MISSION STATEMENT

The Oswegoland Park Foundation is a fundraising organization dedicated to assisting the Oswegoland Park District in providing opportunities for a healthy community.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Oswegoland Park Foundation increased its fundraising efforts in 2018 and will continue to do so in 2019. Through the end of 2018, the Foundation has raised almost $120,000 through multiple fundraising efforts and generous donations. Some of the donated funds have been earmarked for specific projects which will be part of the Oswegoland Park District’s Comprehensive Plan.
Leon McNair Memorial Golf Classic
The Oswegoland Park Foundation’s main fundraiser helps to fulfill the dream of Leon McNair, the “Giver of the Game,” who was instrumental in introducing the game of golf to children. He also played a major role in designing and building Fox Bend Golf Course, where the event takes place. In 2018, the Oswegoland Park Foundation held its second annual Golf Classic, attracting more than 110 golfers and raising over $22,000. The proceeds from this event help fulfill the Foundation’s mission, including the funding of three $1,000 scholarships. This year’s recipients were Juvia Davis, Samuel Behnke and Zachary Krisch.

PrairieFest Grand Prix
The Oswegoland Park Foundation held its second PrairieFest Grand Prix—an all ages Pinewood Derby—on Father’s Day 2018 during PrairieFest. The Foundation also sold raffle tickets for the chance to attend a series of races at the Chicagoland Speedway. More than $700 was raised from the raffle, which will help forward the Foundation’s mission.

Brew at the Bridge: Best Brewery Contest/ Hammerschlagen
Since 2016, the Oswegoland Park Foundation has had a presence at Brew at the Bridge to generate awareness of the Foundation. The Foundation hosts a “Best Brewery” contest, where patrons vote for their favorite brewery with small donations. Gun Craft Brewery won for the second time in 2018 and the event raised $330.73, which will be allocated to the Veteran’s Serenity Park Project in downtown Oswego. New to Brew at the Bridge for the past two years is Hammerschlagen, a German nail-driving contest. Sponsors for the game have included local businesses, including Ace Hardware, Village Grind, Sage’s Meat Market, and Danelli’s Italian Restaurant.
**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Dannielle Wilson, Chair**
Dannie has called Oswego home since 2006, moving here from Wisconsin with her husband Brad. As a parks and recreation practitioner and consultant, Dannie brings over 15 years of industry knowledge to the Foundation. Both she and Brad have been Oswegoland Park District volunteer Soccer Coaches for their two sons, and the family has made Park District activities like the Gobbler Hobbler/Mashed Potato Mile an annual tradition. Dannie's personal and professional commitment to connecting people to recreation and nature in a positive way fuels her drive to give back to the community.

**David Erickson, Vice Chair/PrairieFest Grand Prix**
David is a financial advisor who has been serving the Oswegoland community for almost 10 years and has been in the financial services industry for nearly 15 years. In addition to his business, David is active in the community, serving as a member of the Oswego Police Pension Board, a former director of the Oswego Chamber of Commerce and a member of charitable groups and clubs. A very involved father, David and his children have participated in nearly every Park District activity, from the Gobbler Hobbler to PrairieFest to coaching his son's Park District basketball teams.

**Karen Clementi, Treasurer/Park District Board Liaison**
Karen's 20 years of experience as an environmental consultant gives her a unique perspective on her tenure with the Oswegoland Park Foundation. Professionally, she assists clients with various aspects of environmental compliance as well as collecting and analyzing scientific data. She is a longtime resident in the Oswegoland area and an avid cyclist. With her husband and two daughters, Karen has always enjoyed the numerous biking and walking trails within the Oswegoland Park District.

**Karen Kelly, Secretary/Brew at the Bridge**
Karen has a vested interest in Oswego in that she was raised here and moved back with her husband in 2004. They have since raised three children, one at each school level. Karen and her family enjoy camping, sports and spending time together at various Park District events and spaces. Karen is now a substitute teacher and volunteer, having served on the home and school organization at her children's elementary school. While not practicing professionally, Karen is a registered dietician.

**Steven Jack, Marketing**
Steven moved to Oswego with his family 10 years ago from nearby Aurora. He and his wife, Carrie, have two children who have been active in a number of Park District programs and remain annual Park District volunteers. Steven is the Marketing Manager at a boutique digital marketing agency located in Yorkville and he brings that experience to his work with the Foundation Board. When he’s not at work or enjoying his kids’ sports activities, Steven enjoys golf, reading and exploring the Park District’s many local offerings.

**Scott Gryder, Government Liaison**
Scott has been an active member of the community since he joined the Oswego Plan Commission and Oswego Library District Board in 2004. He currently serves as Chairman of the Kendall County Board and General Counsel of Near North Title Group. He and his wife Heather sponsor and attend Oswegoland Park District events and their daughter Reagan takes full advantage of park district activities, most recently as a member of the 3rd grade volleyball team.

**Tom Tripp, Scholarship, Golf Classic**
Tom is an Oswego native and a lifelong resident. He has witnessed first-hand the transformation of what was once a little farm town into a booming community. Having raised two boys in Oswego, Tom has taken advantage of the programs, events and green spaces provided and maintained by the Park District. His boys enjoyed classes, recreational events, swimming and many other activities over the years. Tom grew up with the McNair family and is honored to chair the committee that pays tribute to his childhood friends’ father and his contribution to Oswego.

**Rachelle Koenig, Fundraising**
Rachelle is a freelance writer and marketing and public relations consultant who has been an Oswego resident since 2006. Both of her children “graduated” from the Oswegoland Park District’s As We Grow preschool and have participated in art classes, day camps, sports teams and a host of yearly events. Her volunteer experience includes being a board member on the Oswego Junior Woman's Club and she has enjoyed being a member of various local organizations, including of 100 Women Who Care and the Oswego Chamber of Commerce.
LOOKING FORWARD IN 2019

The Oswegoland Park Foundation recently completed its 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, giving the Board an exciting new vision for the Foundation’s immediate future. Areas of focus include a targeted approach to marketing and public relations efforts, increased public awareness and brand recognition, and work to help fund a capital project designated by the Oswegoland Park District. Follow the Foundation on Facebook or go to greeneroswego.org for updates on specific strategic plan progress.