, in the amounts indicated on the attached spreadsheet. The spreadsheet includes the proposed figures for 2021 along with the figures that the Board approved last year for 2020 (with year-to-date figures) and the actuals for 2019.

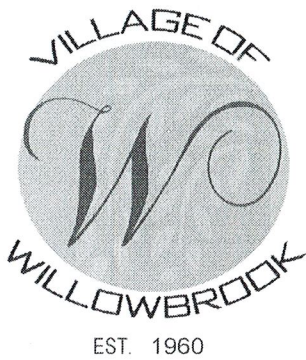
If you have questions concerning this matter, please call me at 993-8910, see you Thursday.

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT
SRA Grant

FY 2019 - Actuals	Budget	Actual
Salaries and Wages	\$230,545	\$231,759
Contractual Services	\$28,374	\$24,066
Supplies	\$350	\$349
Accessibility Improvements	\$242,500	\$227,027
Total Expenses	\$501,769	\$483,201

FY 2020 - Approved	Budget	Actual - YTD
Salaries and Wages	\$239,138	\$122,511
Contractual Services	\$25,000	\$2,240
Supplies	\$1,600	\$550
Accessibility Improvements	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$265,738	\$125,301

FY 2021 - Proposed	Budget	Actual
Salaries and Wages	\$146,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$13,440	\$0
Supplies	\$200	\$0
Accessibility Improvements	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$159,640	\$0



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To: Gateway Special Recreation Association Board

From: John Fenske, Parks & Recreation Manager

Re: Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Willowbrook and the Gateway Special Recreation Concerning Grant of SRA funds for FY2021-22

Date: August 2021

In 2006, the Gateway Special Recreation Association and the Village of Willowbrook entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement that enabled the Village to utilize tax funds from its Special Recreation Fund in making Willowbrook's park facilities more accessible to persons with disabilities and to implement programs for such individuals. As a result, disabled participants in the Gateway community and other persons with disabilities have benefited from this initiative. This agreement is done at no cost to GSRA, as it is a paper transaction that continues in perpetuity until terminated by either party.

At the meeting on August 12th, I will be presenting to the Gateway Board for their approval the special project grant, per the terms of the current agreement for FY21-22. The expenditure of funds by way of a direct contribution or "grant" from the Gateway SRA to the Village of Willowbrook meets the requirement of State Statute (65 ILCS 11-95-14) in allowing municipal units of government to levy a tax for such purposes. The attached summary lists this current fiscal year's expenses.

Thank You,

John Fenske, Parks & Recreation Manager

Village's Fiscal Year	2021-2022
SRA Tax Levy Year	2020
Gateway SRA Membership Dues	\$39,310
Staff Costs	\$5,400
ADA Accomodations	
1 on 1 Aides	\$6,500
Special Rec Fishing Day	\$200
Contingency for ADA assistance for participants in P&R programs	\$1,000
ADA Approved Playground mulch including labor	\$4,600
ADA portable toilet rental	\$150
ADA Park improvements	\$99,750
CRC Improvements	
Ridgemoor Park Playground	
Willow Pond fishing pier replacement	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$156,910
Total SRA Tax Levy Request	\$156,910

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF ITEMIZED SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES NO LONGER DEEMED USEFUL OR NECESSARY TO THE GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Gateway Special Recreation Association ("Gateway SRA") has been formed through Intergovernmental agreement as an extension of the Burr Ridge, Elmhurst, Oak Brook, Pleasant Dale, Westchester and York Center Park Districts and the City of Countryside and the Villages of Hinsdale and Willowbrook to provide recreational services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, Park Districts are empowered by Illinois law, 70 ILCS 1205/8-22, to convey or to sell personal property which, in the opinion of three-fifths of the park board then holding office, is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interest of the Park District; and

WHEREAS, Illinois cities and villages are empowered by Illinois law, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4, to convey or to sell personal property which, in the opinion of a majority of the corporate authorities is no longer necessary or useful; and

WHEREAS the Gateway SRA is the owner of a 2004 Ford E450 16 Passenger Paratransit Bus, which the Gateway SRA Board of Directors has determined by super-majority vote is no longer necessary nor useful to or for the best interest of the Gateway SRA to retain ownership of: and

WHEREAS, on such finding, the Board of Directors has determined to convey or to sell the Van, as allowed under Illinois law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Gateway SRA, in regular session assembled as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors finds that the Van described herein is no longer necessary nor useful for the Gateway SRA purposes.

SECTION 3: Based on this finding, the Board of Directors finds that it is reasonable, necessary and in the best interest of the Gateway SRA to convey or to sell the Van through the manner deemed most advantageous to the Gateway SRA, without any requirement of advertisement for sale, and, that all paperwork required to sell or convey the Van shall be properly executed to consummate the transaction.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED this 12th day of August 2021.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

President

Attested and Signed in my office this ____ day of August 2021.

Secretary

**GATEWAY SRA 2021-2022
MONTHLY TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

August										
DATE										
REVENUES										
ACCT. #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	VARIANCE TO BUDGET	% OF BUDGET				
110	Interest	\$ 26.71	\$ 52.55	\$ 600.00	\$ 547.45	9%				
120	Member Contributions	\$ 167,694.83	\$ 167,694.83	\$ 548,216.13	\$ 380,521.30	31%				
130	Misc. Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%				
Total Revenues		\$ -	\$ 167,747.38	\$ 548,816.13	\$ 381,068.75	31%				
EXPENSES		CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	VARIANCE TO BUDGET	% OF BUDGET				
ACCT. #	DESCRIPTION		DATE							
500	Audit Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	0%				
510	Day Camp Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	0%				
520	Financial Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0%				
530	Legal Fees	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,278.00	15%				
540	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0%				
550	Misc. Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0%				
560	One on One Aids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	0%				
570	Program Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%				
580	Web/IT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	0%				
590	Service Contract	\$ 118,230.00	\$ 118,230.00	\$ 472,920.00	\$ 354,690.00	25%				
600	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 478.76	\$ 478.76	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,271.24	5%				
610	Vehicle Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0%				
620	Transportation Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	0%				
Total Expense		\$ 118,930.76	\$ 118,930.76	\$ 570,920.00	\$ 451,989.24	21%				

**GATEWAY SRA
CHECK REGISTRY
Date: August 2021**

Check #	Issued to	Description	Amount	Total
2044	Bond Dickson and Associates	Legal Services: Service Agreement	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00
2045	Ray Graham Association	Service Contract 1st installment	\$ 118,230.00	\$ 118,230.00
2046	Ray Graham Association	Fuel Reimburesment	\$ 478.76	\$ 478.76
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Totals				\$ 118,930.76

NOTE* Deposits marked on the ledger were filed today. The balances below do not reflect the new Member Contributions

Bank Accounts Reconciled as of March 10, 2021	
General Checking Account	\$ 120,127.99
Money Market Account	\$ 195,482.47
Totals	\$ 315,610.46
Check Registry	\$ 118,930.76
Outstanding check Total	\$ -
Balance after Check Registry	\$ 196,679.70



Gateway SRA Board Meeting
August 12, 2021
RGA Report



July/August 2021

Summer Programs

District	Registered Participants
Burr Ridge	3
Elmhurst	30
Hinsdale	11
Oak Brook	4
Pleasant Dale	1
Willowbrook	2
Westchester	1
York	0
Countryside	1
Non-resident	4
Total	56

Summer Day Camp Session II

District	Registered Participants
Burr Ridge	1
Elmhurst	19
Hinsdale	4
Oak Brook	2
Pleasant Dale	0
Willowbrook	1
Westchester	1
York	0
Countryside	0
Non-resident	1
Total	29

Summer Season

Dates: June 14 – August 14 (10 weeks)

Programs: 14 Weekly Programs Offered, 5 Special Events

Summer Camp

Dates: June 14 – August 6 (8 weeks)

Virtual Recreation Line-Up

Monday – 1 – Good Day Gators

Tuesday – 2 – Trivia & WWE Recap

Wednesday – 1 – Lunch Bunch

Thursday – 1 – Zen Relaxation

Friday – 1 – Bingo

Fall 2021 (Preview)

District	Registered Participants
Burr Ridge	3
Elmhurst	26
Hinsdale	5
Oak Brook	5
Pleasant Dale	3
Willowbrook	2
Westchester	1
York	0
Countryside	0
Non-resident	2
Total	47

Fall Season Lineup

Dates: September 13 – December 11

Programs: 23 Weekly Programs Offered, 6 Special Events, Winter Break Camp Snowflake & 3 Weekly Virtual Programs

Fall Registration

CommunityPass is up and running!

Gateway Vehicles Update as of 8/11/2021

Vehicle #	Type	Year	Mileage	Maintenance	Plans
283	Paratransit Bus Ford E450 15p + WC	2016	40,761	None – safety check	Lease Ends June 2022
298	15p Ford Transit	2019	3,173	None	None

Summer 2021 Summer Camp Highlights

Fun filled summer! Pool Days, Horsemanship, Arts and Crafts, Water Days, and Field Trips!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In July, both Gators Green and Red softball teams competed in the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section and Special Olympics Illinois Tournaments. The Gators "Green" team placed 2nd at the ITRS tournament and 1st at the Special Olympic tournament. The Gators "Red" team placed 3rd at the ITRS tournament and 4th at the Special Olympic tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well this season and are very proud of their team's success!

August Highlights

Summer Weekly Program Season Recap

Summer Picnic

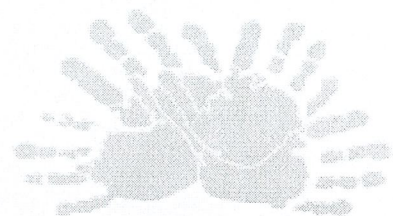
Gators Golf Qualifier

Gators Volleyball Starts

August Special Event Days



IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL
RECREATION GUIDE



Gateway

Special Recreation Association

FALL 2021

Dedication, Respect, Support, FUN!

Easy NEW
Online
Registration!

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Serving the Communities of

~ Village of Hinsdale ~ Elmhurst Park District ~ Burr Ridge Park District ~ Oak Brook Park District
~ Pleasant Dale Park District ~ Village of Countryside ~ Village of Willowbrook
~ York Center Park District ~ Westchester Park District



Gateway Special Recreation Association

Creating Boundless Community Recreation Opportunities Since 1989

Gateway Special Recreation Association (SRA) was formed through an intergovernmental agreement and is an extension of the Park Districts of Burr Ridge, Elmhurst, Oak Brook, Pleasant Dale, Westchester and York Center and the Villages of Hinsdale, Willowbrook, and Countryside. Gateway SRA contracts the services of Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities, a non-profit agency, to provide therapeutic recreation programs. Ray Graham Association has been serving the needs of people with disabilities and their families for more than fifty years.

Gateway SRA promotes the full participation of people with disabilities in meaningful activities that maximize their health, well-being, and quality of life. Recreation is a central component of a healthy lifestyle. This philosophy is carried out through all our recreation and sports programs and services for people with disabilities.

Mission Statement

Gateway SRA strives to expand people's lives through therapeutic recreation activities to reach, grow and achieve.

4 Core Values

Dedication, Respect, Support, FUN!

Board of Directors

Burr Ridge Park District
Jim Pacanowski - Trustee
15W400 Harvester Dr.
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
630.920.1969

Elmhurst Park District
Cindy Szkolka - Trustee
225 Prospect Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126
630.993.8910

Hinsdale Recreation Dept.
Heather Bereckis - Trustee
19 E. Chicago Ave
Hinsdale, IL 60521
630.920.7097

Oak Brook Park District
Michael Contreras - Vice Chair
1450 Forest Gate Rd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523
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Village Of Countryside
Michelle Sullivan - Trustee
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Countryside, IL 60525
708.473.1098

Pleasant Dale Park District
Matt Russian - Secretary
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Burr Ridge, IL 60527
630.662.6220

Westchester Park District
Dean Hoskin - Trustee
10201 Bond St
Westchester, IL 60154
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Willowbrook Parks and Rec.
John Fenske - Chair
835 Midway Drive
Willowbrook, IL 60527
630.323.8215

York Center Park District
Scott Nadeau - Treasurer
1609 South Luther Ave
Lombard, IL 60148
630.629.0886

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
3:00PM AT THE OAK BROOK PARK
DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 1450 FOREST
GATE ROAD, OAK BROOK, IL 60523.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Administration

Ray Graham Association - Hanson Center
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Se Habla Español



Greetings Gateway SRA Community,

In response to the updated guidance for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Executive Order released by Governor Pritzker, Gateway SRA is updating its in-person program guidelines and eligibility requirements. As well as mask requirements and social distancing for individuals participating in Gateway SRA as related to the COVID19 pandemic. With these changes taking place a majority of Gateway SRA in-person programs are at capacity based on available staff and facility availability. A waitlist has been created for certain programs and registrations will be processed in the order it was received.

The option to not wear a face mask by participants who are fully vaccinated is based on the honor system. Gateway SRA will not be requesting vaccination status of participants or team members. Gateway SRA and Ray Graham Association are not permitted to disclose the status of team member vaccination records. All team members will be required to wear a face covering for all indoor programs. By entering a Gateway SRA member park district facility, community event, program or service without a face mask you are verifying that you have been fully vaccinated. Beginning Wednesday, June 16 the following protocols will be in place for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, families, caregivers, spectators, volunteers and team members.

- Outdoor activities for individuals ages 12 and over who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a face covering.
- Indoor activities for individuals ages 12 and over who have been fully vaccinated do not need to wear a face covering.
There are a few exceptions noted below
- Individuals ages 12 and under must continue wearing a face covering while indoor. Team members working with people under the age of 12 will also be required to wear a face covering. Mask "breaks" will be granted while people under the age of 12 are outdoor and can maintain socially distant.
- Individuals over the age of 12 who have chosen not to be vaccinated will be required to wear a face covering in all indoor programs. Outdoors, face coverings must be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- Regardless of vaccination status, please refrain from attending programs if you have been exposed to or showing signs or symptoms of COVID19, including fever chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Face coverings are required for all individuals and team members inside Ray Graham Association buildings. This includes Hanson Center Mize Hall and Elmhurst Community Learning Center.
- Face coverings are required on all Gateway SRA vehicles and other forms of enclosed transportation.
- Face coverings and protective equipment will be required for all personal care for individuals and care givers.
- Gateway SRA will follow guidelines of all facilities utilized for programs and services.
- Face covering guidelines set forth by Special Olympic Illinois for athletes, coaches and spectators.

Gateway SRA reserves the right to ask individuals to wear a face covering during SRA programs and services.

**ALWAYS HAVE A FACE COVERING WITH YOU IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NEEDED.*

We want to thank everyone for their patience while we continue to navigate through the ever changing guidelines set forth by local health authorities. We understand that this year and a half has been full of ups and downs for everyone, and while we are excited to be returning to more programs each week we want to make sure we are doing so in a safe manner for all. We know that some of these guidelines and expectations will still not fully meet the needs of everyone that Gateway SRA supports, but together we are working towards 100% fully operational status. Please continue to communicate with us your comments and concerns. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the recreation team.

Thank you for your continued support of Gateway SRA.

Best Regards,

Ryan Massengill

Superintendent of Recreation, Gateway SRA Ray Graham Association

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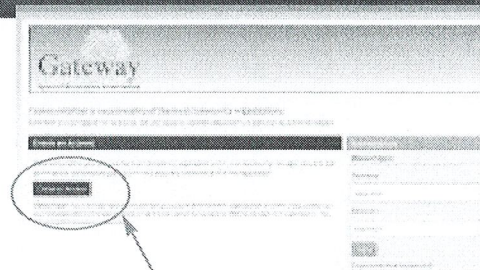


NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SOFTWARE SYSTEM

We are excited to announce that online registration for programs offered by Gateway Special Recreation Association will soon be available online via the CommunityPass registration system!

WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES THAT WILL BE REGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS THAT BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2021 TO CREATE THEIR COMMUNITYPASS ACCOUNT NOW

Online registration for Fall programs will open on August 9, 2021.



To create a new account, register an existing account, login or register for a program, follow the instructions found within this email or on the CommunityPass site.

If you already have an existing Community Pass account with another Organization, please follow these steps to register that account with the GSRA:

1. Go to: <https://register.capturepoint.com/GatewaySRA> OR USE
Click here to go to the Gateway Special Recreation Association CommunityPass site and login to CommunityPass using the login and password for your existing Family account.
2. From the Gateway Special Recreation Association CommunityPass homepage click on the "My Account" tab, select "Update Account Information" and if required, update your profile. If no changes are required, continue to Step 3.
3. On the upper right-hand side of your CommunityPass account, click on the "Log Out" of Community Pass tab. Your account is now active with the Gateway SRA.

How to Create a Family Account:

1. Go to: <https://register.capturepoint.com/GatewaySRA> OR USE
Click here to go to the Gateway Special Recreation Association CommunityPass site and login to CommunityPass using the login and password for your existing Family account.
2. From the Gateway Special Recreation Association CommunityPass login homepage click on the "Create an Account" tab.
3. On the next page complete the "Account Creation" fields and click on Create at the bottom of the page.
4. On the next page you will see the CommunityPass Privacy Statement. After reading, click 'Accept.' Then click 'Finish.'

Please save your login and password for future use. Only one account per family is permitted.

How to Register for Programs Online:

1. Go to: <https://register.capturepoint.com/GatewaySRA> OR USE
Click here to go to the Gateway Special Recreation Association CommunityPass site and login to CommunityPass using the login and password for your existing Family account.
2. Click the 'Click Here to Register' button.
3. Select the program(s) you wish to attend.
4. Select the person registering for the program selected, then 'Continue'.
5. Click on Continue Registering if there are other programs you wish to register for and repeat Steps 5-7
6. When finished with selections, click 'Continue to Checkout'.
7. Please follow the remaining steps to complete your registration including making payment via credit card.

**If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to
Ryan Massengill at 630.325.3857 x110 or ryanm@raygraham.org**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SWIM LESSONS—ALL AGES!

We are back! Splash into the Fall swim lessons at the Y! This program is geared towards beginners on learning the basics. Swimmers will be given one half hour (4:15-4:45 OR 4:45-5:15). You will be notified of your time slot prior to the first week of the program. Gateway does not guarantee a staff; participant ratio of 1:1. Register today! No program 10/11

PROGRAM CODE: 21FY001
DAY: MONDAY
LOCATION: YMCA, Elmhurst
TIME: 4:15PM-5:15PM
DATES: 9/13-12/13
AGES: 5 years old and up
FEE: R - \$166.00 / NR - \$258.00
MIN/MAX: 4/8
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

LITTLE EXPLORERS DAY OUT

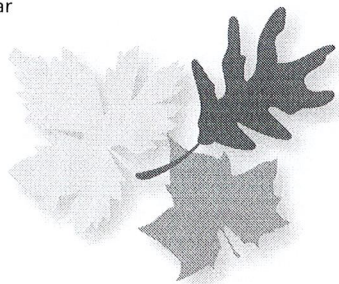
Attention little explorers! Spend the day with your friends as we go on a one-day adventure KIDS Only! What better way to spend Columbus Day with our Gateway friends full of activities and games. Lunch will be provided. Sign up today to get in on the fun!

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE01
DAY: MONDAY
TIME: 10:00AM-3:30PM
DATES: October 11, 2021
AGES: 6-16 years old
FEE: R - \$29.00 / NR - \$46.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 10:30AM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 3:00PM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Join the fun with your friends while we play games, make crafts and end the year the right way full of adventures! Gateway SRA will be hosting Camp Snowflake over Winter Break and you don't want to miss out!

PROGRAM CODE: 21FDC01
LOCATION: Oak Brook Recreation Center
DAY: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
TIME: 9:30AM-3:30PM
DATES: WEEK 1: 12/20-12/22
WEEK 2: 12/27-12/29
AGES: 5-16 years old
FEE: R - \$60.00 / NR - \$117.00 per week
MIN/MAX: 4/10
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar



AUTISM SPECIFIC

RECREATION "SENSE"ATION

Join our weekly adventures! This program is highly structured to meet the needs of individuals who are on the Autism Spectrum. Our program is a combination of sensory, social, music and recreation skill building activities. No program 11/27

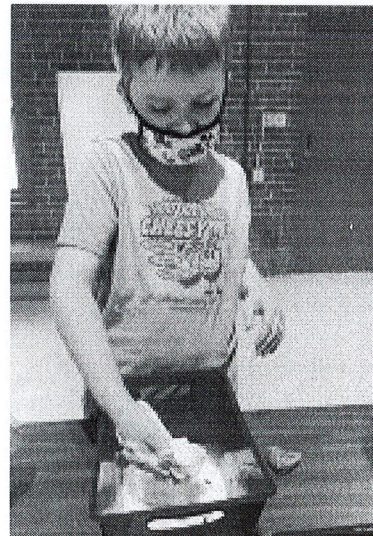
PROGRAM CODE: 21ASY01
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 9:30AM-11:30AM
DATES: 9/18-12/11
AGES: 12-26 years old
FEE: R - \$287.00 / NR - \$645.00
MIN/MAX: 4/6
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 9:30AM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 11:30AM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

PERFORMING ARTS

"THE NIGHT OF THE TALENT SHOW"

Got a talent? Do you enjoy singing, dancing and acting? Then sign up! This year we will be creating our very own production! The show will take place on December 5th for all participant's friends and family! We will record the show and play it for all those registered to see their own performance while enjoying some pizza!

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE07
LOCATION: Bryan Middle School
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 6:00PM-7:30PM
DATES: 11/4-12/16
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$75.00 / NR - \$168.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar



THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

Mount the saddle and get ready. Whether you're new to the saddle or if you've been riding before, this program is for you. Riders will develop balance and rhythm as they feel the movement for the horse. Instructions are individualized to the specific needs of each participant and are oriented toward developing the riders understanding of the principles of horseback riding. Participants will be registered on a first come first serve basis and each rider will receive a 30-minute time slot. Limit 2 riders per session for a total of 6 riders. This program files quickly. Wait list is available if individual drops out, but that is not guaranteed. Once registration is confirmed a letter will be sent home indicating their time slot as well as a Ray Graham Horsemanship waiver.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FHBo1
LOCATION: Hanson Center Barn
DAY: (PENDING)
TIME: 5:00PM-6:30PM
DATES: (dates may change)
AGES: 5 years old and up
FEE: R - \$105.00 / NR - \$236.00
MIN/MAX: 3/6
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar



BOWLING

RECREATION BOWLING

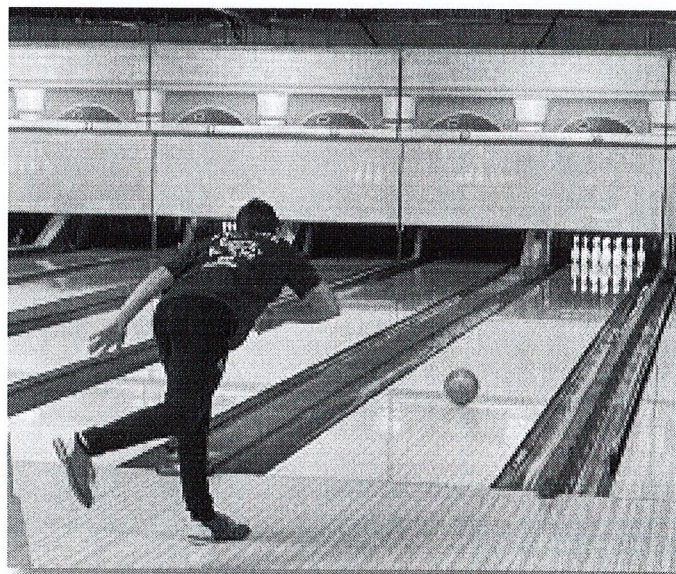
Start your week off with doing a Gateway favorite! Come join your friends and have a striking good time. *Those wanting to compete in Special Olympics bowling, please notify Carolyn Strasen by Sept. 16.*
No Program: 10/11

PROGRAM CODE: 21FBO01
LOCATION: Suburbanite Bowl, Westmont
DAY: MONDAY
TIME: 5:00PM-6:15PM
DATES: 9/13-12/13
AGES: 8 years old and up
FEE: R - \$108.00 / NR - \$243.00
MIN/MAX: 6/12
TRANSPORTATION: Gateway provides transportation from the Hanson Center departing at 4:30PM and returning to the Hanson Center at 6:30PM.
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

SATURDAY SPLIT BOWLING

SATURDAY SPLIT is here again! This favorite program is guaranteed to provide a good time to start your weekend. So, come on out and get "bowled" over by all the fun! No Program: 11/27

PROGRAM CODE: 21FBO02
LOCATION: Suburbanite Bowl, Westmont
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 10:00AM-11:30AM
DATES: 9/18-12/11
AGES: 8 years old and up
FEE: R - \$111.00 / NR - \$249.00
MIN/MAX: 6/12
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

FUN AND FITNESS

Let's get in shape show off our bodies and enjoy the fall! Weights and stretching is part of this class. A Right Fit trainer will lead this program. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Please bring a water bottle. No Program: 10/11

PROGRAM CODE: 21HWO1
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: MONDAY
TIME: 3:45PM-4:30PM
DATES: 9/13-12/13
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$112.00 / NR - \$279.00
MIN/MAX: 4/10
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

GATOR FIT

Join us for an exciting and challenging time at this popular Gator Fit Program! Gateway SRA will be teaming up with Right Fit for a fitness experience that you won't want to miss! Participants should wear comfortable sneakers with good traction and bring a water bottle and a folder. No Program 11/24.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FHW04
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: WEDNESDAY
TIME: 3:45PM-4:30PM
DATES: 9/15-12/15
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$112.00 / NR - \$279.00
MIN/MAX: 4/10
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

TAI CHI

Join us for Tai Chi for beginners! Tai Chi combines slow body movement with breathing exercise to help the mind and body. This will benefit your balance, muscle endurance, flexibility, mental well-being, sleep quality, spacial awareness and many more. The program will be instructed by a professional Master of Tai Chi. Please wear loose clothing and bring your own water bottle.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO03
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 4:00PM-5:00PM
DATES: 9/14-12/14
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$113.00 / NR - \$282.00
MIN/MAX: 6/12
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

PLATFORM TENNIS

Platform tennis is tennis on a fenced in smaller court, using a paddle and tennis ball. This is fun recreational sport that all can enjoy! Please wear comfortable, athletic clothing with gym shoes. Please dress for the weather and bring your own water bottle.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO04
LOCATION: Katherine Legge Park, Hinsdale
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 2:30PM-3:30PM
DATES: 9/16-10/28
AGES: 8 years old and up
FEE: R - \$43.00 / NR - \$69.00
MIN/MAX: 6/8
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

GATOR GROUP

GATOR GROUP

Join us at Gator Group to have fun, meet friends and participate in art, music, fitness, and sport and leisure activities at the Hanson Center. We have made this program more. No Program: 10/11, 11/24, 11/25, 11/26.

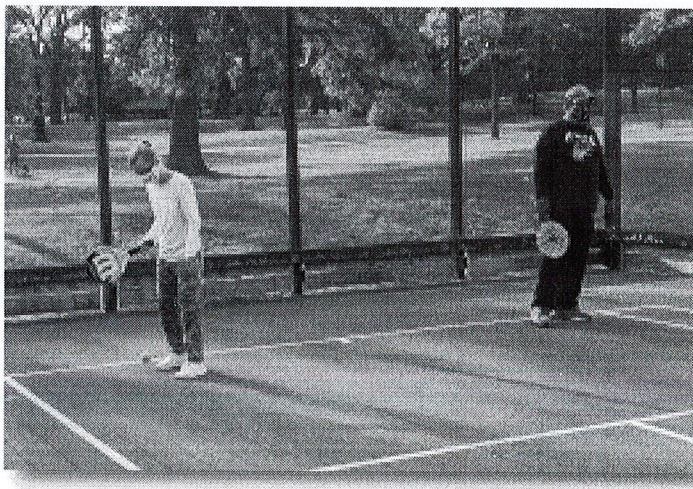
3 Days per Week

PROGRAM CODE: 21FGC01
PROGRAM FEE: R - \$252.00 / NR - \$504.00

2 Days per Week

PROGRAM CODE: 21FGC02
PROGRAM FEE: R - \$168.00 / NR - \$336.00

LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
OR ANY 2 OF THOSE DAYS
TIME: 2:30PM-4:00PM
DATES: 9/13-12/17
AGES: 16 years old and up
MIN/MAX: 2/8
TRANSPORTATION: NONE. Meet at Hanson Center
CONTACT PERSON: Mike Baig



ATHLETICS

*Special Olympics require all athletes to have current and valid medical applications. Contact Carolyn for the most updated forms at carolyns2@raygraham.org or 630.325.3857 x108.

BASKETBALL CLINIC-NEW PLAYERS

This clinic is for those that are new to Gateway basketball, as well as for those who want get in condition for the basketball season. For new Gateway basketball players, this is a team placement clinic- you must attend at least one day of the clinic in order to be placed on a team. Transportation will not be provided. Participants must meet onsite at Oak Brook Park District- Recreation Center building, gym.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO06
LOCATION: Oak Brook Park District
DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 5:00PM-6:00PM
DATES: 10/19, 10/26
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$9.00 / NR - \$20.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

GATORS BASKETBALL

Welcome back to basketball! Basketball is one of the premier Gateway sports, and we're hoping to have a record turnout this year. Team rosters are determined by athletes' skill level. All players who are new to Gateway basketball, you must also register for the Basketball Clinic program. You will receive general program information, roster and a game schedule one week prior to the start of the program via email. Transportation provided for away games only.

No program 12/21 and 12/28.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO09
LOCATION: Elmhurst OR Oak Brook
DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 6:30PM-8:00PM
DATES: 11/9-2/8
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$203.00 / NR - \$384.00
MIN/MAX: 8/52
TRANSPORTATION: Provided for away games only
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

Registration Deadline: September 17

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Want to get that edge? That extra spring in your jump shot? Practice is the key. This program is your chance to build on your basketball skills and team strategy. After team games, this program gives our basketball athletes the opportunity to work on shooting, dribbling and game play. No program 12/23 and 12/30.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO08
LOCATION: Bryan Middle School, Elmhurst
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 7:00PM-8:00PM
DATES: 12/2-1/20
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEES: R - \$35.00 / NR - \$78.00
MIN/MAX: 6/22
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

GATORS SWIM TEAM AND ADVANCED SWIMMING

Gators swim team is back! We are excited to be back in the pool, training for the Special Olympics qualifier! This program also is for the more advanced swimmer. We will focus on stroke technique and breathing technique. We hope you can join us!

No program 11/25.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSO05
LOCATION: Oak Brook Park District
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 4:00PM-5:00PM
DATES: 9/16-12/16
AGES: 8 years old and up
FEES: R - \$38.00 / NR - \$86.00
MIN/MAX: 6/12
TRANSPORTATION: NONE
CONTACT PERSON: Carolyn Strasen

SOCIAL CLUBS

YOUNG ADULTS—NORTH

Join your friends for Friday night fun! Each week a new and exciting activity is planned especially for you. We will rotate one week at the ECLC then out in the community. Our goal is for you to have fun and enjoy fall! A schedule will be sent a week prior to first session.

Friendsgiving is included in the schedule for this social club

Program Code: 21FSCO3
Location: ECLC/VARIOUS
Day: FRIDAY
Time: Evening Hours
Dates: 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10
Ages: 16-28 years old
Fee: R - \$197.00 / NR - \$443.00
Min/Max: 4/12
Transportation: Drop off and pick up times will be on the schedule
Contact Person: Michael Baig

YOUNG ADULTS—SOUTH

Join your friends for Friday night fun! Each week a new and exciting activity is planned especially for you. We will rotate one week at the Hanson Center then out in the community. Our goal is for you to have fun and enjoy fall! A schedule will be sent a week prior to first session.

Friendsgiving is included in the schedule for this social club

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSCO4
LOCATION: Hanson Center/VARIOUS
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: Evening Hours
DATES: 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10
AGES: 16-28 years old
FEE: R - \$197.00 / NR - \$443.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Drop off and pick up times will be on the schedule
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

SOCIAL CLUBS

TUESDAY TRAVELERS

TGIT! We will travel to various locations and events within the suburbs and the city. Do not miss out on your chance to go out on the town with your friends, and enjoy the beautiful fall months! A schedule will be sent out a week before first session. Admission to activities will be paid for by Gateway SRA. Please pack a lunch (or bring money), also bring money for souvenirs if you desire.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSC01
LOCATION: VARIOUS
DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 10:00AM-3:00PM
DATES: 9/14-12/14
AGES: 18 years old and up
FEES: R - \$276.00 / NR - \$621.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 9:45AM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 3:30PM
ECLC Drop Off: 10:00AM & Pick-up 3:00PM
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

SATURDAY BOWLING AND LUNCH

We took 2 of our Saturday favorites and combined them to bring you an amazing fun filled Saturday! First we will join our Saturday Split bowlers for a morning of bowling and then head back to the Hanson Center for lunch. Transportation is provided to/from bowling and lunch from the Hanson Center and Elmhurst Community Learning Center.

No Program 11/27.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FBL01
LOCATION: Suburbanite / Hanson Center
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 10:00AM-1:00PM
DATES: 9/18-12/11
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$302.00 / NR - \$486.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 9:00AM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 1:00PM
Elmhurst Residents (ECLC) Drop Off: 9:30AM
ECLC Pick Up: 1:15PM
CONTACT PERSON: Mike Baig

NORTHERN SOCIAL CLUB

Join your friends for Friday night fun! Each week a new and exciting activity is planned especially for you. We will rotate one week at the ECLC then out in the Community Our goal is for you to have fun and enjoy fall! A schedule will be sent a week prior to first session.

The Monster Mash is included on the schedule for this social club

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSC05
LOCATION: ECLC/VARIOUS
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: Evening Hours
DATES: 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3
AGES: 28 years old and up
FEE: R - \$197.00 / NR - \$443.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Drop off and pick up times will be on the schedule
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

DINERS CLUB—NORTH

Hungry on a Saturday night? Why not get together with some friends and try different foods. A schedule will be sent out a week prior to program.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSC11
LOCATION: VARIOUS
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 6:00PM-8:30PM
DATES: 10/16, 11/13, 12/18
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$65.00 / NR - \$95.00
MIN/MAX: 4/8
TRANSPORTATION: ECLC Off: 6:00PM
ECLC Pick Up: 8:30PM
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

SOUTHERN SOCIAL CLUB

Join your friends for Friday night fun! Each week a new and exciting activity is planned especially for you. We will rotate one week at the Hanson Center then out in the Community Our goal is for you to have fun and enjoy fall! A schedule will be sent a week prior to first session.

The Monster Mash is included on the schedule for this social club

Program Code: 21FSC06
Location: ECLC/VARIOUS
Day: FRIDAY
Time: Evening Hours
Dates: 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3
Ages: 28 years old and up
Fee: R - \$197.00 / NR - \$443.00
Min/Max: 4/12
Transportation: Drop off and pick up times will be on the schedule
Contact Person: Michael Baig

DINERS CLUB—SOUTH

Hungry on a Saturday night? Why not get together with some friends and try different foods. A schedule will be sent out a week prior to program.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSC11
LOCATION: VARIOUS
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 6:00PM-8:30PM
DATES: 10/16, 11/13, 12/18
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$65.00 / NR - \$95.00
MIN/MAX: 4/8
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 6:00PM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 8:30PM
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Baig

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONSTER MASH

Calling all ghosts, goblins and creatures of the night....it is time to come out of the darkness and into the festival for another spooky year. This ghoulishly existing event includes a costume contest, dancing and Halloween related games! Dress in your favorite haunted happening!

This program is included in both Northern and Southern social clubs

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE02
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 7:00PM-9:00PM
DATES: October 29, 2021
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$18.00 / NR - \$27.00
MIN/MAX: 10/25
TRANSPORTATION: ECLC Drop Off: 6:30PM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 9:30PM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

Q-BAR & THE CHICAGO BEARS

Football, food, AND Gateway SRA altogether again?! Wear your Chicago Bears Gear and gather your friends and let's head to Q-Bar to cheer on your Chicago Bears to victory! Join us for an afternoon of friends, wings, games and hopefully a victory all paid for by Gateway, no need to bring extra money just put it on Gateway's TAB!

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE06
LOCATION: Q-Bar
DAY: SUNDAY
TIME: 11:30AM-3:30PM
DATES: September 26, 2021
AGES: 16 years old and up
FEE: R - \$28.00 / NR - \$41.00
MIN/MAX: 4/24
TRANSPORTATION: Meet at Location
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

FRIENDSGIVING

Gobble up the fun tonight! Come on out to the Burr Ridge Recreation Center with your Gateway friends as we celebrate and give thanks to our founding ancestors of this great country! Dinner includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables and pumpkin pie. After dinner we will work off those calories on the dance floor.

*This program is included in both North and South Young Adults.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE03
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 7:00AM-9:00PM
DATES: November 19, 2021
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$26.00 / NR - \$33.00
MIN/MAX: 10/30
TRANSPORTATION: ECLC Drop Off: 6:30PM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 9:30PM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

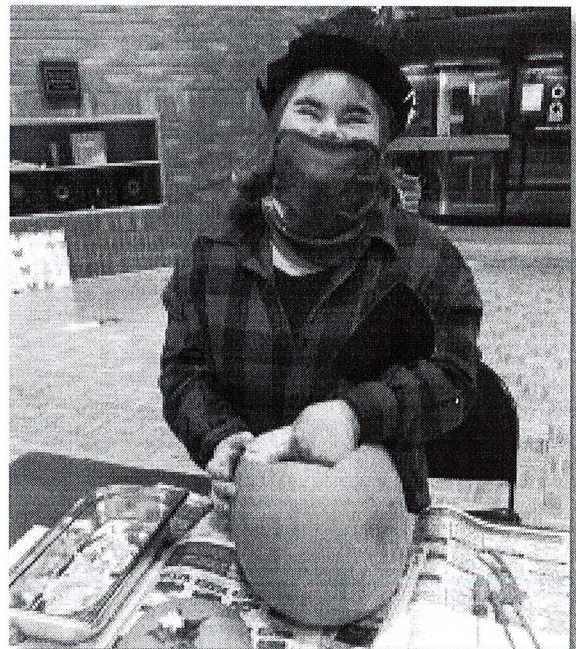
Get ready once again for a fun filled day of shopping for the Holiday gifts! We will head to Woodfield Mall and enjoy a dinner together on Gateway's Tab! Bring your list and extra money if you wish to purchase anything.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE05
LOCATION: Schaumburg
DAY: SATURDAY
TIME: 4:00AM-8:00PM
DATES: December 11, 2021
AGES: 15 years old and up
FEE: R - \$39.00 / NR - \$87.00
MIN/MAX: 4/12
TRANSPORTATION: Hanson Center Drop Off: 4:00AM
ECLC Drop Off: 4:30AM
ECLC Pick Up: 7:30PM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 8:00PM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar

UGLY SWEATER PARTY

Bring out your favorite Ugly Sweater for this party! Gateway SRA will be hosting a night of snacks, beverages, dancing and host thee best ugly sweater contest. What better way to kick off the holiday season.

PROGRAM CODE: 21FSE04
LOCATION: Hanson Center
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 7:00PM-9:00PM
DATES: December 17, 2021
AGES: 13 years old and up
FEE: R - \$21.00 / NR - \$47.00
MIN/MAX: 10/30
TRANSPORTATION: ECLC Drop Off: 6:30PM
Hanson Center Pick Up: 9:30PM
CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Aguilar



GATEWAY SRA VIRTUAL RECREATION

Our popular virtual recreation will be available on a daily basis throughout the 14-week fall programming season. Virtual Recreation programs will begin on Monday, September 13 through Friday, December 10. Registration will be one time only for the entirety of the fall season. We will continue to use ZOOM as our platform to provide our virtual recreation programs. Upon registration, you will receive the login information for each program. You will need to keep this information for the entirety of the summer season. If for some reason there is security breach we will update the zoom login information and email that information. We hope that you continue to enjoy our programs virtually and we look forward to “zooming” with you soon!

MONDAY
11AM – 12PM

GOOD DAY GATORS!

Bring a fun story to share with the group that you did over the weekend.

FEE: \$42

WEDNESDAY
1:30PM – 1PM

WWE RAW RECAP!

We will recap the latest in WWE.

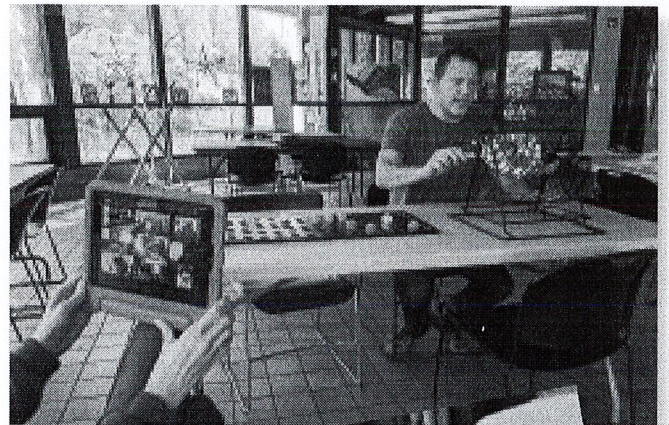
FEE: \$42

FRIDAY
1PM – 1:45PM

BINGO!

Cards will be emailed to address on file after.

FEE: \$39



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Assistance Policy

Gateway Special Recreation believes that every resident should have the opportunity to participate in recreational programs. Gateway will attempt to provide leisure opportunity for residents faced with financial hardship, through affordable fees, as well as through the financial assistance program.

Qualification and Procedure

Proof of financial need must be demonstrated to qualify for financial assistance. Items that will be considered when evaluating need include; current participation in Medicaid, LSNAP, school lunch or subsidized housing programs, excessive medical bills and/or family income.

Persons requesting financial assistance must complete an application form and submit it to the Gateway SRA each season. Applications will be individually reviewed and evaluated. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of a decision.

1. All information submitted is confidential.
2. All information submitted on the application must be true and accurate. Financial assistance awarded on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant will be nullified.
3. All Financial assistance will be awarded on the basis of need and availability of financial assistance funds. Gateway SRA reserves the right to approve full or partial funding or deny applicant's request.
4. All requests for financial assistance will be evaluated by the Superintendent.
5. References and Release of Information of permission must be provided by applicant.
6. Applications must be submitted seasonally with program registration.
7. There are limited funds available. Recipients should notify the office if the participant will be unable to attend the program so the dollars could be made available to other participants. There is a maximum of \$100 per participant per season (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall).
8. No aid is provided for door to door transportation.
9. Payment for the fees not covered by financial aid must accompany the registration form. If aid is not awarded, the difference will need to be paid prior to the start of the program.

GATEWAY (SRA) REFUND POLICY

1. In the event a program is cancelled by Gateway SRA, a refund will be made to all participants.
2. Request for refunds must be made in writing and will be held as a program credit. If a check is desired a \$5.00 service charge will be applied.
3. Credits must be used before the end of the fiscal year, by the end of June.
4. Request for refunds for weekly programs must be applied for one week prior to the beginning of the program.
5. Requesting a refund does not guarantee a refund will be granted.
6. Refunds will not be granted if a participant chooses not to attend once the program is in the session. This is due to facilities being reserved and commitment made to staff.
7. For special events, requests must be applied for two weeks prior to event.
8. For events/trips involving purchase of tickets, contracted services, or specialized/non-returnable supplies, the cost of these will be deducted from the program refund unless the space is filled by another registrant.
9. Vacation and overnight trips may have a non-refundable deposit that is required.
10. A full or prorated refund will be granted if a medical condition prohibits participation. A doctor's note is required for a refund to be processed.
11. All refunds in the form of a check are subject to a \$5.00 service charge.

Gateway Special Recreation Association is not responsible for the timeliness of the program guide delivered to your home.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

GATEWAY (SRA) CODE OF CONDUCT

Gateway SRA strives to promote 'fun for everyone'. In order to accomplish this program goal, certain rules are necessary to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. To ensure the overall safety for all, Gateway SRA participants and team members are to follow and enforce the agencies Code of Conduct. The Association's code states that participants shall show respect to all participants and team members, refrain from using foul language, refrain from causing bodily harm, and show respect to equipment, supplies and facilities. Additional policies may be developed for specific programs. Gateway SRA reserves the right to dismiss participants whose conduct is disruptive, unsafe or otherwise unacceptable. Each situation will be evaluated on its own merit.

The following are the steps that will take place when a participant of a Gateway SRA program uses foul language, physically aggressive towards another person, or exhibits any other actions that comprises other's safety and security while attending any Gateway SRA activity. The purpose of informing and meeting with families is to quickly address and resolve the situation so that all participants can attend and enjoy Gateway SRA programs optimally.

#1 Foul Language

If foul language is used during Gateway SRA programs hours then the parents/guardians will be notified. If foul language continues after notifying the parents/guardians, then a meeting will be scheduled with the parents/guardians to discuss the situation. The participant is not allowed to attend Gateway SRA programs until this meeting has occurred.

#2 Physical Aggression

If any form of aggression occurs at a Gateway SRA program, (i.e. hitting, kicking, pinching, slapping) then the parents/guardians will be notified and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss this situation. The participant is not allowed to attend Gateway SRA programs until this meeting has occurred.

#3 Compromising Actions

Other actions that compromises the safety, security and wellbeing of others included but not limited to exploitation of any kind, misconduct, and/or misrepresentation during any Gateway SRA activity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Personal Expectations

- Participants need to wear appropriate attire for program participation (i.e. athletic fitness clothing, coats/jackets when appropriate, appropriate swim attire, comfortable appropriate shoes).
- Participants need to have clean, dry clothing. For bowel or bladder inconstant please provide additional clean clothing.
- Participants need to pay attention to body odor and overall appearance. Gateway SRA staff will also stress personal hygiene while participating in programs and will not return participants at the end of a program in an unclean manner.

Participant Illness

For the protection of everyone involved at Gateway SRA, participants and staff will follow the advised illness policy and procedure. Please keep your participant at home or will be sent home if he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- A temperature over 100.3 degree
- Stomach ache accompanied by diarrhea or vomiting
- Any undiagnosed rash
- Sore or discharging eyes or ears
- Profuse nasal discharge (green or yellow)
- Highly contagious condition such as chicken pox, measles, lice, etc.

Promptness Is Appreciated

Gateway SRA asks that participant arrive no earlier than designated program time or scheduled pick up time, and that they are picked up promptly at the end of the program or scheduled drop off time. Staff will be unavailable to supervise any unattended participants prior to the start of a program.

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Inclusive Recreation Services

Gateway staff are available to assist individuals interested in participating in their local park district programs. Gateway SRA and the Ray Graham Association promote and encourage positive interaction between persons with and without disabilities. Inclusion activities provide benefits for all. Please note: Unless the program is designated with an asterisk (*) siblings who do not have a disability are welcome to register. People with disabilities are always served first.

Weather Safety

To ensure the safety of Gateway SRA participants in the case of inclement weather, weather safety guidelines have been established. In the event of severe weather, Gateway SRA may make the decision to either cancel programs or transportation in the best interest of participants. Gateway SRA staff will use discretion for all weather warnings and watches. Procedural guidelines have been established for inclement in weather during the Winter/cold and Summer/hot weather.

Inclement Winter or Cold Weather

- During inclement weather (i.e. snowstorms, winter weather advisories, unsafe road conditions) Gateway SRA will make the determination to cancel transportation or to re-schedule the programs.
- Outdoor programs will be cancelled with temperatures of 10 degrees or zero degree wind chills or less.
- Gateway SRA staff will contact participants and families with any changes regarding the status of program once a decision is made. An outgoing message will be left on the Coordinator's voicemail with program status information an hour prior to program.

Inclement Summer or Hot Weather

- If there is a Thunderstorm Watch/Thunderstorm Warning in effect during the timeframe of when an outdoor program is scheduled, Gateway SRA staff will closely monitor weather reports. An outgoing message will be left on the Coordinator's voicemail with program status information an hour prior to program.
- If it is determined that unsafe weather is expected during outdoor program time, Gateway SRA will assess the possibility of an alternate indoor activity. If this is not possible, the outdoor program will be cancelled, and re-scheduled, if possible.
- If a change in weather occurs quickly, participants who could not be contacted prior to the program and who have arrived to the program location will be asked to remain at the location with staff until the weather clears and it is safe to travel. Families/guardians will be contacted in this circumstance.
- Programs outdoors or at an indoor location without air conditioning when there is a heat index of 100 degrees or higher will be re-located to an indoor location if possible. If this is not possible, the program will be cancelled, and re-scheduled, if possible.
- Trips/transportation will be cancelled if the heat index is 110 degrees or higher.

Corrections

While we try to be accurate in our program books, some avoidable errors or changes to the programs, fees, schedules, and information may occur. Gateway apologizes for any inconvenience.

ADA Compliance:

Gateway SRA complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide equal access and participation for people with disabilities.

GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.GATEWAYSRA.COM

Please PRINT!

~Use a separate registration form for each individual~
We accept Check or Credit Card payments.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Disability _____
Birth Date _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Race _____
Park District/Agency _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____
Parents Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Cell Phone Mr./Mrs. _____
Emergency Contact _____
Emergency Phone _____

Program Code	Program Name	Fee
EXAMPLE: 21FBOC01	Recreation Bowling	\$ 108
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Scholarships Awarded or Applicable Credits		\$
Total Due \$		

~Full payment required at registration~

PAYMENT METHODS - CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

All Checks are to be made payable to RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION

PAYMENT BY MAIL: Enclose your registration along with your check or your credit card information and send it to
Gateway SRA - Hanson Center 15w431 E 59th Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 Attn: Ryan Massengill

billing address must be included if different then above

CHECK: Check Amount \$ _____ Check Date ____/____/____ Check Number # _____

Credit Card: A fee of 3% is assessed to the total. ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Add 3% Fee \$ _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____ Total Charge \$ _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This waiver must be signed and returned with each registration.

Gateway SRA and the Ray Graham Association conduct recreation activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. Gateway SRA and the Ray Graham Association continually strives to reduce risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for activities must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward is physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

Warning of Risk

Recreational activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of the participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational activity. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activities, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers, and injuries exist due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction, or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreation activities exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for Gateway SRA and the Ray Graham Association to guarantee anyone's absolute safety.

Please read this information carefully and be aware that, in signing up and participating in Gateway SRA programs, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in these programs to include transportation services and vehicle operation.

As a participant in the Ray Graham Association Gateway SRA programs, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I, my minor child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in these programs. I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I may have, as a result of participating in these programs, against the Ray Graham Association Gateway SRA programs, its officers, directors, trustees, agents, volunteers and employees (collectively, the Released Parties) that may result from participating in these programs. I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless Ray Graham Association and Gateway SRA and the Released Parties, from any and all claims of whatsoever nature arising out of or connect to the activities of these programs."

Precaution will be taken to protect the safety of each participant. In the event of an emergency, the medical release document shall apply. In the event of any emergency, I authorize Gateway SRA and Ray Graham Association employees to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my child/ward's immediate care. I further understand that payment for medical attention and/or hospitalization will be the sole responsibility of the individual in question and/or their parent or guardian.

I have read and understand the warning of risk, assumption or risk and waiver and release of all claims.

In consideration of being allowed and choosing to participate in Ray Graham Association programs (Monarch, Community Learning Centers, Gateway SRA and Therapeutic Horsemanship), the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to an illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While RGA is implementing specific guidelines and practices that may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation in regard to protection against and prevention of infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove my loved one from participation and report such to RGA Team Member; and,
4. I acknowledge that although RGA may provide items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in case I forget mine, it is a requirement and my responsibility to ensure that I have appropriate face coverings, hand sanitizer, and all other PPE that may be necessary to keep me safe. I hold harmless, RGA, for all use, and non-use, of provided PPE.
5. I acknowledge and agree that if I or anyone I live with begin to show symptoms associated with COVID-19, I will notify my RGA Team and I understand I temporarily may not be able to participate in activities.
6. I, for myself/loved one and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS RGA and their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to provide services ("RELEASES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR RESUMING SERVICES, THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

FOR PEOPLE SUPPORTED OF MINORITY AGE OR ADULTS REQUIRING LEGAL REPRESENTATION/SUPPORT (UNDER AGE 18 ADULT UNABLE TO CONSENT ON THEIR BEHALF)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/loved one including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against and prevention of communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/loved one understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/loved one do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releases and myself, my spouse, and child/person supported do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/loved one's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

I have read and understand the warning of risk, assumption or risk and waiver and release of all claims.

Signature of Adult participant (if over 18) _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

**Gateway Special Recreation Association
Participant Information Form**

Health and Contact Information

Participant Name: _____		DOB: _____
Participant Home Phone: _____		
Emergency Contact: _____	Relationship: _____	
Phone Contact: _____	2 nd Phone Contact: _____	
Doctor Name: _____	Doctor Phone: _____	
Food Allergies Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please list: _____		
Does the participant have seizures: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, complete Seizure Questionnaire on back of page		
Describe any other medical conditions or side effects from medication that staff should know about: _____ _____		
Health Insurance Carrier and Plan Type: _____		
Policy Number: _____	ID Number: _____	
Policy Carrier: _____		

Behavior and Participation Information

How does the participant prefer to engage in leisure/recreation activities:			
Alone <input type="checkbox"/>	With 1 or 2 others <input type="checkbox"/>	Group Setting <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do any of the following environmental factors bother or upset the participant (check all that apply):			
Loud Noises <input type="checkbox"/>	Bright Lights <input type="checkbox"/>	Traveling on a vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>	
Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>	Close Proximity to Others <input type="checkbox"/>		
Crowds <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Participants Becoming Upset <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Describe: _____		
Does the participant initiate using a restroom when necessary and do so independently? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If no, describe schedule/assistance needed: _____			
Is there a behavior issue that poses a safety concern for the participant and/or others? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please describe: _____			

Complete Other Side and Return Completed Form Along with Registration Form

How frequently does the behavior(s) occur? Hourly ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐

When this behavior occurs, what strategies are most helpful in calming the person and keeping everyone safe?

Are there any strategies or techniques that staff should avoid using? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, describe:

What does the participant find positively reinforcing?

Seizure Information

In the event of a seizure lasting more than 1 minute or other medical emergency, Gateway staff will contact 911. The below information will be given to First Responders.

Does the participant have a history of seizure activity? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, complete below:

Current Seizure Medication Name

Dosage

Seizure type (please check):

Absence ☐

Simple Partial ☐

Complex Partial ☐

Atonic ☐

Generalized ☐

How often do seizures generally occur:

More than 1 seizure daily ☐

1 or more seizures weekly ☐

Monthly ☐

Less than monthly ☐

How many minutes does a typical seizure last:

Describe any symptoms that may occur prior to the onset of a seizure (i.e., smells, stomach pain, fear, sounds) and/or any other important information about seizure activity:

Return Completed Form Along with Registration Form

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Financial Assistance Application

This form must be completed and returned to GSRA. Applications received prior to the registration deadline will be given first consideration for assistance. Financial assistance funds are limited. Partial, delayed or divided payments are encouraged whenever possible. All information is confidential and not a matter for public records, however references will be checked. Following verification of information supplied, applicant will be notified as to disposition of request.

Name of Participant _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Park District/Village _____ Township _____

Person Completing Application _____

Relationship to Participant _____

Type of Assistance Requested

_____ Partial Financial assistance Amount able to Pay \$ _____

_____ Full Financial assistance

_____ Payment Plan: 50% of full fees due upon registration, balance due upon first session of class

Assistance Requested For:

Program Name	Program Code	Program Fee
Total Dollar Amount Requested		\$
GSRA Financial Assistance Award		\$

Please check items to indicate financial need and attach documentation

_____ Public Aid/Medicaid Aid No. _____

_____ Food Stamps Case No. _____

_____ School Lunch Program School _____

_____ Subsidized Housing

_____ Household family income in compliance with Cook or DuPage County Section 8 Assistance Payment Program.
Enclose copy of recent check stub(s).

_____ Excessive Medical Bills. Please explain:

_____ Other Financial Difficulties. Please explain:

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Do you receive or participate in the following programs:

_____ Home Based Services

_____ Dupage Work Group

_____ Respite Voucher

References: Please provide two references (i.e. social service agencies, schools, employer, physicians or other) must be provided and permission given below for them to supply GSRA with information regarding applicant's financial need. Provision of detailed reference information below will expedite the process.

Agency Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Contact Name
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1. _____

2. _____

Release of Information Permission: _____ Yes _____ No

For references provided to supply GSRA with information regarding financial need.

I certify that the above information is true, correct and complete, and authorize Gateway Special Recreation Association to conduct reference checks to verify accuracy of information.

Signature	Date	Printed Name
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Join the **GATEWAY GATORS**
in support of The Monarch Walk

SAVE THE DATE 9-26-2021

RGA'S FRIENDS & FAMILY FUNDRAISING EVENT!

The Monarch Walk



benefiting
Ray Graham
Association

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Empowering people with disabilities
to reach, grow and achieve!



Register For
TEAM GATEWAY GATORS
TODAY at:

www.TheMonarchWalk.org

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WE'RE HIRING

WHERE WORK MEETS PLAY:

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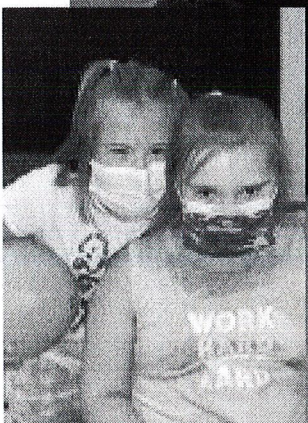
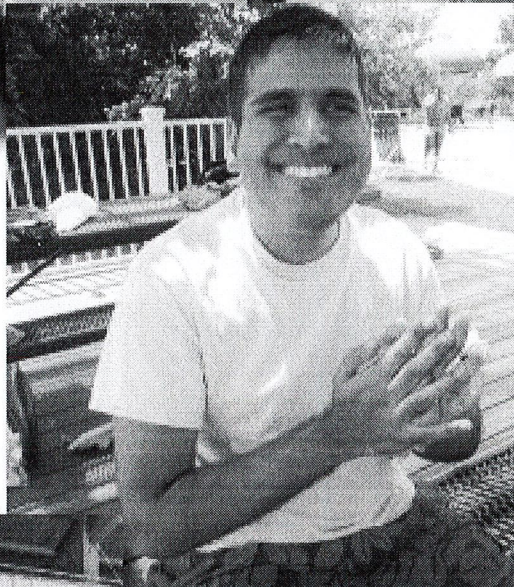
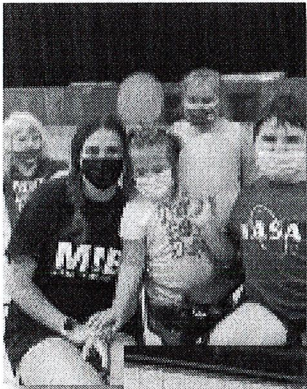
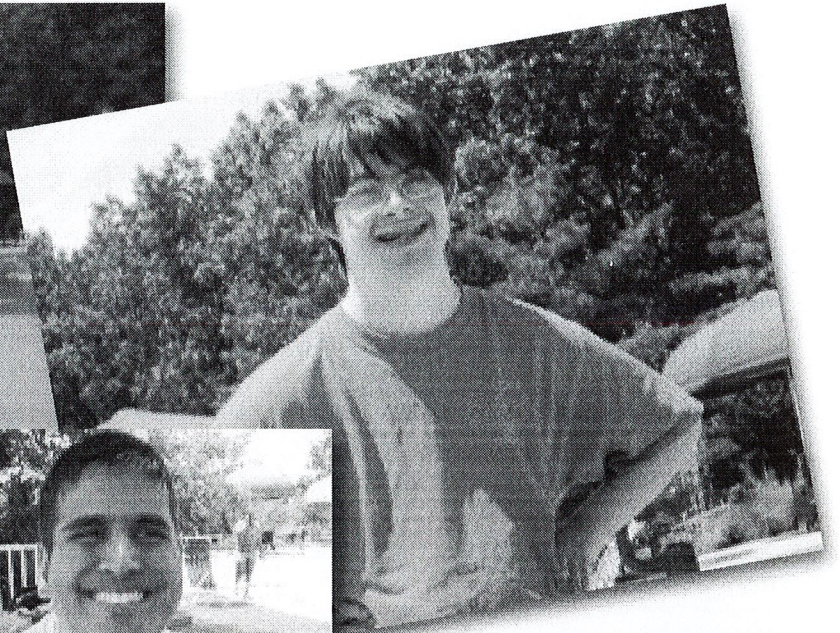
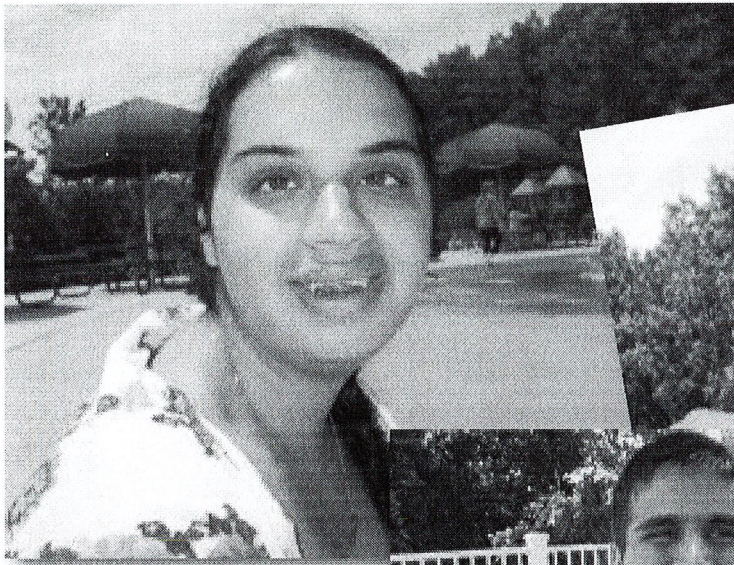
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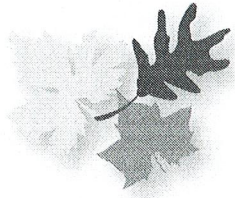
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Eat. Sleep. Play. Grow.



*Thank you for a great summer
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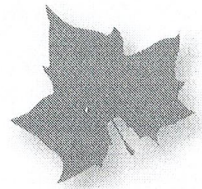
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Hanson Center: 630.325.3857

Fax: 630.325.3891

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www.gatewaysra.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

26 – Q-Bar & The Chicago Bears

OCTOBER

11 – Little Explorers Day Out, 29 – Monster Mash

NOVEMBER

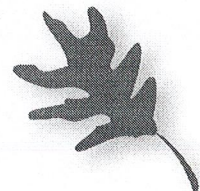
19 – Friendsgiving

DECEMBER

11 – Shop Till You Drop, 17 – Ugly Sweater Party

20-22 – Camp Snowflake Week 1

27-29 – Camp Snowflake Week 2





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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2021

TO: Chairman Waverley and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation

RE: August Staff Report

The following is a summary of activities completed by the Parks & Recreation Department during the month of August.

The Lodge at KLM Park

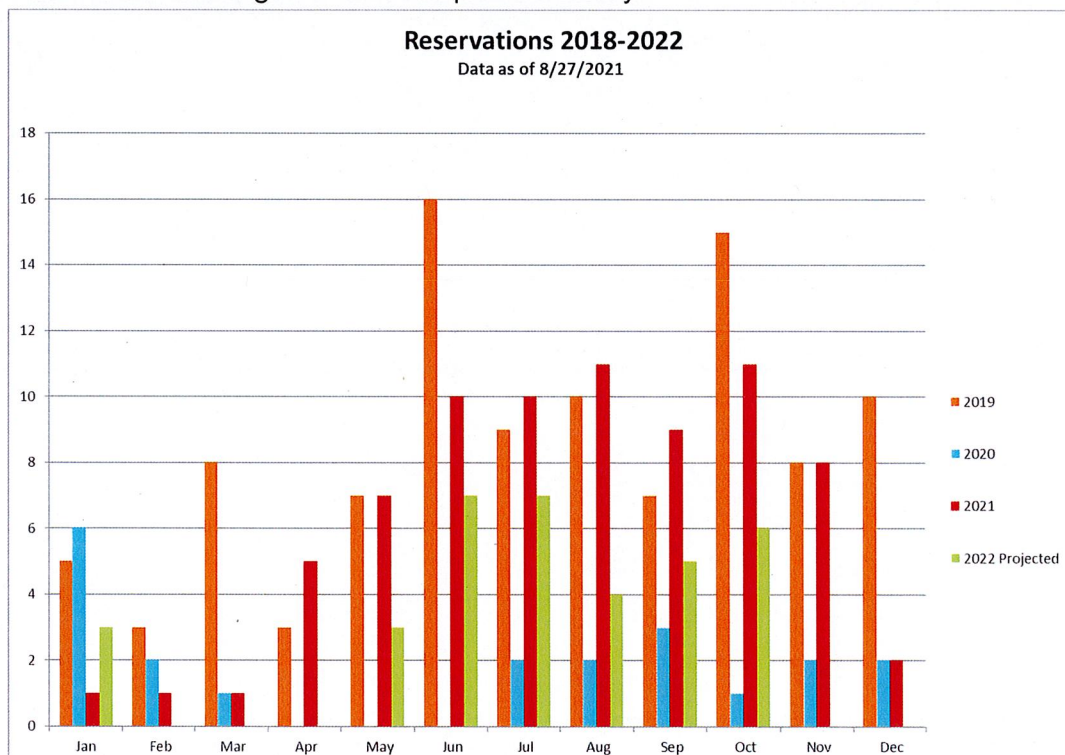
Preliminary gross rental and catering revenue for the calendar year-to-date is \$102,663. Rental revenue for the eighth month of the 2021 calendar year was \$17,933. The late summer and fall months at the Lodge are fully booked on weekends. Staff is working to secure weekday rentals, and most recently rented the kitchen to a caterer that lost their kitchen space during the pandemic. The caterer will be using the kitchen space during the week while staff is onsite through the end of the year.

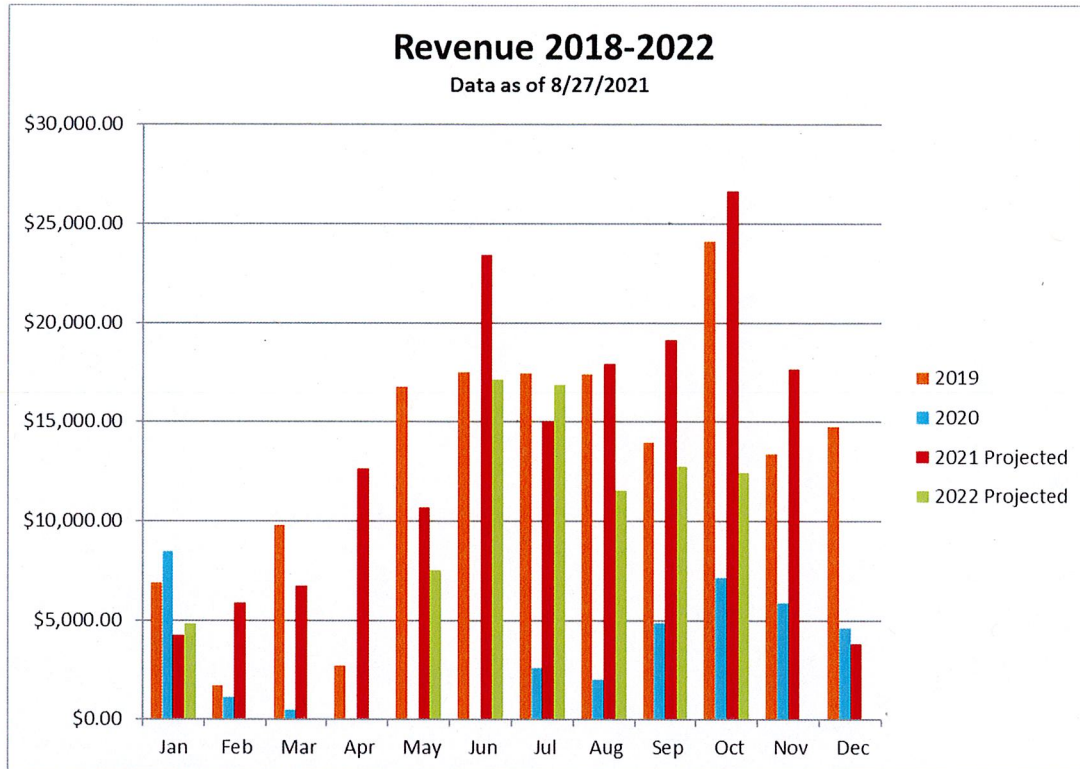
REVENUES	August		YTD		Change Over the Prior year	2021 Annual Budget	CY 21 % of budget	CY 2020 Annual Budget	CY 20 % of budget
	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year					
The Lodge Rentals	\$2,000	\$17,933	\$14,700	\$96,538	\$81,838	\$145,000	67%	\$150,000	10%
Caterer's Licenses	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,839	\$6,125	\$3,286	\$15,000	41%	\$15,000	19%
Total Revenues	\$2,000	\$18,933	\$17,539	\$102,663	\$85,124	\$160,000	64%	\$165,000	11%
EXPENSES	August		YTD		Change Over the Prior year	2021 Annual Budget	CY 21 % of budget	CY 2020 Annual Budget	CY 20 % of budget
	Prior Year	Current Year	Prior Year	Current Year					
Total Expenses	\$8,463	\$9,821	\$70,962	\$92,846	\$21,884	\$151,000	61%	\$236,243	30%
Net	(\$6,463)	\$9,112	(\$53,423)	\$9,817	\$63,240				

MEMORANDUM

The Lodge Gross Monthly Revenues						
Month	2016/17 FY	2017/18 FY	2018/19 FY	2019/20 FY	2020 CY	2021 CY
May	\$ 12,200	\$ 9,725	\$ 13,675	\$ 16,744	\$ -	\$ 10,675
June	\$ 22,845	\$ 12,495	\$ 23,045	\$ 17,494	\$ -	\$ 23,425
July	\$ 12,550	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,874	\$ 17,466	\$ 2,625	\$ 15,000
August	\$ 11,500	\$ 18,555	\$ 15,205	\$ 17,395	\$ 2,000	\$ 17,933
September	\$ 12,645	\$ 15,410	\$ 27,860	\$ 13,980	\$ 3,600	
October	\$ 21,045	\$ 15,180	\$ 12,770	\$ 24,085	\$ 8,400	
November	\$ 6,700	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,450	\$ 13,365	\$ 5,880	
December	\$ 13,457	\$ 8,125	\$ 9,125	\$ 11,975	\$ 10,615	
January	\$ 4,624	\$ 18,089	\$ 6,855		\$ 8,475	\$ 4,250
February	\$ 4,550	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,725		\$ 1,100	\$ 5,880
March	\$ 5,944	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,804		\$ 500	\$ 6,720
April	\$ 4,300	\$ 7,482	\$ 2,700		\$ -	\$ 12,655
total	\$ 132,360	\$ 143,101	\$ 153,088	\$ 132,504	\$ 43,195	\$ 96,538

The graph below shows the past three years of Lodge revenue and the upcoming year's projections. Future projections are based on what is currently booked. Also included is a graph indicating the number of monthly reservations. Typically, events are booked 6-18 months in advance of the rentals; however, if there are vacancies, staff will accept reservations within 5 days of an event. These tracking devices are update monthly.





Upcoming Brochure & Events

Staff is working to compile the winter/spring brochure. The fall brochure went live online on July 26, with hard copies delivered in early August. Registration began on August 2. Staff is seeing an increase in event registrations over previous years, including a waitlist for Breakfast with Santa of over 50 people, prompting staff to add a second event called Pizza with Santa the evening before.

Special Events

August events included a Book Walk in Robbins Park, August 6-23; Movie in the Park at Robbins Park on August 20 featuring *The Wizard of Oz*; Lunch on the Lawn in Burlington Park on August 4 featuring Dan Gogh's Magic and Art Show; and Unplug & Play at KLM Park for a Glow Walk. All events were well attended and received glowing praise from attendees.

Upcoming events include:

- Fall Park Clean-Up Day.....Thursday October 7, 4pm @ multiple parks
- Hinsdale Fall Family Festival..... Saturday October 16, 11am @ Robbins Park
- Hinsdale Turkey Trail.....November, throughout town

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Field & Park Updates

Fields

Staff is still adding last minute fall field rentals. Fall users will include, AYSO soccer, Falcon football, The Community House flag football, St. Isaacs's football, lacrosse groups, fall baseball, and travel soccer groups. Fall Field rentals will run from late August through late November.

Parks

Burns Field Park has a new SaveStation with AED installed. This was a donation from the Just1Mike foundation in honor of Michael Brindley. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 21, 5:30pm at the park.

Pool

Pool passes went on sale May 1 online and May 3 in person. Below is an overview of current pool pass sales and daily visits. A detailed pool report will be presented at the November P&R Commission meeting.

	August 19, 2019 2019 Pass Revenue					August 20, 2021 2021 Pass Revenue			
	New Passes	Renew Passes	Total	Revenue		New Passes	Renew Passes	Total	Revenue
Resident									
Nanny + Nanny Super	46	32	78	\$4,440		48	10	58	\$3,480
Family Primary	101	172	273	\$80,415		188	92	280	\$83,112
Family Secondary	329	610	939			563	341	904	
Individual	7	7	14	\$1,855		7	4	11	\$1,360
Senior Pass	12	23	35	\$2,720		20	18	38	\$2,960
Family Super	78	19	97	\$4,850				0	
Resident Total	573	863	1436	\$94,280		826	465	1291	\$90,912
Neighborhood									
Neighbor Family	70	60	130	\$48,020		118	49	167	\$61,705
Neighborhood Individual	3	1	4	\$1,020		6	2	8	\$1,920
Neighbor Addtl	239	207	446			395	185	580	
Neighborhood Total	312	268	580	\$49,040		519	236	755	\$63,625
Non-Resident									
Non Resident Family	0	1	1	\$515		10		10	\$5,075
Non Resident Family Secondary	6	4	10			40		40	
Non Resident Individual	1	0	1	\$285		6		6	\$1,635
Non Resident Senior	6	7	13	\$2,015		10	2	12	\$1,860
Non Resident Nanny	19	10	29	\$2,520		22	5	27	\$2,340
Non-resident Total	32	22	54	\$5,335		88	7	95	\$10,910
10-Visit	261		261	\$20,738		302		302	\$24,118
TOTAL				\$169,393					\$189,565



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Daily Fee Revenue							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
May	\$935	\$3,742	\$2,129	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 901.00		\$ 284.00
June	\$10,959	\$16,036	\$14,910	\$ 17,607.00	\$ 10,644.00		\$ 15,590.00
July	\$18,970	\$17,702	\$19,640	\$ 18,371.00	\$ 33,793.00		\$ 32,049.00
August	\$14,037	\$12,424	\$7,959	\$ 18,106.00	\$ 14,298.00		\$ 30,891.00
Sept	\$3,078	\$9,740	\$1,331	\$ 2,374.00	\$ 1,300.00		
Total	\$47,979	\$59,644	\$45,969	\$ 64,025.00	\$ 60,936.00	\$ 78,450.00	\$ 78,814.00



7a.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2021

TO: Chairman Waverley and the Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
John Finnell, Superintendent of Parks & Forestry

RE: Ice Rink Options

Staff has completed an assessment options for the 2021/2022 winter ice rink at Burns Field. Details of these options are outlined below.

Maintain Current Ice Rink Location/Structure

The current rink location at Burns Field is adjacent to the warming hut and platform tennis courts. The rink is 190'x90' in size; to make ice it is necessary for the ground surface to be frozen and for at least 6 consecutive days of temperatures at or below 32 degrees during the day time and overnight hours. This longer time frame is due to the change in elevation of the ground area where the rink is installed.

The current NiceRink system is in good condition and is able to be reused, but a new liner will need to be purchased. We do not yet know if there will be warming hut hours due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic.

Last season there were a number of vandalism issues including damage to the rink liner and ice. Staff was able to repair most of this damage, but only after investing nearly 100 man-hours to do so. Though the ice rink was not able to open in late 2020, the rink opened over MLK Jr. weekend in 2021 and had 33 operational days before closing on March 1.

Relocating the Ice Rink to Burns Field Tennis Courts

Staff has explored the relocating the ice rink to the tennis courts. This area has a lesser grade, requiring less water and quicker freeze time for the rink. The area is also secured by fencing that would be able to be locked when the rink is closed, hopefully deterring vandalism. Based on information received from Clarendon Hills Park District (CHPD), who erects two rinks on tennis courts in Prospect Park, the freeze time is lessened by approximately two days.

There are a number of obstacles to using the tennis courts though. First is that the courts are not lit. This would require the Village to bring in lighting. Staff secured a quote on two



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portable tower lights, at \$1,380/month (\$690/each). The weekly fee is \$250/each. These are diesel towers, though very quiet, and have a run time of approximately 150 hours. The towers can also be set on timers. Additionally there is \$400 delivery/pick up fee, and a fueling fee of \$150. The total for one month of lights would be \$1,930.

Another issue is the securing of the rink system. CHPD indicated they have to drill holes into their courts to secure the system, which is the same NiceRink system the Village has. Staff has concerns with doing this, as the courts are newer and the holes can cause further cracking on the court surface.

Due to the tennis net posts being permanent, the rink would need to sit on one or both sides of the posts. A rink on one side would be approximately 190'x60' but if two rinks were preferred, a second liner and rink system would need to be purchased. The cost per liner is approximately \$3,500 and a second rink system would cost approximately \$11,000.

Synthetic Ice

Staff contacted five local companies to explore the option synthetic ice. Synthetic ice is a solid polymer material designed for skating using normal metal-bladed ice skates. Rinks are constructed by interlocking panels approximately 4'x4' in size. Every vendor staff spoke with noted the following items as issues with synthetic ice:

- Expensive, approximately \$15-28/sq. ft. For a rink 40'x60' (2,400 sq.ft.) in size, this would cost \$36,000-\$67,200. This would be the maximum size for a rink in Burlington Park. For the existing rink at Burns Field (190x90, 17,100 sq.ft.), the cost would range from \$256,500 to \$478,800.
- Friction, the lower the quality of the panels the more friction and less skateable the surface is after each period of use. Even high quality panels show wear over multiple seasons. Purchasing replacement panels is the easiest solution for this issue.
- Lifespan, unpredictable. Can be as short as 1 season, some have lasted 15+ years.
- Synthetic ice requires a completely flat surface. This prevents the panels from shifting and/or breaking.
- Permanent location, to help extend lifespan. All vendors stated that in order to get multiple seasons from the synthetic ice, that it should be installed and not removed. Removing, storing, and reinstalling results in some type of damage or inability to reuse, in their experience.



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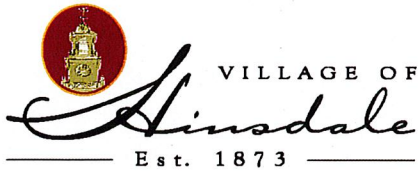
Staff did discuss with each vendor, the possibility of sponsoring a temporary synthetic ice rink for Burlington Park over the holidays, but none have opted to do that at this time. Based on the cost and other requirement for synthetic ice, staff does not recommend investing in this option.

Also of note during these conversations with ice rink professionals is that none of them were able to establish a water based system (like Hinsdale current does, prior to January 10 over the past 5 years). Staff is including weather data with this memo.

Chilled Ice

Staff spoke with Rob Sperl, Director of Parks & Planning for the Wheaton Park District, who operate two chilled rinks, one for open skate and one for hockey. The open skate rink is 55'x160' and the hockey rink is 48'x125'. Attached to this memo is documentation on their rinks for your review. Also included is pricing estimate for Winnetka Park District. As a quick highlight, the cost of the chiller and piping system is \$275,000 for Wheaton and \$178,794 for Winnetka. The systems in Wheaton were partially funded through a grant.

While having a chilled system would allow ice in temps 55 degrees and below, the cost is quite prohibitive. If this is the route the Village would like to go, it's recommended to apply for qualifying grants to help assist in offsetting costs.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2021

TO: Chairman Waverley and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Maggie South, Administrative Assistant
Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

RE: Proposed Changes to Picnic Reservation Policies and Fees

Staff is recommending changes to our current picnic shelter reservation plan. This will streamline the reservation process, has potential for increased revenue, and aligns the Village with other local parks and recreation agencies.

Current Procedure:

- **Reservations:** Reservations can be made over the phone or in person. Once a permit has been issued, patrons have ten business days in which to return a signed copy of their permit along with their payment. We do not require a security deposit at the time of reservation.
- **Fees:** Fees are currently assessed on a resident/non-resident basis, as with most recreation programs. Fees are outlined in the table below. Rental fees have not been changed since 2016, when fees were raised \$50 across all categories.
- **Policies:** Currently, alcohol, smoking, and inflatables (bounce houses, slides, etc.) are prohibited. Grounds space can be requested for grounds of 30 or less, which does not include a specific area or shelter. Renters can also request a tent permit.

Current Picnic Fees		
Facility	Resident/NFP	Non-Resident
North Shelter	\$100	\$160
South Shelter	\$150	\$210
Grounds Only	\$60	\$100
Tent Permit	\$100	\$150

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Why Change:

- **Non-payment of Fees:** Under the current policies, it is difficult to manage those who choose not to pay their permit fees. Despite multiple calls, mailings, and e-mails, renters may choose not to return a signed permit and their rental fees, but staff has no way to prevent these people from using the park space without a permit. This has caused issues when the space is rebooked after ten days, and leads to conflict between rental parties who both feel entitled to the space.
- **Potential Misuse of Space:** Currently, we do not hold a credit card number or check for a security deposit. In the event of damage to the space, there is little to no way to guarantee that the responsible parties will be held financially liable for the damage.
- **Fees:** Reservation fees have not been updated in five years. With increasing minimum wage rates, maintenance of the space is also increasing. Updating fees would increase revenue and help offset expenses.

Proposed Changes:

- **Reservations:** Staff recommends moving to an in-person reservation system. This would enable staff to collect payment and completed permits at the time of reservation, as well as allow us to verify residency or non-profit status at the time of reservation.
- **Deposits:** A nominal fee should be collected to ensure renters leave the pavilions in their current condition.
- **Increase of Fees:** As previously mentioned, fees have not been increased in five years. Fees should be increased in line with other local park agencies. Proposed fee changes and comparable facilities are included in the chart below.
- **Eliminate Tent and Grounds Only Permits:** As a rule, staff avoids allowing park patrons to stake anything into the ground, such as a tent. Additionally, tent permits are rarely, if ever, requested. Grounds permits are also only requested once or twice a year, but they are difficult to permit as there is no dedicated "grounds" are for permit holders.

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Local Picnic Rental Comparisons				
Park	Number of People	Resident Rate	NR Rate	Deposit Required
Darien				
Meyer Woods	15-75	\$ 100	\$ 175	\$ 150
DCP North	15-100	\$ 100	\$ 175	\$ 150
Smart Oaks	15-100	\$ 100	\$ 175	\$ 150
DCP South	15-200	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 200
Oak Brook Terrace				
Terrace View Park	100	\$ 150	\$ 240	N/A
Dorothy Drennan Park	100	\$ 150	\$ 240	N/A
Heritage Park	100	\$ 150	\$ 240	N/A
Western Springs				
All picnic facilities	<100	\$ 150	\$ 250	Yes
All picnic facilities	>200	\$ 300	\$ 500	
LaGrange Park				
All picnic facilities	<100	\$20/hr	\$40/hr	\$ 100
Downers Grove				
Hummer Park	100	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 100
McCollum Park	120	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 100
Westmont				
Ty Warner Park	0-100	\$ 200	\$ 275	\$ 100
	101-150	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ 100
Veterans Memorial Park	0-100	\$ 175	\$ 250	\$ 100
	101-150	\$ 225	\$ 325	\$ 100
Diane Main Park	0-75	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 75
Elmhurst				
All picnic facilities	35-50	\$ 94	\$ 150	\$ 40
Oak Brook				
Central Park Pavilion	30	\$ 75	\$ 90	N/A
Westchester				
All picnic facilities	20-49	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 30
	50+	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 30
Hinsdale				
KLM North	0-80	\$ 100	\$ 160	N/A
KLM South	0-150	\$ 150	\$ 210	N/A

Proposed Fees:

All proposed fees are based on actual revenues from 2019, as we were unable to rent picnic space for much of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal sets a flat fee for a five-hour rental as well as proposed security deposits. For this projection, I have increased fees by \$50, and set the security deposit fees as 50% of the rental cost.

Proposed Picnic Fees			
Facility	Resident/NFP	Non-Resident	Deposit
North Shelter	\$150	\$210	\$ 75
South Shelter	\$200	\$260	\$ 100



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2021

TO: Chairman Waverley and the Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Heather Bereckis, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation

RE: KLM Dog Park

Edward James Company (James) the developer of the Hinsdale Meadows project at 55th and Countyline Rd has asked Village Staff to consider a fenced dog park at Katherine Legge Memorial Park (KLM) in lieu of additional lacrosse fields. The Village Board of Trustees (VBoT) is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Commission review this option and provide a recommendation. As you are aware James had agreed to provide up to three (3) leveled lacrosse fields at KLM and to date has completed one (1) of three (3) fields in the northeast section of park. James has provided a proposal plan and would fully fund the cost of this dog park. The intent of a dog park would be to eliminate off-leash dog hours at Katherine Legge Memorial Park (KLM) and replace this with a controlled access, fenced-in dog area. A fenced dog park will create a safer environment for park users, dogs, and dog owners.

Current Dog Usage and Issues at KLM Park

Currently, KLM allows dogs to run off leash north of the creek in the park during specific ordinance hours. By ordinance, the current dog access to KLM is restricted from 5am-9am/7pm-10pm March 1-October 31, and 5am-10am/5pm-10pm November 1-February 28. Other restrictions include limiting access to the western park pathway, dogs remaining on leash until they are north of the creek and be within physical proximity to owner and under voice command if off leash, no more than two dogs per handler, and dogs must be collared and displaying appropriate licensing and proof of rabies vaccinations. Village staff struggles daily with compliance of these rules.

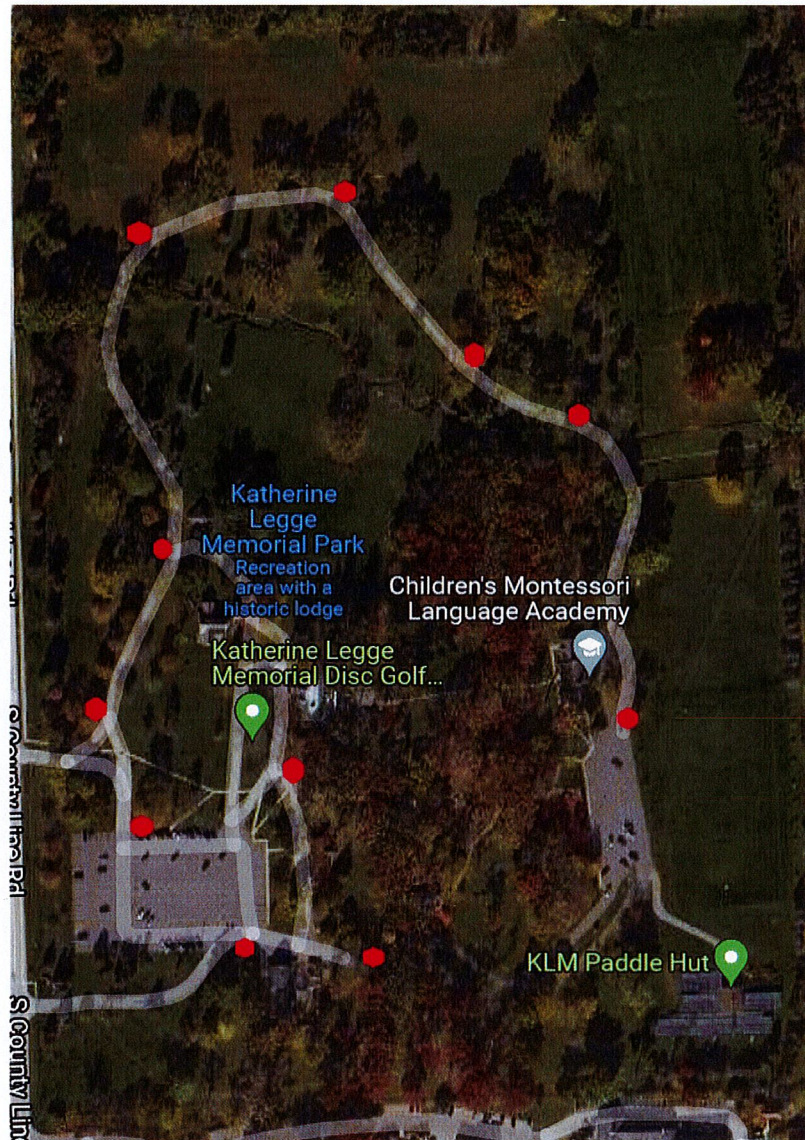
Park users have left a variety of negative reviews on social media and the internet related to aggressive dogs, owners not abiding by rules, feces all over the park, lack of full fencing, and interruption of events like sporting games and weddings. Since June 2019 the Police Department (PD) has fielded an average of 2 calls a month to the Park for dog related issues. These issues have been consistent and occurring since the at least the mid 2000's. More recent calls have dealt with aggressive dogs, dog fights, dogs knocking over children from the Montessori school, dogs interrupting weddings, and dogs digging holes. From October 2020, to May 2021, the PD had to staff an officer at the park daily to ensure the special education Transition Program students from D86 could safely enter the Lodge without dogs approaching and jumping on them.

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In early October 2020, Public Services staff spent nearly 24 hours of staff time filling in over 100 holes dug in the park. These holes were spread out over the lacrosse fields and cross country running path, posing significant danger and liability issues. They completed a similar task in the early spring 2021.



The above signs were created and installed in 2019. There are five of these signs in the park, all are adjacent to the parking lots and entrances to the park. These signs are in addition to the original off leash ordinance signs that are posted throughout the park. The new larger signs with clear delineation of allowed access were posted to help mitigate the surge in calls and off-leash issues the park was experiencing. These signs have not shown to be of any real deterrence to the existing issues. Below is a map showing where all forms of permanent signage are posted



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Other regular park patrons also have concerns with the current dog usage, including The Lodge, Platform Tennis, and the Montessori School. The Lodge at KLM Park records weekly issues with dogs being off-leash and running through weddings, programs, and other events. Staff generally tries to handle these issues on their own, but at times has called the PD out to enforce.



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The Montessori school approached staff with complaints about dogs six times during June-November of 2019. Preschoolers were being approached by dogs, with one even being knocked over and injured. Staff responded by posting the additional signage as well as being present in the park for a number of days to talk with patrons and provide them brochures on usage of the space. The Montessori also purchased a number of yard signs to place around their building to help curb the problem. Platform Tennis has noted a number of instances when dog have been running on the courts or near the pathways to their courts. One complaint included an adult being knocked over by a large, aggressive dog.

Staff also fields regular calls from dog owners. These calls range from complaints of lawnmowers in the park and dog chasing them, to disc golfers accidentally hitting a dog or owner during play, dog hours not being long enough, lack of fencing, aggressive dogs, and complaints of other owners not cleaning up after their dogs.

Proposed Changes/Addition of Dog Park at KLM

Under the terms of the proposed plan, the dog park would be located in the southwest corner of the KLM park in an area south of the parking lot. It would consist of an approximately 3.35 acre area enclosed with a six-foot, powder coated chain link fence, with access controlled by a key fob electronic access system.

The proposed dog park area has little park utility value and is located close to the parking lot. This would minimize the need for dogs to travel through the park and less opportunity for dogs to interfere with other park activities. Moreover, while the proposed area is smaller in size to the area where dogs are currently allowed (see chart below), it is comparable or larger than other area dog parks. The fenced dog area would eliminate the need to regulate the hours that dogs are allowed in the park. An electronic access system would allow the Village to regulate access to the dog park and potentially charge an annual access fee.

A designated fenced dog park will improve the safety of all park users and dogs. With no control of the area dogs can roam, and no assurance they are registered and vaccinated, park users and dogs are in jeopardy of injury or disease. A fenced area would eliminate many of the aforementioned issues. Requiring users of the fenced dog park to be permitted also allows the Village to verify the dog is current on vaccinations, helping prevent the spread of disease among dogs. A fenced area would also allow dogs to be at the park during all hours the park is open. Currently patrons of the park complain that the hours are too restrictive.

Permits could be sold to anyone wishing to have access, and once paid they would receive remote access capabilities that opens the gates. KLM is the only free, off-leash dog area in the surrounding community. Staff have proposed a fee schedule as indicated below.

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Municipality Dog Park	Park Size	Cost for Dog Park Membership	Amenities
Hoffman Estates Bo's Run & Freedom Run Dog Park	Freedom Run--4 acres Bo's Run--2 acres	\$74/\$109 for both parks Add'l dog \$25/\$30 \$49/\$69 for one park Add'l dog \$15/20	small dog park area agility equipment dog water service entrance holding areas waste disposal bags picnic tables swipe card entry
Oak Park Maple Park Dog Park	12,000 square feet	Residents- Free up to 2 dogs Nonresident 1st dog---\$20 Add'l dog \$10	crushed granite surface canine water station Benches swipe card entry
Miller Meadow in Forest Park Cook County Forest Preserve	3 acres	\$60 Cook County Residents \$120 for Non-Residents (includes access to other Forest Preserve dog parks)	shelters swipe card entry
Oak Brook Mayslake Dog Area and OldField Dog Park in Darien (DuPage County Forest Preserve Off-leash Areas)	.5acres-6 acres	DuPage Resident 1st dog--\$50/yr Add'l dog --\$10/yr Nonresident 1st dog--\$160/yr Add'l dog-- \$27/year Day admittance: \$10/\$20 (includes access to other Forest Preserves)	Benches Mini shelters separate small dog/large dog areas
Hinsdale (proposed)	3.35 acres	*Hinsdale Resident 1st dog--\$25/yr Add'l dog --\$10/yr Nonresident 1st dog--\$100/yr Add'l dog-- \$25/year Day admittance: \$5/\$10 *potentially free for residents	entrance holding areas waste disposal bags Benches swipe card entry

An image of the proposed space is included below. Again, this is approximately 3.35 acres of space; comparatively the current off leash area is approximately 13.5 acres. Annual expenses for the proposed dog park are estimated at \$11,000. This includes, \$3,500 for dog waste bags and disposal (currently budgeted), \$2,500 for access system fee, and \$5,000 miscellaneous expenses (fence repairs, additional fobs, etc). One-time expenses are estimated to be approximately \$5,000, for signage, benches, and waste receptacles.

KLM Dog Park Layout



In Summary

The Village has received many requests for a fenced dog park from community members; this was one of the top additions requested in the Village's 2015-2016 community survey. A designated fenced dog park will improve the safety of all park users and dogs. A dedicated, fenced space will also expand the accessible hours of the park for dogs and their owners.

The southern portion of the park is currently underused and would provide a perfect location for dogs and their owners to exercise off-leash, while minimizing negative interactions with other parks users, including extended hours for dog owners and revenue potential for the Village. A controlled access, fenced dog park would solve a decades-long battle for the Village.

Staff is requesting that P&R provide a recommendation on the following items:

- A designated dog park in lieu of leveling additional lacrosse fields
- User access hours to a designated dog park
- Charging of fees

This item will return to the P&R agenda at the next meeting. At that time, a final recommendation by P&R will be made and referred to the VBoT for discussion and review.