INTRODUCTION

The Oswegoland Park District’s 2018 Annual Report provides highlights of the District’s activities, accomplishments, and finances throughout the past year. A variety of summaries and charts have been incorporated to illustrate the District’s financial position and value to the community. A look forward to 2019 Capital Improvement Plans has also been included.

The financial data provided in this report was drawn from the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be viewed in its entirety online.

Questions or feedback concerning any of the information provided may be directed to Executive Director, Richard Zielke at rzielke@oswegolandpd.org or Director of Finance, Tina Ward at tward@oswegolandpd.org.
Established in 1950 by a public referendum, the Oswegoland Park District is a separate governmental entity known as a "special district" and serves approximately 57,000 residents who live within this District’s 38-square mile service area. This service area includes the Village of Oswego, as well as parts of Montgomery, Aurora, and Plainfield.

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

A board of five elected commissioners set policy and carry out the official business of the District. Park Board Commissioners serve six-year terms, without pay. The Executive Director, who is hired by the Board, manages the day-to-day operations of the District and oversees a staff of approximately 50 full time and 600 part time employees.

2018 Park Board Commissioners: Dave Krahn, Sandy Tartol, Bob Ijams, Michelle McCallough, and Dave Behrens.

Park Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at South Point at 5:30pm, unless otherwise noted. View the yearly Meeting Calendar on our website. The public is invited to attend.
The Oswegoland Park District strives to deliver exceptional value to our community. In addition to contributing to the overall quality of life in our community, here is a snapshot of some of the outstanding parks and facilities that our residents can enjoy:

- **12,900 Acres of Parkland**
- **55 Parks**
- **9 Greenways**
- **2 Skate Parks**
- **31 Picnic Shelters**
- **36 Picnic Areas**
- **8 Sled Hills**
- **34 Playgrounds**
- **4 Full Court B-Ball Courts**
- **20 Miles of Biking & Hiking Trails**
- **27 Half-Court B-Ball Courts**
- **160 Acre Golf Course**
- **10 Ball Fields**
- **1 Aquatic Park**
- **1 18-Hole Disc Golf Course**
- **8 Pickleball Courts**
- **1 Historical Museum**
- **1 Splash Pad**
- **3 Inline Hockey Rinks**
- **9 Tennis Courts**
- **1 Swimming Pool**

**OSWEGOLAND PARK DISTRICT: Historic Growth at a Glance**

**Population**

- 16,800 (1980)
- 18,000 (1990)
- 23,800 (2000)
- 49,500 (2010)
- 56,904 (2018)

**Acres of Parkland**

- 184 (1980)
- 244 (1990)
- 546 (2000)
- 945 (2010)
- 1,290 (2018)

**Number of Parks/Greenways**

- 7 (1980)
- 16 (1990)
- 35 (2000)
- 61 (2010)
- 64 (2018)
YOUR TAX DOLLARS

Your property tax bill is split between many different local bodies of government that provide you with a variety of services. The Oswegoland Park District serves residents in Kendall and Will Counties. As a percentage of your total tax bill, the Oswegoland Park District represents 4.55% of a Kendall County resident’s tax bill and 4.45% of a Will County resident’s tax bill.

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**Kendall County**
- Oswegoland Park District - 4.55%
- School District 308 - 67.43%
- Oswego Fire Protection District - 7.2%
- Kendall County - 6.91%
- Community College District 516 - 5.38%
- Oswego Library District - 2.74%
- Oswego Road District - 1.78%
- Kendall County Forest Preserve - 1.71%
- Village of Oswego - 1.5%
- Oswego Township - .79%

**Will County**
- Oswegoland Park District - 4.45%
- School District 308 - 65.5%
- Plainfield Fire District - 9.31%
- Will County - 5.77%
- Community College District 516 - 5.28%
- Village of Plainfield - 4.55%
- Oswego Library District - 2.65%
- Will County Forest Preserve - 1.83%
- Wheatland Township Road Funds - .44%
- Wheatland Township Town Funds - .22%
**2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Winrock Park Redevelopment**
The new pirate ship playground at Winrock Park is the District’s first themed playground. The playground’s blue, resilient surfacing provides easy access for all. The playground also includes a combination adult and child “Mommy and Me” swing, another first for us.

**Little White School Museum Renovation**
The gallery room at Little White School Museum underwent a major renovation incorporating visual technology, improved lighting, and interpretive signage.

**Prairie Point Ice Rink**
A new winter ice rink was installed at Prairie Point Community Park for hockey and ice skating, adding another amenity to complement the heavily used sledding hill.

**Saw Wee Kee Park River Access**
A new concrete boat ramp was installed at Saw Wee Kee Park, allowing kayaks, canoes, and fishermen better access to the Fox River.

**Fox Bend Golf Course Improvements**
New energy-efficient parking lot lighting was added to the east parking lot at Fox Bend Golf Course. This was phase one of the renovation of that parking lot. The railing around the back deck was also replaced and deck lighting updated.

**Park Signage**
Work continued on replacing neighborhood park signs displaying an updated look and a timeless color scheme.

**2018 AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**
GFO Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Camp Connection Accredited through the American Camping Association
Prairie Point Community Park Enhancements
In order to better accommodate the needs of the teams playing at our Prairie Point Park Softball Field Complex, the first step in adding a new restroom facility will begin with sanitary line and electrical work. Culminating with a new building to be constructed in 2020.

Troy Park Historical Significance
To highlight the history of the mills along the Fox River, one of original grindstones will be placed at Troy Park along with informational signage to tell the history of that bygone era.

Community Park at Grande Park
Work will begin on renovating the tennis court surfacing and fencing at the Community Park at Grande Park, as well as addressing some of the drainage issues around the court.

Facility Improvements
Aging facilities require continued maintenance to ensure safe recreational spaces for our community. Improvements will include:
- HVAC replacements at Civic Center and Boulder Point
- Concrete sidewalk repair at Boulder Point, Civic Center, and Prairie Point Center
- New and expanded lobby seating will be added at Boulder Point
- Parking lot enhancements with the completion of the second phase of repaving at Fox Bend Golf Course

Playground Renovations
In addition to the capital improvements listed above, four playground renovations will take place in 2019.
- Chesterfield Park
- Hidden Creek Park
- Two playgrounds at Fox Chase Elementary/Wormley Park made possible in part by a partnership with SD308
## RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
Recreation and Special Events staff work to provide residents with a wide variety of opportunities for all ages to learn, grow, socialize, and engage with our community.

### ENROLLMENT

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### PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY YEAR

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### POOL PASSES ISSUED

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### FREE EVENTS
PrairieFest | Limelight Local Film Festival | Oswego Cemetery Walk
Remembering Our Veterans | Fam JAMS! Concerts
Oswego Country Market | Yoga in the Park | National Night Out
The District receives less than 5% of the total property tax levied on Oswegoland Park District property owners. In addition to property taxes, the District receives personal property replacement taxes which comprise a small amount of the District's total tax revenue.

The Oswegoland Park District offers approximately 2,700 recreation programs. Major recreation areas include:

- Athletics
- Outdoor Recreation
- Dance
- Fitness
- Early Childhood
- Gymnastics
- Preschool
- Kid’s Connection
- Aquatics
- Teen Events
- Special Events
- Limelight Theatre
- Museum
- Programming
- Golf Greens Fees
- Golf Cart Rentals

Other Income is comprised of grant proceeds, donations, land cash from developers, support from the Foundation, cell tower rent, and miscellaneous revenues.

Revenue is generated from concessions, plant sales, and merchandise sales from District facilities.

Revenue is generated from the rental of facilities such as park pavilions, Fox Bend pavilion, rooms for events/meetings, and our aquatics facilities.

Interest is earned on invested District funds.

*All numbers rounded to the nearest thousand.
## 2018 Governmental Funds Expenditures

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### Detailed Expenditure Breakdown

- **Contractual Services**: Includes funds paid to others for services rendered to the District. These expenditures include, but are not limited to: professional services for information technology, consulting services, legal services, rentals/leases, construction & project consulting, security, contractors for capital projects, other various contractual vendors for recreational programs and the golf course.

- **Salaries & Wages**: Includes wages paid to employees for administrative, operations, and recreational functions to support the District’s parks, programs, golf course, and other offerings.

- **Debt Service**: Pays the principal and interest payments, along with issuance costs for bonds and debt certificates sold on behalf of the District to fund capital projects.

- **Benefits**: This expenditure includes costs associated with employee benefits, such as health/dental/life insurances, pension contributions, and employer taxes.

- **Materials & Supplies**: This includes all expenses for materials & supplies used throughout the District, including playground mulch, trees/shrubs in our parks, mechanical parts for repairing vehicles/equipment, craft materials for our preschoolers, sports equipment, office supplies & postage used at all buildings, marketing materials, chemicals & fertilizers, golf course turf care, etc.

- **Other Expenditures**: Other expenditures include liability and worker’s compensation insurance premiums, Kid’s Connection school share with School District 308, staff development & education, travel, and memberships/dues.

- **Equipment**: This expense category is used for purchasing items such as vehicles, utility vehicles, lawnmowers, Kid’s Connection buses, gymnastics equipment, office furniture, pool patio furniture, and appliances.

- **Utilities**: Costs related to providing utilities to District properties including: water, sewer, gas, electricity, recycling, refuse removal, and phones are included in this category.