INTRODUCTION

The Oswegoland Park District’s 2019 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 2020 Capital Improvement Plans has also been included.

The financial data provided in this report was drawn from the 2019 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.

2019 Park Board Commissioners: Sandy Tartol, Bob Ijams, Dave Behrens, Michelle McCallough, and John Wise.

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:

- **1,290 Acres of Parkland**
- **55 Parks**
- **9 Greenways**
- **2 Skate Parks**
- **31 Picnic Shelters**
- **34 Playgrounds**
- **8 Sled Hills**
- **1 Aquatic Park**
- **20 Miles of Biking & Hiking Trails**
- **4 Full Court B-Ball Courts**
- **27 Half-Court B-Ball Courts**
- **10 Ball Fields**
- **1 18-Hole Disc Golf Course**
- **8 Pickleball Courts**
- **3 Inline Hockey Rinks**
- **1 Historical Museum**
- **1 Splash Pad**
- **9 Tennis Courts**
- **1 Swimming Pool**

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

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Acres of Parkland</th>
<th>Number of Parks/Greenways</th>
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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 4.50% of a Kendall County resident’s tax bill and 4.39% of a Will County resident’s tax bill.

Kendall County
- Oswegoland Park District - 4.50%
- School District 308 - 67.97%
- Oswego Fire Protection District - 7.14%
- Kendall County - 6.73%
- Community College District 516 - 5.42%
- Oswego Library District - 2.72%
- Oswego Road District - 1.71%
- Kendall County Forest Preserve - 1.50%
- Village of Oswego - 1.54%
- Oswego Township - .76%

Will County
- Oswegoland Park District - 4.39%
- School District 308 - 66.07%
- Plainfield Fire District - 9.22%
- Will County - 5.73%
- Community College District 516 - 5.25%
- Village of Plainfield - 4.52%
- Oswego Library District - 2.65%
- Will County Forest Preserve - 1.45%
- Wheatland Township Road Funds - .49%
- Wheatland Township Town Funds - .22%
2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Fox Bend Golf Course Improvements**
The east parking lot was repaved including updates to handicap accessible parking and a new trash enclosure. The entry drive median was completely renovated with new ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials.

**Playground Renovations**
Chesterfield Park and Hidden Creek Park’s playgrounds were renovated with a new playstructure, swings, and other site amenities such as park benches and trash receptacles.

**Prairie Point Center**
The entry to the facility was renovated with new concrete walkways and landscaping, leading guests from the parking lot to the front door.

**Prairie Point Community Park**
Phase one of the future ballfield restroom project was completed with the installation of the utilities, including a sanitary line and underground electrical conduit.

**Waa Kee Sha Park**
The long entry drive was redone with a new oil and limestone chip application.

**Wormley Heritage Park/Fox Chase Elementary Playgrounds**
Through our intergovernmental agreement partnership with CUSD308, our agencies renovated the elementary and kindergarten playgrounds that are shared between Wormley Heritage Park and Fox Chase Elementary School.

2019 AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS
GFO Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Camp Connection Accredited through the American Camping Association
2020 **DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was going to be the start of some substantial capital improvements that haven’t happened in the Oswegoland Park District in generations. However, since the pandemic occurred at the end of the First quarter, capital expenditures were scaled back due to the reduced programs and lost revenues.

Projects that were under contract before the pandemic began:

**Playground Renovations**
Barnaby Park and Morgan Creek Park playgrounds were renovated with new play equipment, swings, and other site amenities.

**Prairie Point Community Park**
New LED monument entry signs will be installed at the Plainfield Road and Grove Road. New restroom facility will be installed in the ballfield core. Each of the four infields will be redone to allow for better drainage. The existing asphalt parking lots and entry drives will receive a sealcoat treatment to extend the life expectancy of the asphalt.

**Facility Improvements**
Aging facilities require continued maintenance to ensure safe recreational spaces for our community. Improvements will include:
- Through a ComEd Energy Incentive Program, all of the interior and exterior lighting fixtures at Civic Center and Boulder Point will be replaced with energy-efficient LED fixtures to reduce the energy costs at those facilities.
- Concrete sidewalk repair at South Point Center.

**District Asphalt Seal-coating**
- Community Park at Grande Park bike path
- Oswego Prairie Trail
- Timberwood Park bike path
- Whispering Woods Park bike path and parking lot
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
- National Night Out
- Driving Movie Date Night
- Concert on the Course
- Earth Day Kite Fly
- Limelight Local Film Fest
- Oswego Country Market
- Monday Miles
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.*
# 2019 Governmental Funds Expenditures

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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 includes costs associated with employee benefits, such as health/dental/life insurances, pension contributions, and employer taxes.

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

This expense category is used for purchasing items such as vehicles, utility vehicles, lawn mowers, Kid’s Connection buses, gymnastics equipment, office furniture, pool patio furniture, and appliances.

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