

### Requesting Information

In accordance with 5 ILCS, Par. 140/1, Freedom of Information Act, the Park District of Oak Park shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of this Act.

All requests to inspect, copy, or certify public records must be submitted to the District in writing. The District encourages requestors to submit their requests on the convenient Park District of Oak Park Freedom of Information Request Form provided by the District which can be found online at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org) or at the District's Administration Center. These forms are also available for pickup at 218 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302.

The District will review all written requests and will respond to each written request to inspect, copy, or certify public records in a manner consistent with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act after payment of any fees, if applicable

Requests and other communications regarding District records relating to a request to inspect, copy, or certify public records, all requests for copies of FOIA rules, and all requests for any other information relating to the District's implementation of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act must be directed to:

*Freedom of Information Officer*  
 Park District of Oak Park  
 218 Madison Street  
 Oak Park, Illinois 60302  
 E-mail: [foia@pdop.org](mailto:foia@pdop.org)

### Established Fees

Copies (8.5x11" or 8.5x14", B&W)

- First 50 pages Free
- Additional pages \$0.15/side

Other Types of Records with Set Fees

- Actual Cost

Certification

- \$1.00/record plus copy cost

Mailing

- Cost of Postage

If the requested records are of a type not listed above, then the fees charged for copying the records will be the actual charges incurred by the District, and the above fees will not apply. The above fees will also not apply if the fee for the requested records is otherwise fixed by statute. If the requested records are produced on an electronic medium, then the Requestor must pay the actual cost of the medium.



# Park District of Oak Park Municipal Directory

## PARK DISTRICT PROFILE: 2024

### Summary of Purpose

The Park District of Oak Park, created in 1912, serves the recreational needs of the 52,000 residents of Oak Park, providing over 3,000 recreation programs and special events annually. Overseen by a Board of five elected officials, the District owns an Administrative Center, two outdoor pools, an indoor ice rink, the Oak Park Conservatory, Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home, a gymnastics & recreation center, seven recreation centers plus 13 parks totaling 83 acres of parkland. Our mission is: "In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities."

### Parks & Facilities

Each year, the Board of Commissioners approves a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which maps out the future direction of the Park District of Oak Park regarding park renewal and facility improvements. A full copy of the current CIP can be found online at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org).

Andersen Center & Park	824 N Hayes	(708) 725-2712
Austin Gardens	167 Forest	(708) 725-2713
Barrie Center & Park	1011 S Lombard	(708) 725-2711
Carroll Center & Park	1125 S Kenilworth	(708) 725-2710
Community Recreation Center	229 Madison St	(708) 725-2000
Elizabeth F Cheney Mansion	220 N Euclid	(708) 725-2500
Oak Park Conservatory	615 Garfield	(708) 725-2400
Dole Center	255 Augusta	
Euclid Square	705 W Fillmore	
Field Center & Park	935 Woodbine	(708) 725-2714
Fox Center & Park	624 S Oak Park	(708) 725-2029
Gymnastics and Recreation Center	21 Lake St	(708) 725-2000
Lindberg Park	1151 N Marion	
Longfellow Center & Park	610 S Ridgeland	(708) 725-2008
Maple Park	1105 S Maple	
Mills Park & Pleasant Home	217 S Home	(708) 383-2654
John L Hedges Administration Center	218 Madison	(708) 725-2000
Randolph Park	300 S Grove	
Rehm Pool & Park	515 Garfield	(708) 725-2350
Ridgeland Common	415 Lake	(708) 725-2000
Scoville Park	800 W Lake	
Stevenson Park	49 Lake	(708) 725-2302
Taylor Park	400 W Division	
Wenonah Park	850 S Wenonah	

### ADA & Inclusion

Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, serves as the ADA Coordinator for the District and has the responsibility of supervising the Park District's transition to ADA-accessible parks and facilities.

The Park District works closely with our partner, West Suburban Special Recreation Association, which allows residents of all ages with disabilities to participate in year-round programming specifically designed to meet their individual needs or are able to participate in Park District programs with inclusion support.

For assistance and information on accessibility at the Park District of Oak Park, contact Chris Lindgren at [chris.lindgren@pdop.org](mailto:chris.lindgren@pdop.org) or call him at (708) 725-2050.

### Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan has been adopted by the Board of Commissions to establish direction and goals for the District. A full copy of the current Strategic Plan can be found online at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org).

### Budget

The 2023 Operating Budget is \$22,350,021. The Park District also budgeted \$5,253,136 in 2023 for Capital Expenses. In 2022, the Park District received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 15th year in a row, reflecting our organization's commitment to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. A full copy of the current budget can be found online at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org).

### Taxes

The tax rate for the Park District increased with the 2005 voter approved referendum. Tax rates by their nature are dependent upon the amount of money asked for annually and the community's assessed value of property. In the 2022 tax year, the community's equalized assessed value decreased 2.1%. The resulting tax rate for the District was 0.611. This represented an increase of 0.021 from the previous year.

Park District Revenues are generated evenly from property taxes and fees for services, which are used to support maintenance and capital improvements of parks and facilities.



# PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

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**218 Madison Street**  
**Oak Park, Illinois 60302**  
**(708) 725-2000 (phone)**  
**(708) 383-5702 (fax)**  
**[www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org)**  
**[info@pdop.org](mailto:info@pdop.org)**



*Board of Commissioners*

The Park District of Oak Park is governed by five elected Oak Park residents who voluntarily give service to the community. The Commissioners elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary each year.

Regular Park Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the John L. Hedges Administration Center, 218 Madison St, Oak Park. Residents are invited to attend and are welcome to make suggestions or comments to improve the services the Park District provides.

Committee of the Whole meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the John L. Hedges Administration Center, 218 Madison St, Oak Park. Public comment is also available at these meetings.

The District welcomes the opportunity to assist residents and visitors with disabilities. If you need special accommodations for a Park Board meeting, please e-mail Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Parks and Planning at (708) 725-2050 or email [chris.lindgren@pdop.org](mailto:chris.lindgren@pdop.org). Or contact Edith Wood, Executive Assistant at [edith.wood@pdop.org](mailto:edith.wood@pdop.org) or call (708) 725-2017.

**Board of Commissioners**

- Kassie Porreca, President*
- Jake Worley-Hood, Vice President*
- David Wick, Treasurer*
- Sandy Lentz, Secretary*
- Christopher Wollmuth, Commissioner*

*Citizen Committees*

The Park District values community input and involvement and has organized citizen-led volunteer committees to work with the Park Board of Commissioners and staff for the betterment of the District and our community. These committees include:

**Board of the Citizens' Center of Oak Park and River Forest / Active Adult Advisor Committee (AAAC)**

**Park District Citizens Committee (PDCC)**

**Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC)**

*Citizen Committees (continued)*

**AAAC** provides guidance and recommend direction to the Park District regarding the development and implementation of recreational activities for senior citizens.

- Abby Schmelling, President*
- Helen Schmucker, Vice-President*
- Jack Kennelly, Treasurer*
- Nancy Teclaw, Secretary*
- Rita Anderson, Member*
- Latrina Moore, Member*
- Noreen Frye, Member*
- Joan Mueller Cochrane, Member*
- Galen Gockel, Member*
- Maureen Sansone, Member*
- Barbara Hunt, Member*
- Georgia Keleher, Member*
- Donna Weaver, Member*
- Megan Ulczak, Park District Staff*
- Jake Worley-Hood, Board Representative*

**PDCC** oversees the implementation of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plan and provides a valuable communication channel between the Park District and the citizens of Oak Park.

- Lauren Johnson, Chair*
- Mike Baiardo, Citizen*
- Robert Kleps, Citizen*
- Suzen Riley, Citizen*
- Kathleen Lorden, Citizen*
- Aaron Stigger, Citizen*
- Andrew France, Citizen*
- Jay Rowell, Citizen*
- Virgil Maurice Woods II, Citizen*
- Kevin K. Lee, Citizen*
- Kavita Vermani, Citizen*
- Jan Arnold, Park District Staff*
- Maureen McCarthy, Park District Staff*
- Sandy Lentz, Board Representative*

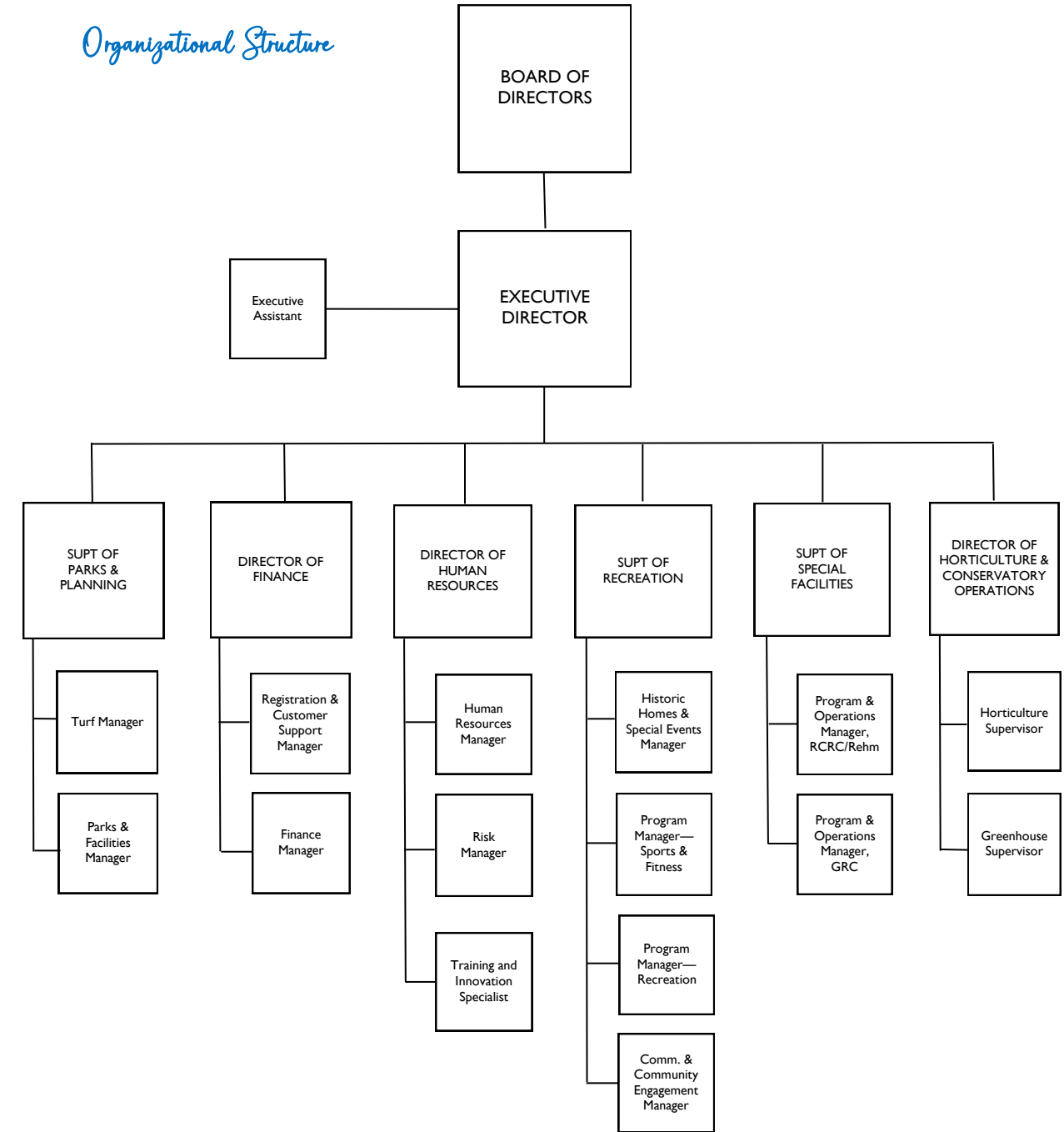
**ESAC** acts as a liaison between the Park District and the community, helping implement the Park District's Environmental Policy, assisting the Park Board in identifying and exploring sustainability issues and environmental initiatives, helping determine annual projects, and green team volunteer opportunities.

- Cathi Knickerehm, Chair*
- Terry Grace, Citizen*
- McLouis Robinet, Citizen*
- Ambria Jones, Citizen*
- Victoria Peipert, Citizen*
- Meghan Strubel, Citizen*
- Laura Stamp, Citizen*
- Brad Wolter, Citizen*
- Patti Staley, Park District Staff*
- Chris Lindgren, Park District Staff*
- Travis Stephen, Park District Staff*
- Jan Arnold, Park District Staff*
- David Wick, Board Representative*

(as of March 2024)

The Executive Director, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is responsible for the administration of the Park District, which employs 58 full-time staff and over 530 part-time and seasonal workers.

*Organizational Structure*



*Administrative Staff*

Jan Arnold	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:jan.arnold@pdop.org">jan.arnold@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2020
Maureen McCarthy	Superintendent of Recreation	<a href="mailto:maureen.mccarthy@pdop.org">maureen.mccarthy@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2021
Chris Lindgren	Superintendent of Parks and Planning	<a href="mailto:chris.lindgren@pdop.org">chris.lindgren@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2050
William Hamilton	Superintendent of Special Facilities	<a href="mailto:bill.hamilton@pdop.org">bill.hamilton@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2304
Mitch Bowlin	Director of Finance	<a href="mailto:mitch.bowlin@pdop.org">mitch.bowlin@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2015
Patti Staley	Director of Horticulture & Conservatory Operations	<a href="mailto:patti.staley@pdop.org">patti.staley@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2451
Paula Bickel	Director of Human Resources	<a href="mailto:paula.bickel@pdop.org">paula.bickel@pdop.org</a>	(708) 725-2028