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FROM THE EDITOR

I believe it is fitting that we feature a "going green" issue during the Spring. There are so many different notions of what it means to go green, but the colors of the budding trees and the smile that comes after seeing the leaves of a surprise flower pushing its way through the earth makes me stop and reflect.



Spring serves as a great reminder for me, as to how everything is so very connected. Not just our sustainability efforts or the green initiatives put forth by our park and recreation agencies, but how these actions really impact our world. A changing of the seasons revealing a fresh, new, green environment is a testament to the fact that all of the research, advocacy, planning, education, equipment and best practices we strive to provide is having a positive impact.

This issue is full of articles on some of these best green practices, projects and information on how agencies across the state are ramping up their "green" games. You will also see coverage of the 2018 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference along with all of those who were recognized as winners of top awards in Illinois. As you read these articles, hopefully you may get some ideas on how you can make a difference in your life on a personal level as well.

I will leave you with a few ideas on going green yourself.

- **Use resealable containers and eco-friendly bags** – it will also keep the bugs and mice out of your goodies. I take containers with me everywhere. I even embarrass my friends by going out with a recycle-type bag in lieu of a normal purse. (I guess I'm not big on purses- sorry guys!)
- **Use washable diapers** – save the earth and your money. This will blow your mind. I have a friend who actually calculated the savings of using washable diapers over disposable ones spanning the entire period of time it took all three of his children to go through the diaper phase. He calculated a savings somewhere around \$37,000 just by making that one change. (Bless his wife's heart, I would have killed him!)
- **Opt out of junk mail** – we all have mailboxes filled with it sometimes, right? I find it quite interesting how someone else's decision to spontaneously mail out mass quantities of paper can suddenly become my responsibility. But it is true, once it lands on my porch, driveway or in one of my dogs' mouths, it's mine. So obviously, I recycle the ones that come in, however, it is also important to cancel subscriptions to things you don't need.

Enjoy your Spring!

— Rachel Laier, Editor



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Park Districts Build Great Leaders

At IAPD, we believe in great leadership. It is something we see everyday in park boards that are making a difference in the quality of life in communities across Illinois.

Good governance rarely comes naturally. Boards have to work at it and when they do, the magic happens. The best litmus test I have found is when a board member asks themselves if they are having fun in their role and the answer is yes.

Periodically even the best boards need to tune up their governance imperative and IAPD's goal is to make that process easier. The 2018 IAPD Leadership Institute kicks off in May and provides a series of learning opportunities for leaders that are committed to life-long learning.

Our presenter, Gail Lowney Alofsin, is a national speaker, university professor, humanitarian, author and business executive. Gail provides audiences with practical tools, education and inspiration to achieve leadership, communication and business success.

She is the author of *YOUR Someday is NOW - What are YOU Waiting For?* focused on work/life integration in addition to business success. Published in 2014, 100% of sales of her book have benefitted non-profit organizations.

Gail is also the host of "Leadership at ALL Levels," a popular radio show on 3M Broadcasting WADK.

The following is a brief overview of the program we designed just for you. **Register today on our newly redesigned website at ilparks.org.**

Thursday, May 10, 2018

"The Foundations of Leadership – "They" Know It when "They" See It! Seminar"

Workshop - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hoffman Estates Park District, Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club

Cultivate and hone the characteristics, skills and vision you need to lead people. Focused on developing skill sets that assist participants in becoming stronger, more confident and respected leaders and managers, this presentation addresses

the foundations that lead to effective execution – internally and externally.

Thursday, June 21, 2018

"YOUR 'Someday' is NOW - The Power of Positivity!"

Webinar - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Optimism, confidence and character propel you, personally and professionally, to becoming your best YOU. Your positive and optimistic mind-set is a competitive advantage. Positivity enhances the spirit of an organization, creating a connection between the company, clients and colleagues.

"In a world of leadership programs and consultants, the IAPD Leadership Institute really stands out. Instead of fluffy theory, this educational series presented real, concrete, actions that produce more effective leaders."

– Kevin Dolan, President,
Mundelein Park & Recreation District



Thursday, July 19, 2018

"You Inc. The Power of Your Personal Brand"

Webinar – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Your brand is a critical tool for your career success, creating your competitive advantage. As you showcase your best assets and deliver on them, your brand comes down to perception. How others perceive and experience interactions with you, influences the impression that you create in their minds. Personally and professionally, your brand is decided for you, by others. What can you do to create and communicate the brand that best represents you?

Thursday, August 2, 2018

"Core Leadership Skills that lead to Respect and Harmony"

Webinar – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No matter what your position is at your agency, leadership is a necessary component. When everyone is treated with

respect and courtesy, productivity and morale increase, leading to success at all levels. This presentation is focused on honing YOUR leadership skills to mesh with the role you have at your agency and to foster respect and harmony. Your agency has what it takes to be the best – and it starts with YOU!

Thursday, October 4, 2018

“Launching Successful Leaders: “Can I hear YOU?” Recharging YOUR Communication Skills”

Workshop – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hoffman Estates Park District, Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club

Communication is the foundation of leadership. Being able to explain situations and convince others is an essential skill in management and life in general! As the adage attests, “the single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place.” Your business depends on how your clients feel about you; your relationships are built on the image that others create of you.

The Leadership Corner

Legendary business journalist Marshall Loeb spent decades interviewing the greatest leaders of American business.

Along the way, he defined steps to effective leadership to include:

1. Limit yourself to just a few key objectives. Loeb quotes Jack Welch on this: “I have only three things to do: I have to choose the right people, allocate the right number of dollars, and transmit ideas from one division to another with the speed of light.”
2. Borrow the best ideas and methods from others. GE was among the first to study and apply Wal-Mart's retailing systems.
3. Remember that great leaders are made, not born. “They're made,” Loeb observed, “usually, self-made.”
4. Be yourself. Figure out what you're good at and stick to it.

Try the 90-Minute Plan

Writing for the *Harvard Business Review*, author, Tony Schwartz suggests a 90-minute plan for personnel effectiveness that works so well I wanted to bring it to your attention.

For nearly a decade, Schwartz has begun his workdays by focusing for 90 minutes, uninterrupted, on the task he deemed most important the night before. After 90 minutes – the optimal human limit for intense focus – he takes a break.

He starts the clock at a specific time. During that time, he shuts down email and every other window on his screen. Phone calls roll to voice mail. He gets more done in those 90 minutes than in any other comparable period of the day.

I look forward to seeing you at IAPD's upcoming events.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Parks Day at the Capitol
10am – 3pm

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Legislative Conference Reception
Illini Country Club,
Springfield
6pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Legislative Conference
Crowne Plaza, Springfield
8am – 2pm

May 21, 2018
IAPD Summer Golf Outing #1
Prospect Heights Park
District's Old Orchard
Country Club

Thursday, May 10, 2018
Leadership Institute The Foundations of Leadership – “They” Know It When “They” See It! Workshop
Hoffman Estates Park
District's Bridges of Poplar
Creek Country Club
6pm – 9pm

June 2, 2018
IAPD Summer Golf Outing #2
Wilmette Park District's
Wilmette Golf Club

Thursday, July 12, 2018
Leadership Classic Bensenville Park District's
White Pines Golf Club
11:30am Shotgun Start

Thursday, July 19, 2018
Leadership Institute YOUR “Someday” is NOW – The Power of Positivity! Webinar
11am – 12Noon

Thursday, August 2, 2018
Leadership Institute Core Leadership Skills that Lead to Respect and Harmony Webinar
11am – 12Noon

Saturday, August 18, 2018
Park District Conservation Day
IL State Fairgrounds,
Springfield

Monday, August 27, 2018
IAPD Summer Golf Tour Outing #3
GolfVisions Management, Inc.
Oak Grove Golf Course
Harvard, IL

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Launching Successful Leaders: “Can I Hear YOU?” Recharging YOUR Communication Skills Workshop
Hoffman Estates Park
District's Bridges of Poplar
Creek Country Club
6pm – 9pm

September 17, 2018
IAPD Summer Golf Outing #4
Zion Park District's
Shepherd's Crook Golf
Course

September 25-27, 2018
NRPA Congress
Indianapolis, IN

Friday, October 12, 2018
IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala
Wheeling Park District's
Chevy Chase Country Club

Thursday, November 8, 2018
Legal Symposium
McDonald's University /
Hyatt Lodge

January 24-26, 2019
IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference
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EYE ON THE PROFESSION

A CLOSER LOOK AT TRENDS AND ISSUES IN THE PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSION



By Debbie Trueblood, CAE
IPRA Executive Director

IPRA's Annual Report

This is a reprinting of my address at the IPRA Annual Business Meeting during the IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, January 20, 2018.

IPRA has experienced yet another exciting year of growth and change. As we look back at 2017, here is some of what we have accomplished together.

Our membership numbers are the second highest on record. Our financial health continues to be strong. For the second year in a row, we continued to have a member satisfaction rating of 97% compared to an industry average of 85%. Our financial security allows us to run several programs at an intended loss to give back to the members. These programs include Leadership Academy, ProConnect, Unplug Illinois, IPRAConnect, and the Illinois social at NRPA. Plus, every year, IPRA and our sections make a donation to the scholarship fund; this year it was \$35,000. Further, while we have only increased dues once since 2012, we have created discounts for professionals outside of the Chicago Metro area, created free student memberships, and just this year, working with our Membership Council, we created a discount for part time professionals. We are keeping costs down, giving back to our members, and investing in our mission.

IPRA also supports local charities. The Leadership Academy built and donated 13 bikes for a local non-profit, 360 Youth Services, a substance abuse and prevention program. The ProConnect program participates in an annual service project. This year they volunteered at Feed My Starving Children.

Our public education campaign, Unplug Illinois, educating the public about the value of parks and recreation continues to grow. Numerous agencies have begun utilizing it to educate their communities. This morning, several of the agencies who are using Unplug Illinois collaborated on a session about it. To support the continued growth of this program, we have partnered with A5 Marketing to help us better tell your story, statewide.

We updated our website, our membership database, and created a new foundation website this year, as well as rolling

out the new conference mobile app a year ago and then we expanded the mobile app this year.

We brought our newsletter design and distribution in-house, making improvements resulting in increased readership.

We restructured our awards systems both for conference awards as well as section awards, working with the Awards Committee and the Membership Council. As a result of these changes, total nominations doubled this year, creating more competition and value to the recipients.

"For the second year in a row, we continued to have a member satisfaction rating of 97% compared to an industry average of 85%."



This year, Matt Fairbanks, along with Erika Strojinc and Colleen Palmer, presented to classrooms at Western Illinois University and Southern Illinois University, respectively, and IPRA co-sponsored an event for the students at the University of St Francis. Dr. Dan Yoder from Western Illinois University also presented to our board.

In the spring, we partnered with the University of Illinois to host member focus groups and individual interviews across the state. We also completed a mapping analysis this summer of our member population centers statewide. Combined, we will incorporate everything we learned from our members and the map to make improvements to our educational offerings. In 2018, we will host two "road shows"- educational events with the same speaker and topic, presented several times across the state. We will partner with Landscape Structures and Campfire Concepts, to help us offer some of these topics. We will also work with the Leadership Academy Board of Regents to refresh the Academy to make it even stronger.

Earlier you heard about the new salary study. After we roll it out, we will create a NEW toolkit for individual members to assist you in planning your careers in this field. It will supplement the new salary study, and will include sample job descriptions, the skills needed for each job, and suggested educational paths. We will publish this supplemental toolkit for free as a member benefit.

We have decided to fully support NRPA's Certified Park and Recreation Executive "CPRE" designation. Historically, the CPRP and CTRS certifications both had exam preparation books published in Illinois and both have more certified professionals in Illinois than in any other state. A clear precedent has been set that Illinois employers expect a high level of expertise. We will create a CPRE preparation manual and offer exam preparation courses statewide, while educating employers on its value.

We know that our members value professional development and so do we. This year Sheila Mulvey was assigned a new title as Membership and Website Manager, a reflection of her growing role with the website and technology. Further, Leesa Kuo Johnson, our Conference and Meetings Director achieved status as a Certified Meeting Professional "CMP". Each member of the team continues to pursue professional development opportunities. To each of you, when I reflect on what "we" did this year, I am really talking about YOU. You are all expert professionals, who find new ways to be innovative. I'm so grateful for each of you.

All of us on the IPRA staff are looking forward to the changes coming to our office space at our host facility, the Park District of La Grange. Their build out allowed us to expand our office space. In 2018, we will be redecorating to make the space our own.

I want to again thank the members of the 2017 IPRA Board of Directors. It is a huge commitment to serve on the IPRA board. I have greatly enjoyed working with each of you. To Rita, I appreciate your sense of humor and willingness for IPRA to try new things. You were the first board member to join the board after I started at IPRA and it has been a pleasure serving with you as you moved up the ranks to Chair. Mary Jeanne, you have served on the IPRA board for eons and I will miss you greatly. You are the last current board member who was in service when I started here, so it feels like the end of an era.

In summary, IPRA is healthy and strong. These accomplishments are the result of the collaboration between all the volunteers and our staff team. I want you to know that we value the work you do for us. We've had a great year and I look forward to all we plan to accomplish in 2018 as we Learn, Connect, and Inspire together!

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Webinar: Agency Effectiveness - Essential Guidelines – 5/9/18 & 5/17/18

This month's webinar, Agency Effectiveness - Essential Guidelines and Planning Elements, is presented by Teresa Penbrooke, Founder GreenPlay LLC, and she will explore valuable planning tools such as Financial Sustainability, The Pyramid Method, Public Sector Service Assessment, and more!

Webinar: Public Relations - The Millennial Perspective – 6/13/18 & 6/21/18

This month's webinar, Public Relations - The Millennial Perspective, is presented by Aubrey Kragen, Assistant

Director of Social Media at USC, and she will share how USC's athletic department keeps students, alumni, and donors engaged through simple tactics on a variety of platforms.

Webinar: Why We Buy - Understanding Consumer Behavior – 7/11/18 & 7/19/18

This month's webinar, Why We Buy - Understanding Consumer Behavior, is presented by André Pichly, Parks & Recreation Director at St. Helena (CA), and he will help participants learn how to make subtle changes to the registration process to help improve customer experience.

For details and registration, please visit the IPRA event calendar at ILipra.org

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Stay Connected to the Capitol with IAPD

The second year of the 100th General Assembly is now well underway, and of the nearly 10,000 bills that have been introduced IAPD is currently tracking more than 650 for their impact on membership.

As always, IAPD will keep members updated on the latest developments during the Spring Session through Legislative Updates, but it is important to note that members can also stay connected through the newly designed IAPD website. The current status of all legislation we are tracking, important legislative deadlines and legislative awareness events are just a few of the advocacy resources that are easily accessible 24-hours a day, 7 days a week under the Advocacy section at ILparks.org.

As this issue goes to press, it is still too early in the legislative process to know which proposals will have the necessary support to move forward this spring, but the following bills are a sample of those we are closely tracking because of the potential impact on park districts, forest preserves, conservation districts and recreation and special recreation agencies.

IAPD Platform

HB 4573 (Zalewski, M.) / SB 2486 (Jones, E., III) are IAPD Platform bills that would amend the Public Funds Investment Act to allow IAPD member agencies and other local governments to earn additional interest by increasing the maximum maturity length on investments in highly rated corporate obligations to up to 3 years from the date of purchase. The current limit is 270 days.

Proposed Amendments to the Park District Code

HB 4827 (Parkhurst, L.) would restrict the authority of park districts by providing that a president, vice president, or director of a park district, either appointed or elected, may not be appointed or otherwise serve as the treasurer

of that park district. A similar measure, **HB 4803 (Parkhurst, L.)**, would apply to all units of local government and school districts.

SB 2848 (Castro, C.) would amend both the Park District Code and the Park District Police Act to expand the jurisdiction of park district police to any area within the park district's boundaries. Currently, jurisdiction is limited to areas that are owned or otherwise controlled by the park district unless there is an intergovernmental agreement with another local government such as a city, village or county.

Property Tax Freeze

SB 2910 (Silverstein, I.) would impose a four-year property tax freeze beginning with the 2018 levy years for non-home rule taxing districts by freezing the extension limitation at 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters while **HB 5764 (Yingling, S.)** would impose a two-year freeze.

HB 5731 (Durkin, J.) is similar to **HB 4066 (Durkin, J.)** that was introduced during the first year of the 100th General Assembly and would impose an automatic, four-year statewide property tax freeze. The measure would also allow just 5% of general election voters to initiate a referendum to extend the freeze to eight years. The same number of voters could also initiate a referendum to lower the amount of a district's tax extension.

HB 4996 (Crespo, F.) would freeze a taxing district's extension limitation at 0% if the taxing district has a reserve balance that is 50% or more of its operating budget at the end of a levy year.

SB 2823 (Morrison, J.) would place a statewide advisory referendum on the ballot at this fall's general election to ask voters whether they support a statewide property tax freeze and, if so, the length.

During the past several years property tax freeze proposals have typically surfaced as amendments to so-called "shell bills". IAPD closely reviews all amendments daily throughout the Spring Session so that we are prepared to respond quickly as new proposals are initiated.

Local Government Consolidation

HB 5801 (Batinick, M.) is a reintroduction of the "Citizen's Empowerment Act" that we have discussed in numerous Legislative Updates during the past few years. While this local government consolidation measure does not specifically target park districts it would allow just 5% of voters at the last general election to initiate a referendum to dissolve any unit of local government and transfer all its property and other assets to any other unit of government. The unit of local government would be dissolved if the referendum was approved by three-fifths of the electors of both the "receiving" and "dissolving" units.

HB 5798 (Batinick, M.) also contains the Citizens Empowerment Act language, however, it would also amend PTELL to impose a four-year property tax freeze and allow 5% of general election voters to initiate a referendum to lower or increase the amount of a district's tax extension.

Attacks on Local Control

HB 4246 (McSweeney, D.) would create the "Local Government Convention Expense Control Act" to prohibit the expenditure of public funds by a unit of local government for expenses connected with attendance by an employee or contractor of the unit of local government at a convention or gathering of personnel, except conventions or gatherings of public safety personnel.

HB 4247 (McSweeney, D.) would prohibit the expenditure of State appropriations to rent or pay for booths, hospitality suites, or other physical space at a convention or gathering of personnel of taxing bodies.

HB 4248 (McSweeney, D.) combines HB 4246 and HB 4247 into a single bill.

SB 3291 (Clayborne, J., Jr.) would preempt local governments from regulating unmanned aircraft systems, e.g., drones, by declaring such regulation an exclusive power and function of the State to the extent that State-level oversight does not conflict with federal laws, rules, or regulations.

Local Government Disclosure Requirements

HB 4242 (McSweeney, D.) would require local governments and other local taxing bodies to provide notice to the public after entering into a severance, separation or other agreement with an employee accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination if the change in employment status leading to such an agreement is causally related to the accusation of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. The legislation would require the local government to publish a notice on its website within 72 hours after payment has been made and would also require the unit to publish a notice in a newspaper published in its jurisdiction once per week for 5 consecutive weeks. The notice must include 1) the name of the person receiving the payment; 2) the amount of the payment; 3) the fact that the person receiving the payment has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination, as the case may be; and 4) whether the employee or contractor has admitted to the alleged sexual harassment or sexual discrimination. The legislation further provides that the local government shall not incur liability as a result of any injury or other damages arising from its compliance with these provisions and that the new provisions shall not abridge any contractual status of employer-employee confidentiality.

HB 4375 (Breen, P.) would create the Local Government Email Act and apply to all local governments and school districts. The proposal would codify the rule that all emails in connection with the transaction of public business are a "public record" under FOIA regardless of whether the emails are sent or received on a personal or government-provided email address. The legislation would also mandate that if a local government provides an email address to one or more of its employees or elected officials, it must provide an email address for all of them and would further require that employees and staff members use the government-provided email for all communications in connection with the transaction of public business. If any email in connection with the transaction of public business were sent or received on a personal email address, the individual would be required to promptly forward, print, or otherwise provide it to the local government.

HB 4583 (Halbrook, B.) would amend the Open Meetings Act to clarify that the Act's regular meeting notice requirements also apply to special meetings. The amendment would also specifically require a public body to post the minutes of a special or emergency meeting on its website if the website is maintained by the full-time staff of the public body (currently, only regular meetings are specified in the Act). It would also remove the safe harbor provision stating that the failure of a public body to post a

meeting notice or agenda on its website shall not invalidate any meeting or actions taken at a meeting and would specifically allow a court to declare null and void any final action taken at any meeting in violation of the Act, regardless of whether the meeting was closed. Finally, the legislation would require (rather than permit) a court to assess reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs incurred by a party who substantially prevails in a civil action brought under the Open Meetings Act, subject to current limitations.

HB 4822 (Halbrook B.) would create the Local Government Electronic Notification Act to allow a unit of local government to establish a process to allow people to select electronic notifications through an electronic notification delivery system for governmental mailings that are being sent by U.S. mail and sets forth requirements for the process. The legislation would allow a unit of local government to utilize the electronic notification upon request of the individual.

HB 4838 (Ives, J.) is an unfunded mandate that is similar to bills that have passed the House in recent years and would generally require units of local government to maintain an Internet website with more than a dozen

categories of information. Each local government would also be required to create and maintain searchable expenditure and revenue information and update financial data at least monthly. An automated Rich Site Summary (RSS) feed must also be created to notify subscribers of updates to the posted information.

HB 5742 (Drury, S.) would make a number of changes to the Freedom of Information Act. Of most note to local governments, the legislation would require a public body to include with each FOIA request denial, an index with specific information about the documents that are being withheld or redacted. The legislation would also require a public body to place in an interest-bearing escrow or other segregated account the sum of \$7,500 for each request denied and to keep the funds on deposit until 60 days after the date of the public body's final denial of a request or until the review process has been completed or a final order has been entered. If a determination is made that the public body improperly denied a request to inspect or copy a public record, the deposited funds must be awarded to the requester in addition to or as part of any other award.

View the status of all Legislation IAPD is tracking at ILparks.org.

“When the first color television set in the United States went on sale in 1953, the Illinois Association of Park Districts had already been serving its membership for 25 years.”

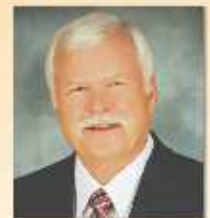


Many Americans did not enjoy color television until the late 1960s or so, when prices dropped and consumers heard their favorite shows were suddenly in color. Color television brought new life to entertainment in 1953, and today, 97 percent of U.S. households have one or more televisions.

Another thing that brought new life to citizen leadership was the Illinois Association of Park Districts. In 1928, this great organization was created, with the goal of making citizen board members the very best in the nation. IAPD achieves this through advocacy, education, research, and public awareness.

When we look around the state at those who dedicated years of their lives to achieving the mission of IAPD and to making Illinois a better place, we know that not only did we reach this goal, but we exceeded it far beyond our founders' wildest dreams!

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IAPD LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR



Representative Anthony Deluca

Since joining the General Assembly in 2009, Representative Deluca has supported numerous IAPD platform bills, and during the 97th General Assembly he was a chief co-sponsor of HB 3343, which restored the FOIA exemption for personal information of children who participate in park district recreational programs.

As chairperson of the House Cities and Villages Committee, Representative Deluca was extremely helpful this past year, meeting frequently with IAPD to discuss concerns with numerous major legislative proposals that were before his committee. Representative Deluca has offered tremendous support to IAPD.



Representative Tom Demmer

During his five years in the general assembly and as a member of the Lt. Governor's local government consolidation and unfunded mandates task force, Representative Demmer has proven to be a consistent and reliable voice of local government in the fight against unfunded mandates.

Last year, Representative Demmer sponsored House Bill 3120, which will help IAPD

member agencies save hundreds of dollars every year by providing the option to publish the annual prevailing wage notice on their website rather than in the newspaper. Representative Demmer has been an outstanding supporter of IAPD initiatives and is always gracious with his time.



Senator Michael Hastings

During the 99th General Assembly, Senator Hastings sponsored House Bill 4536, which adjusted the bid limit threshold under the Park District Code, Conservation District Act and the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Thanks to his leadership and determination, this IAPD platform bill is helping our member agencies and their taxpayers save administrative costs on small purchases.

Senator Hastings has been a tremendous advocate when it comes to grant funding for local capital projects that improve the quality of life and help grow the economy. Senator Hastings has voted to protect dedicated matching funds for the OSLAD grant programs and is a true supporter of IAPD.

IAPD Rising Star Award

Dan Engelkes, Commissioner, Oregon Park District

Dan has been at the forefront of crafting and approving policies for the operation, control, improvement and planning of park and recreation facilities and activities. His expertise has been instrumental in the development of a long-term capital replacement plan and the ADA transition plan. His actions always have the best interest of the park district at heart, and he never fails to support our mission, policies and procedures.



IPRA Young Professional of The Year Award

Mary Liz Jayne, Lisle Park District

In just three years, she has grown and improved each of her programs, most notably the *No Name Teen Camp* and the before-and-after school program. She has also added several family-oriented special events. She has done all this while being extremely active in IPRA and enthusiastically serving several committees and leadership positions including state coordinator of the Illinois Teen Battle of the Bands, co-chair of the special events committee, school-age/day camp and teen committees.



IAPD Honored Professional Award

Dr. Larry Reiner, Butterfield Park District

Larry Reiner has served the park and recreation field with honor and distinction for more than 45 years. He is a CPRP and a master board member in IAPD's Board Member Development Program. Larry's energy and enthusiasm in helping others through park districts and special recreation agencies are unmatched. He was the backbone of the successful passage of a community-wide referendum in Butterfield Park District and the redevelopment of every park in the Butterfield system in the last six years. His vision and leadership have laid the foundation for impeccable parks, programs and services for generations to come.

IPRA Community Impact Award

Teddy Anderson, Waukegan Park District

Teddy's commitment to the community is evidenced by her work with the Bowen Park Theatre Guild and her membership in many community-focused organizations, including the City Planning and Zoning Commission, the Lake County Visitors and Convention Bureau, the School District Strategic Planning Committee and the Latino Coalition. She is a steering committee member of Waukegan's Citizen's Committee, an institutional member of the Waukegan Business Association, and a founder of the Waukegan Arts Council and Waukegan Parks Foundation. She has skillfully partnered with community groups to integrate their services with the park district to enhance the delivery of services. She has made an indelible impression on the Waukegan community.



IAPD Mike Cassidy Commissioner Community Service Award
Kevin Dolan, President, Mundelein Park & Recreation District
Board of Directors

Since 1997, Kevin Dolan has served with honesty and integrity as a commissioner of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District. Kevin's leadership heavily influenced the construction of Barefoot Bay Aquatic Center, the development of Diamond Lake Sports Complex, the expansion of the district's natural resource management practices and numerous intergovernmental agreements, partnerships and grants that have saved the residents of Mundelein \$3.6 million dollars. Kevin has attained master board member status through IAPD'S Board Member Development Program.



IPRA Professional of the Year Award
Dan Gibble, Executive Director, Sycamore Park District

Dan's vision and expertise brought changes that laid the necessary groundwork to bring Action 2020, the district's extensive long-range plan, to fruition. The seven-project plan includes the district's first community center, dog park and splashpad, along with two trail connections, sports complex expansion and a golf course irrigation system. To help support these endeavors, Dan led the district through a successful referendum and \$1 million-dollar fundraising campaign – a true testament to the public's new positive perception of their park district.

IAPD Commissioner of the Year Award
Sebastian "Buzz" Puccio, President, Bloomingdale Park District

Buzz generously gives his time and guidance to educating new commissioners. His zest for giving the residents of Bloomingdale high quality park and recreation services has led to numerous intergovernmental agreements and partnerships with other organizations.

Buzz has invested so much of himself throughout the last 40 years to make Bloomingdale a wonderful place to live, work and play.



IPRA Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award
Dean Bostrom, Executive Director, Hoffman Estates Park District

Under Dean's skilled leadership, the Hoffman Estates Park District has received more than \$4 million dollars in grants and has grown acreage by 30% to 925 acres. The district also received \$3.1 million dollars and more than a 12-acre land donation to build a 100,000 square-foot-state-of-the-art recreation center. Dean created a partnership with the Chicago Wolves to construct a new ice facility, and other partnerships have raised more than \$500,000 in sponsorships. Dean founded Friends of the Hoffman Estates Park Foundation and has served as an executive board member for more than 18 years. He led the Hoffman Estates Park District to a National Gold Medal Award; CAPRA certification, distinguished accreditation, PDRMA accreditation and a host of other accolades. Dean's lifetime commitment to the field is truly commendable.

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Buffalo Grove Park District

IAPD Chairman Citation

Keith Wallace, Executive Director, Lincolnway Special Recreation Association



IAPD CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John Hoscheit
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

John has been a Commissioner of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County since 1997 and served as Board President from 2002-2014. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois, College of Law. Upon completion of college, he returned to St. Charles where he has resided for nearly 40 years. For

more than 25 years, John has held elected offices in various local governmental entities including the St. Charles Park District, St. Charles City Council, Kane County Board and Kane County Forest Preserve Commission. He has been engaged as a youth coach in multiple sports including football, baseball, soccer, hockey and basketball. He has been involved in organizations related to recreational activities not only as a volunteer coach, but also as a fundraiser and board member. John is a strong believer in the benefits that athletics and recreation provide for citizens of the community. He currently serves on the Board Development Constitutional Bylaws, Membership, Program, Nominating, Joint Legislative committees and the Joint Coordinating Council.

John succeeds Frankfort Park District Board President, Tom Barz.

2017 Chairman of the IPRA Board of Directors – Matthew Corso SEASPAR

IPRA Chairman of the Board of Directors
Matthew Corso, CTRS, CPRP, is the Executive Director at the South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR) in Downers Grove, IL. Matthew is responsible for funding and overall association operations. He has been with SEASPAR for 14 years and has been involved in special parks and recreation in some capacity for over 27 years. Matthew graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in special education and completed a post-baccalaureate certificate program at Chicago State University. Matthew is very involved with the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) as well as the Therapeutic Recreation Section of IPRA. Currently, he serves as chair of the IPRA board. He was a founding member of the membership council and represented the Therapeutic Recreation Section on the council. He also been the chair of the Youth at Risk Committee, coordinator of the Participant Services Division (PSD), IPRCB Board Member, and treasurer of Srani. Matthew has also been active in a variety of other IPRA/TR section committees and is on the board for the Indiana University Executive Development Program. Matthew is also very involved with Special Olympics Illinois as a committee member, coach, volunteer and trainer, and received the Maggiano's Hero Award in 2007.



Matt succeeds O'Fallon Park District Executive Director, Rita Fletcher.

ENGAGING CITIZENS TO PROTECT THE



ENVIRONMENT

BY JEFF AND MARTHA WEISS

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

– Margaret Mead

Park districts and recreational agencies can provide an avenue for community members to exchange ideas and participate in actions with the goal of improving their local environment. Once an opportunity has been established and publicized, people with environmental concerns and volunteer spirits will be willing and happy to add their talents to the team.



BGEAT works with local troops and packs to provide environmental related service activities to help scouts earn badges and service hours.

An Action Team

Nine years ago, Jeff Weiss, a Buffalo Grove resident with a passion for improving the local environment, arranged for a floating island to be planted and launched in a pond in a local park. The island was jointly sponsored by the Buffalo Grove Park District and the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club and was installed to improve water quality and provide a habitat for plants and animals. The event resulted in an outpouring of community spirit and involvement. Jeff's wife Martha, a Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner at the time, wondered how the momentum could be maintained.

Jeff suggested that it would be a good idea to form a team so that interested citizens could take direct action to improve their local environment. He asked the Buffalo Grove Park District if they would sponsor the team, and the board and staff embraced the idea. The first meeting of the team was publicized and well attended. The group was comprised of people with different passions, especially recycling, renewable energy/energy conservation and habitat restoration. An employee of the park district and a commissioner are liaisons to the team.

The citizens brainstormed and agreed that “the mission of the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team (BGEAT) is to raise awareness, improve the local natural environment and encourage sustainability practices for present and

future generations.” The team is made up of residents who plan events, run them and then celebrate their accomplishments. The word “action” is part of the team's name because this is what the residents want to do – act to improve their community. The team members consist of all age groups, including the first executive director of the park district, now in his eighties, young adults and parents wanting to protect the environment where they are raising their children. The first event, a successful electronics recycling, was held just two months after the team's first meeting. More recycling initiatives soon followed and team members continue to volunteer at an annual electronics recycling event that is now sponsored by the Village of Buffalo Grove and the Regional Solid Waste Agency.

Meetings

During its first years, BGEAT meetings were held in the administration building of the park district and then moved to the homes of the members so that more interaction and networking could be done in an informal setting over potluck dinners. A portion of each meeting includes member updates where each person talks about topics that are of interest to the group and gives information about other environmental opportunities that are educational or action-oriented. Because members have different areas of interest and varied backgrounds, it is a great chance to exchange ideas and develop strategies.



Partnerships with other community groups

BGEAT reaches out to local governments and other community groups to promote green causes and to join them in different planned events. Local officials from the Village of Buffalo Grove participate in BGEAT meetings to discuss environmental issues and get input annually for the village's environmental plan. BGEAT initiated a suggestion that the village form an electrical energy aggregation program and the village responded by taking the lead role to form a consortium that purchased green energy for five local municipalities with more than 250,000 residents for three years. BGEAT has participated in village public meetings regarding stormwater management and provided letters of support for grants to restore a village-owned stormwater facility and two park district grant applications. BGEAT has also advocated for alternative energy and green infrastructure projects and participated in the People's Climate March in a neighboring suburb. One of the newest members is promoting the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, a program designed to protect and feed this vanishing butterfly. As a result, BGEAT increased plantings of milkweed plants in ongoing habitat restoration projects.

BGEAT works with local troops and packs to provide environmental related service activities to help scouts earn badges and service hours. BGEAT member Jeff Weiss has mentored Eagle scouts who want to conduct service

projects at the parks. BGEAT also teamed up with the Buffalo Grove Prairie Guardians to present an exhibit called "The Lost Prairie" and related programming at the Raupp Historical Museum, a Buffalo Grove Park District facility. BGEAT has an Adopt-a-Highway clean-up crew which has kept more than a mile of local roadway free of litter for the past seven years. BGEAT initiated the recycling stations that are stationed around the village's four-day Buffalo Grove Days festival site. Some BGEAT members have taken the training to be citizen scientists and are involved in monitoring stream quality with the Illinois RiverWatch program. Team members also attend meetings of, and support, the local Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership in their efforts to engage eight neighboring communities in projects to clean up local streams in the watershed.

A community event that BGEAT sponsors annually in June is the Buffalo Grove Green Fair. Hundreds of attendees visit 20 exhibitors who display a wide variety of environmentally friendly programs and services. Residents bring many items to be recycled, including bicycles, crayons, shoes, books, small electronics and clothing. BGEAT has collected more than 250 bicycles for Working Bikes Cooperative, which repairs and ships bicycles to women and children in Africa and Latin America, providing critical transportation to jobs and schools.



BGEAT is proud of what they have accomplished in the first nine years of their existence, but the members are always looking for new projects and partnerships to pursue.

The BGEAT Earth Day stream cleanup is a family-friendly occasion. In addition to removing the litter that accumulates in the stream over the winter, volunteers pull an invasive weed called garlic mustard, sow seeds and plant seedlings to increase the biodiversity of the woods at the largest community park. Financial support for community work days has been provided by grants from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Illinois DNR's Streambank Cleanup and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE) program and the Buffalo Grove Garden Club. Siemens, a global business with a local office, has donated native plants and sponsored an employee day of service to plant them in the park.

BGEAT teamed up with a group of volunteers from a nearby forest preserve for an annual seed cleaning event held in the park district's maintenance garage in December. These groups work together to process seeds of native plants to be sown in prairies, woodlands and wetlands in the parks and preserves in areas that have been cleared of non-native invasive plants.

Social Media

BGEAT maintains a page in the Buffalo Grove Park District's website inviting residents to join the team, linking the minutes and agendas of their meetings, and listing past events that the team participated in. The page also contains links to other green resources because the community looks to the team for guidance on environmental issues. The team has a Facebook page that alerts the community to their events and provides helpful postings about topical issues.

Future Projects

BGEAT is proud of what they have accomplished in the first nine years of their existence, but the members are always looking for new projects and partnerships to pursue. The team exemplifies what a "small group of

thoughtful, committed citizens" can accomplish to improve the quality of life in their community. A park district or recreational agency should provide citizens, corporate interests and other governmental agencies a forum in order to communicate and coordinate actions and policies that affect environmental management and awareness by the community. The Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) is to be commended for encouraging and recognizing agencies in Illinois through its Best Green Practices Award. This award is "presented to a park district, forest preserve, conservation, recreation or special recreation agency that has taken the initiative to incorporate and encourage environmentally-friendly business practices and policies." The Buffalo Grove Park District is a past recipient of this award and its citizen committee was honored for their efforts. Other agencies can empower their own residents to take positive actions to bring about a greener tomorrow.



***Jeff Weiss** is an adjunct professor at College of Lake County in the Horticulture Department, the founder of BGEAT and the Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership and a stewardship volunteer at the Buffalo Grove Prairie and Deer Grove Forest Preserve. He received the 2016 Steward of the Year Award from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and 2010 Best Friend Award from the Buffalo Grove Park District in recognition of his volunteer services for the environment. He also tends the wildflower garden at Martha Weiss Park.*

***Martha Weiss** is an Executive Assistant for the Buffalo Grove Park District. She was on the Park District Board of Commissioners for 22 years prior to her employment with the district. She is an active volunteer in the community for her Rotary Club and the American Cancer Society.*

Martha and Jeff are married and have four children and four grandchildren.



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By Jeff Long, Public Relations &
Communications Director, Fox Valley Park District

GREEN VISION **sustained**

**Fox Valley's 71-year commitment
is central to its operations**



The year was 1947, a time when life in America was slowly returning to normal in the wake of World War II.

After years of sacrifice and rationing – a period in history when leisure activities were severely restricted – families in Aurora set their sights on new beginnings.



Residents desired a sense of community, one of coming together for a better tomorrow. The pillars for that bridge to the future included equal parts leisure, recreation and open public space for all to enjoy.

With overwhelming support, the Fox Valley Park District arose from that vision, expressly created to “protect and preserve scenic vistas along the Fox River” – a futuristic, green view at a time when rivers and waterways were relegated as local dumping grounds for manufacturing plants.

Today, that green legacy looms large as ever. Seventy years since its inception, FVPD is the regional leader in expanding open space preservation, environmental stewardship and public access to open space throughout the Fox River Valley.

Guided by the 5 Rs

In the mid-2000s, Fox Valley made a landmark decision that put an historic signature on its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The plan was spearheaded by the 5 Rs – renovating, reusing, restoring, recycling and reinvesting – all dedicated toward reducing Fox Valley’s carbon footprint district-wide.

When it came time for the district to expand its administrative headquarters to accommodate its growing operations, Fox Valley was held to the highest of standards – its own.

The Cole Administration, Park Operations and Natural Resources Center surpassed that threshold with flying colors – most of them green – and became central to that goal, both literally and physically.

But it wasn't a shiny, newly built, massive facility. Rather, Fox Valley went retro with an eye toward a greener future. The new headquarters were converted from a 72,000-square foot industrial center along the Fox River – built over 60 years ago – that had most recently served as a fabrication facility for a commercial hydraulic lift company.

The \$7 million saved in taxpayer dollars through adaptive re-use rather than building new was only the beginning. As much as residents endorsed the tax savings, they were equally interested in expansion and added preservation of riverside lands – and this arrangement was a 2-for-1 deal that benefitted all involved.

Green gateway

Consolidation also was an effort in conservation. A larger, more central site with greater space allowed Fox Valley to bring its park operations and administration under one roof. Now obsolete, the former maintenance site – four acres of riverside land on the south end of the district – was converted to parkland.

Today, absent the steel sheds, gas pumps and maintenance vehicles – those four acres have been restored and converted into a central trailhead for a regional network to more than 500 miles of interconnected trails – with the Fox River shimmering alongside.

Meanwhile, while the former site was being restored, renovation and reinvestment were proceeding rapidly at the new Cole Center. It, too, was situated along the Fox River and completed a green complex of publicly accessible lands and park district facilities. Lined by the famously popular Fox River Trail on both sides, it offers a welcoming wave of natural beauty leading into the business district of Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois.

In all, these preserved public lands occupy 40 acres of riverside beauty, extending nearly one mile, ushering a green and welcoming gateway to downtown Aurora.

The added significance of Fox Valley siting its headquarters in this location is that the five riverside acres it occupies will be preserved in perpetuity as public parkland after the building reaches the end of its life cycle.

To that end, the green benefits of moving its headquarters to the heart of the district - which encompasses 65 square miles - goes far beyond greater visibility and convenient public access.

Being centrally located greatly reduces the district's carbon footprint - on a daily basis - requiring reduced travel for maintenance and grounds-keeping fleets, as well as staff trips from other facilities.

District-wide, this has reduced fleet mileage an average of 600 miles per week - every week since 2010, when consolidation took place.

And those numbers are about to increase roughly two-fold, given that Fox Valley recently followed suit with its police department. In December 2016, police headquarters were transferred from its site on the south end of the District to the Cole Center, including its entire fleet of 14 vehicles.

Police and planners together... safety and sustainability have joined forces.

Retrofitting for the future

With 233,000 residents in its three-city service area, Fox Valley is the second largest park district in Illinois, and one of wide-ranging diversity. Bringing together such a vast array of constituents and developing unity can often be challenging. But the park district's approach was echoed favorably by residents, who strongly endorsed Fox Valley's commitment to stewardship, both financial and environmental.

The Cole Center stands as symbol to those shared beliefs, many times over.

A model of sustainability, the retrofitted Cole Center combines energy-efficient design with more than 125 sustainable features.

Before the "retrofitting" even began, the district was already ahead on the green game in that it avoided impacting prime farmland habitats for indigenous species and wetlands by utilizing a previously developed site.

Among the facility's many highlights is a RainXchange rainwater harvesting system that provides sustainable storm water management options with the ability to collect, store (in underground tanks) and reuse rainwater for vehicle/equipment washing and irrigation.

To date, Fox Valley's 10,000-gallon harvesting reservoir is one of the largest systems of its type for a municipal building in Illinois. This project became one of the first within the Aurora city limits to address the city's updated ordinance for sustainable storm water management.

To further prevent runoff of storm water, a 20,000-square-foot permeable paver parking area provides a naturalized filtering process that cleanses rainwater and promotes infiltration - especially significant features considering the close proximity of the Cole Center to the Fox River.

Rain gardens and bio-swales are spread out extensively across the Cole Center's grounds, which also features native plants and natural prairie grass throughout its exterior. It's served as a testing ground of sorts.

"The Cole Center marked our first full commitment to sustainability on a large, comprehensive scale," said Jeff Palmquist, Senior Director of Operations and Planning. "In the process, we learned how to best utilize these methods and materials to apply similar practices throughout the district."

Fox Valley has since installed permeable paver parking lots at its four largest parks, while rain gardens and bio swales are prominent in nearly every new park concept plan and renovation.

Foremost among the Cole Center's many energy-efficient features are the outdoor lighting systems that feature light emitting diode (LED) lights. These use 75 percent less electricity than fluorescents and last 10 times longer, making them the greenest light source available.

Shortly after its public unveiling, the Cole Center was awarded the Sustainable Development Award by The Conservation Foundation. The honor is bestowed upon a business or agency that "best demonstrates environmentally friendly practices in its development projects," according to Brook McDonald, president and CEO.

"With all of its sustainable features, the Cole Center is a model structure that meets or exceeds the highest environmental standards," McDonald added.

Though it was created to blend in with nature and the communities it serves, the Cole Center stands out as a proudly green representation of sustainability.

"It is truly a touchstone of our commitment to green practices," said Palmquist. "With its high-visibility location in the heart of the district, it is a reminder every day to the public and our employees that we 'walk the walk' when it comes to raising the bar and aspiring to a green and sustainable future."



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Congratulations to our 2017 Give Us Your Best Shot photo contest winners!



RECREATION/PEOPLE AT PLAY



1st Place

Justin Sienkiewicz
Schaumburg Park District
"The Challenge Course"

2nd Place

Evan Kane
Park District of Highland Park
"Rosewood Overnighter"



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1st Place

Sarah Kokes
Park District of
Highland Park
"Sooo Close"

2nd Place

Mike Frankowski
St Charles Park District
"Tricks and Stunts at Mt.
St. Mary Park's Skate Park"



WILDLIFE



1st Place

Michael Noens
Palatine Park District
"The Monarch Way"

2nd Place

Kim Baxter
Westmont Park District
"Lady Bug"

NATURE/LANDSCAPE



1st Place

Ryan Minion
Normal Parks and
Recreation Department
"Autumn Island"

2nd Place

Greg Hooper
Alsip Park District
"Morning Spotlight on the
Cal-Sag Trail"

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who submitted a photo in 2017.





PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

“Green Action”

This is not only an article on the green practices and initiatives that the Park District of Oak Park (PDOP) has accomplished over the last few years, but also a challenge to everyone that reads this article to do more. The days of leaving sustainability up to the “environmentalists” or “tree-huggers” are past, and we all need to take action. We are using more natural resources than our planet can replenish, which I don't know about you but this is plenty of motivation for me. According to an article by Forbes, the Global Footprint Network posts what they call the Earth Overshoot Day every year and in 2017 it was on August 2nd. This is the day that humans have used up their allowance of natural resources that Earth can replenish in one year.

BY CHRIS LINDGREN



The park district has a total of four cisterns installed to re-purpose over 1,000,000 gallons of water and saves taxpayers \$68,000 per year.

The PDOP has sustainability identified as one of our Comprehensive Master Plan Goals, Strategic Initiatives and Core Values. We have successfully made many strides over the last few short years in an effort to lessen our impact on the environment. The PDOP is not simply satisfied with “doing our part,” but wants to be seen as a leader in green practices. Being green is much more than changing light bulbs and installing solar, we want to create a culture here and intend to extend that culture to our residents.

ENERGY

Renewable energy is a large contributor to lowering our carbon footprint and the PDOP has installed three photovoltaic solar systems since 2015. The first system was at the newly built Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center which has a 19.6 kW solar array. This building is a LEED Platinum building that is targeting Net Zero certification by the International Living Future Institute. Achieving this great certification would make it the first of its kind in the state of Illinois. The other two systems were not part of our planning and budgeting process making this an even better story. These are two separate, unique systems that came to the PDOP in the form of a lease and a donation. The first project was the lease from Realgy LLC that entailed a power purchasing agreement from them for the energy produced off the 100.8 kW system placed on the roof of our Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC). The PDOP will pay Realgy LLC, a set competitive rate for the building’s energy usage and will in turn save on paying the costly ComEd delivery fees. The entire installation cost was paid for by Realgy and they will also be responsible for any maintenance of the system for the terms of the 8-year

agreement. Also, the PDOP reserves the right to go out to bid for energy prices as the market changes and Realgy will match those discounted rates. This project was a win win for the PDOP, Realgy and the residents of Oak Park. The PDOP gets to save \$25,000 annually on operating costs with no financial burden or maintenance responsibilities, Realgy will pay off the cost of the system through the power payments and SREC's, and the residents get to lower their carbon footprint by 125,000 kWh's per year. Adding this solar to the project helped to move the RCRC from LEED Silver to a LEED Gold status.

The second project that came to the PDOP was donated by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), who was going for the nation's first Living Building Challenge office space, and they needed a place to provide solar as part of that certification. Since this is an office building and they do not own the roof, they needed a partner. We hired a contractor to install the 5.7kW system at Longfellow Center where we have a large outdoor cistern that recycles water and uses it for irrigation.

In early 2017, the PDOP received an energy grant through ComEd that paid for the change out of all of the PDOP's exterior park lights. This took place in all 18 parks and will save over 60% of the energy cost annually on the 190 park lights that are on every night of the year. The project was completed in-house with the park staff and took roughly two weeks to finish. These lights not only save energy costs, but the longer life LED retrofits replaced both the bulb and the ballast saving greatly on maintenance and replacement costs. The second phase of this grant paid for all of the exterior building fixtures to be converted to LED.

WATER

The park district has a total of four cisterns installed to re-purpose over 1,000,000 gallons of water and saves taxpayers \$68,000 per year. The cistern located at the Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center uses rain water for flushing the toilets and for watering the nearby plants. All storm water is kept on site for greywater use and overflow is directed into two separate rain gardens. A green roof helps by cleaning and slowing down the rain water before filling the cistern. Two of our large cisterns are used to capture the runoff water from splash pads and re-purpose it for irrigation. One is underground at Field Park and the other is above ground at Longfellow Park/Center which also collects rain water from the building. The reason we decided to put Longfellow's cistern above ground was to give the public something to see and touch. It creates curiosity and draws people to it, where they can read the interpretative signage about what it does and how it works. For the Longfellow 9,000 gallon cistern tank, we used lumber milled from Ash trees in our parks affected by Emerald Ash Borer to wrap the cistern tank giving it a nice aesthetic appeal. This same reclaimed lumber was used as the interior trim work at our LEED Platinum Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center.

Oak Park is in a very urban environment where storm water runoff is an issue on a number of fronts. Heavy rains result in flooding of streets and basements, the storm system is combined storm & sewer that needs heavy treatment, the system is often overloaded due to limited green space and continued local development. One great way to save our precious resource is to install rain gardens or bio-swales. They provide a place for rain and storm water runoff to be cleaned and absorbed back into the ground to recharge the aquifers. This lowers the burden on the storm system, conserves water, reduces standing water, creates a habitat for birds and butterflies, gives a nice curb appeal and increases beneficial insects that eliminate pest insects like mosquitos. We received a ComEd Openlands grant to help pay for a bio-swale at our Conservatory that is in a heavy runoff area and has flourished. At Taylor Park, we extended our Fen to assist with flooding, groundwater, bird and butterfly habitat. PDOP staff installed six additional rain gardens in the parkways at Taylor & Barrie Parks. Our most recent park project at Euclid Square Park features a large rain garden which is tasked with holding a large portion of the sites water.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING

Park districts are tasked with maintaining large green spaces and there is a great opportunity to be environmental stewards. All of our park projects and new plantings are natives or native cultivars. We do not use herbicides or pesticides on our turf and have a very strictly enforced IPM in our Environmental Policy. Our athletic field manager uses the strategy of "grow more grass than weeds" through heavy over-seeding, top dressing with soil

amendments, aerating and more. This is a particularly difficult task due to the urban nature of our area and heavy usage of our greenspace. Oak Park is underserved in greenspace as we only have 82 acres spread out over 18 parks (National standards would say we need almost 500 acres for our population), so it is very important that we maintain our parks to a high level. We recently won two national awards through STMA for Athletic Field of the Year and an Environmental Facility Certification both for Longfellow Park. We have identified and implemented no-mow areas in our parks to limit the amount of maintenance and gas powered equipment needed. Other practices include prescribed burns in our natural areas to help with weed control, thatch reduction which allows germination of seeds, promotes vigorous growth and extends the growing season.

The PDOP worked with the Village of Oak Park to achieve the first designation of a municipal arboretum in the state. Along with the village, we share the responsibility for over 21,000 trees. The PDOP arborists manage all trees through our GIS database to track the maintenance, health and diversity. We put together a summer seasonal team solely for the task of managing tree rings, creating new tree mulch rings and pruning sucker growth.

WASTE & RECYCLING

Recycling and composting is handled throughout our various programs and facilities. Many of our special events are targeting zero waste such as our Frank Lloyd Wright Race which has over 3,000 runners and has over a 95% waste diversion rate. Our 13 Concert in the Park events use volunteers to assist with managing the zero waste stations. Our citizen Greening Advisory Committee initiated a Carry In/Carry Out program with the baseball, softball and soccer affiliates to reduce trash and increase environmental awareness and stewardship. In 2016, we removed almost a third of our trash cans in the parks and have seen a 25% drop in the amount of trash taken to the dump. We have recycling and composting at all of our major facilities, but have future plans to extend it to our smaller community centers. Lastly, we have been replacing all new water fountains with ones that have a bottle fill option to encourage re-usable containers.

Conclusion

I started out this article with a challenge to simply do more. Many agencies are doing some really great things to lessen their burden on the environment, but we all need to step up and do more. Our successes can all be attributed to two things: making sustainability a priority and action. Most if not all park districts have the words sustainable or environmental stewardship in their mission, values or principles meaning that the only thing left is action. The PDOP has no plans to slow down our efforts and will strive to "do more." Will you?

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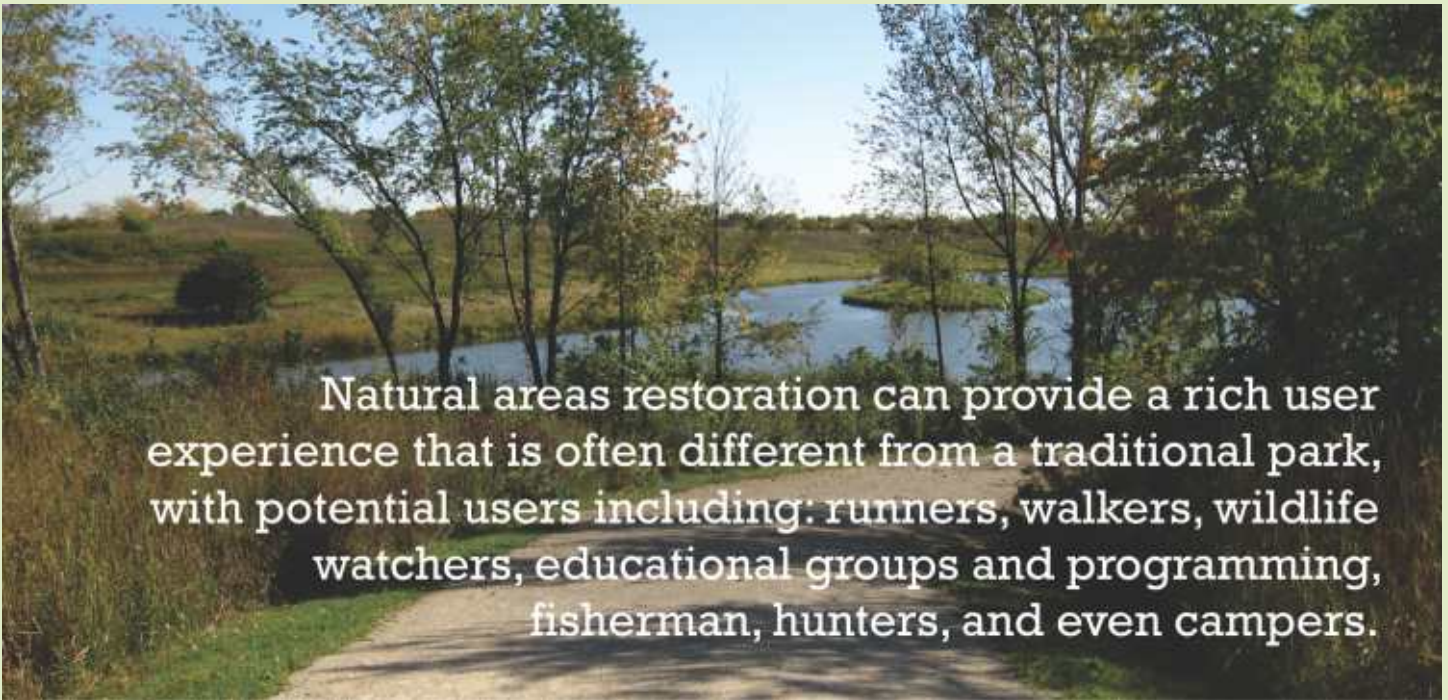


WORKING TOGETHER:

The Union of Restoration and Recreation

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Many agencies tasked with the oversight and improvement of open spaces face the challenges of managing both natural areas and recreational programming. While these two agendas can at times be in conflict, the union of naturally restored open spaces with recreational opportunities can enhance user engagement and experience dramatically. Thoughtful planning and implementation of these unique spaces can provide premiere preserve and park destinations. As “green infrastructure” and “going green” gain even further traction within the design lexicon and our communities, marrying natural areas and recreation represents a perfect synergy of environmentally sensitive design and human experience. Low impact exploration of the natural world was perhaps the first iteration of green infrastructure, and remains an attainable goal on many sites.



Natural areas restoration can provide a rich user experience that is often different from a traditional park, with potential users including: runners, walkers, wildlife watchers, educational groups and programming, fisherman, hunters, and even campers.

Opportunities for the union of natural spaces with recreational design are widespread. Like any park or site design, an evaluation of site constraints and target users is necessary during the planning phase. Whether starting with an undeveloped site, restoring natural areas on an existing active recreation site, or bringing users to a naturally restored site, unique challenges are present. Natural areas restoration can provide a rich user experience that is often different from a traditional park, with potential users including: runners, walkers, wildlife watchers, educational groups and programming, fisherman, hunters, and even campers. By focusing on components working together, such as: trails and prairie, boardwalks and wetlands, or overlooks and shorelines, users can be brought into natural areas without impacting the success of the restoration. A thorough understanding of both the site and the target users informs the development of a well-conceived setting.

Successful site development and design relies heavily on due diligence and a deep understanding of site opportunities and constraints. This is magnified when considering enhancement or restoration of natural areas. Wetlands, streams and waterbodies, organic soils, unique vegetative communities, and varied topography can all provide exceptional opportunities to create or restore ecologically varied habitat, but can also present design constraints. Other considerations such as existing habitat, historic site use, adjacent land uses, and available infrastructure are also key when considering the feasibility of a site for restoration, accommodating access, and providing a rich user experience.

A thorough understanding of physical site characteristics highlights the challenges of, and opportunities for, integrating restoration and recreation. Hydrologic studies

and floodplain mapping, soil investigations, wetland mapping, biological investigations, threatened and endangered species review, topographic and infrastructure survey, and vegetative surveys may all be necessary to inform design and understand regulatory constraints. Much of this gathered information is applicable to more standard park and site development, however it is more common to see these as constraints or “issues to work around”. By contrast, these same issues present unique components that restoration and recreation projects can creatively consider and integrate.

A successful hydrologic restoration typically requires a thorough understanding of site hydrology. This often includes a review of available floodplain mapping and watershed studies, site subsurface drainage (or draitile) investigations, and a reconnaissance of site features such as: drainageways and swales, ditches, streams, ponds, and wetlands. A large percentage of the unimproved open space in the Midwest is currently, or was recently, actively farmed. Many previously restored park and preserve sites also have agricultural histories, the remnants of which can still impact site drainage and use. Agricultural activities often modified site hydrology substantially, through the use of tiles and ditches, to facilitate the farming of former wetland, woodland, and prairie areas. Frequently, restoring these former agricultural sites to a natural state is a programmed objective, and reestablishment of site hydrology is paramount to achieving that goal.

Hydrologic restoration generally focuses on reversing agricultural drainage improvements through the disablement of draitiles and closure or modification of ditches to reestablish surface hydrology and more natural groundwater conditions. Restoring natural hydrologic regimes presents opportunities to provide more diverse

vegetative communities and habitats. This diversity enhances ecology and rewards users with engaging recreational and viewing opportunities.

In addition to the opportunities presented by hydrologic restoration of former agricultural sites, certain design challenges are also common to these projects. With the goal to enhance hydrology, concerns about off-site drainage must be considered. Before draitiles are disabled, they must be traced off-site to determine if modifications are necessary to maintain the current level of service for upstream properties. Similar considerations inform the selection and placement of proposed recreation components such as trails, overlooks, shelters and boardwalks. The design must balance the expected increase in groundwater elevation and expanded surface hydrology to ensure that recreational use is not impacted. Thoughtful design will create viewsheds and provide access to habitat, while being sensitive to the restored areas and ecology.

At the Kankakee Sands Preserve, a jewel of the Forest Preserve District of Will County (District), actively farmed areas were recently restored and access constructed to create a world-class user experience blending restoration and recreation. The preserve, located between the Village of Braidwood and the City of Wilmington, lies within the outwash of the Kankakee Torrent, a glacial event that deposited deep seams of near surface sands in the region. As a result of this prehistoric event, the region remains rich in ecology that is unique within the state of Illinois. Prickly pear cactus, glass lizards, and ornate box turtles are present, along with a long list of flora and fauna not found elsewhere in the state.

In 2015, the district began planning public access improvements to bring users to the site, while also restoring the site to be more consistent with the previously restored or enhanced neighboring Illinois Department of Natural Resources properties and an Illinois Nature Preserve owned and operated by the district. To restore native hydrology and provide suitable conditions for the unique native plants and animals, modifications to the agricultural drainage system were proposed, including: removal of draitiles, closure of ditches, and strategic grading for proposed wetland areas. By reverting these long-standing drainage practices, a more natural groundwater regime and more varied habitat was achieved. The project also included oak savanna restoration by clearing invasive understory, and thinning canopy by girdling and removing less desirable tree species such as box elder and black cherry. The recently farmed area was

also restored with a native seed mix compiled to thrive in the sandy subsoil and restored hydrologic conditions.

In addition to the restoration efforts, the district created a new access point, complete with a parking area, latrine, picnic shelter, and trailhead at a former homestead site. The shelter was constructed in a remnant oak savanna, sited to overlook a wetland and restored prairie and take advantage of the expansive views from a ridge over the varied habitat. Three miles of trails bring people through the restored oak savanna, prairie, and wetland areas. The planned trail routes interact with the restored hydrology but maintain a dry, stable surface. Boardwalks span sensitive habitat and drainages. Amenities, including the shelter and trails, were sited to highlight key high-quality areas, while maintaining a buffer from sensitive habitat. The result is a site that engages preserve users and creates opportunities for experiences not available at traditional park sites, while also creating several hundred acres of new habitat connected to other regional corridors.

The Lake County Forest Preserve's Middlefork Savanna site is another good example of restoration and recreation activities that have been planned together over the last 30 years. Restoration at the site has resulted in one of the highest quality tallgrass savannas in the nation, which attracts users from all over Chicagoland to enjoy the trail systems and the high-quality birding habitat. The North Branch of the Chicago River bisects the preserve and provides opportunities for overbank wetland, prairie, and oak savanna within its floodplain. Past restoration efforts have included hydrologic modification, stream restoration to combat the effect of the incised channel and restore more frequent hydrology to the overbanks, and vegetative enhancement and restoration. The site contains miles of heavily used multi-use trail, with bridges over the river, overlooks, seating areas, and two active park areas including play equipment adjacent to the restored areas. Building on the past successful restoration efforts, the district continues to fine-tune the site, including efforts in 2016 that expanded streambank restoration, disabled remnant agricultural draitiles and enhanced surface drainage to improve trail conditions and expand restoration efforts.

Natural areas restoration and expanded recreational programming present challenges that can at times appear to be at odds. Thoughtful and creative planning can bring the goals of both restoration and planned recreation and programming together to provide exceptional user experiences within a diverse and healthy ecological restoration.



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Executive Director of Hoffman Estates Park District, Dean Bostrom Set to Retire in Spring of 2018

Dean Bostrom, Executive Director for the Hoffman Estates Park District (HE Parks), announced his intent to retire in the spring of 2018 at the July 25 park board meeting. Bostrom has served in the

parcs and recreation industry for 35 years and has been involved in national, state and local associations throughout his career.

Bostrom joined the Hoffman Estates Park District as executive director in 1997. Under his leadership the district won the highest honor in 2009 for any parks and recreation agency, the National Gold Medal award from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The district also achieved national accreditation in 2013 by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). It is recognized as an Illinois Distinguished Park and Recreation Agency by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). HE Parks was one of the first districts in Illinois to have achieved all three honors.

"When Dean joined the park district in 1997, his energy and passion for his work were immediately apparent," said Park Board President Robert Kaplan. "His vision for the park district and its ability to impact the community has proved invaluable over the years. In addition, he has provided exceptional leadership to his staff over the years. Through all his hard work and direction, he has lifted the Hoffman Estates Park District to an unsurpassed level of excellence and professionalism.



In Memoriam

Greg Bott, Former Plainfield Park District Director, Passes Away at 61

Retired Plainfield Park District Executive Director Gregory B. Bott, a native of Brighton, Illinois, passed away on January 7th at Edward Hospital in Naperville.

Bott worked for the Plainfield Park District for 32 years prior to his retirement in 2013 and was the executive director beginning in 1985.

In 2016, the Plainfield Park District renamed Renwick Community Park, 24550 W. Renwick Road, in his honor. The park was rechristened as Gregory B. Bott Community Park in honor of his years of service "and integral role in the acquisition and development of the park," the park district said at the time. A recreation center is currently under construction at the site.

Former park board commissioner Larry Newton, who now serves as a Village of Plainfield trustee, called Bott's death "a shock."

"It's a tremendous loss to the community," Newton said. "He dedicated his life to Plainfield."

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Friends of the Plainfield Park District or the Plainfield Lions Club has been requested by the family.

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In Memoriam

Edward A. Karasek, age 96, of Berwyn, IL passed away at his home on November 22, 2017. Beloved husband of 65 years of Mary Hapac Karasek, who preceded him in death. Loving father of Edward (Nancy) A. Karasek, Jr. and proud uncle to his nieces and nephews. Ed was a retired automobile dealer and a decorated veteran of the Army Air Corps, having flown C-47s in China Burma India

during World War II. Loyal supporter of and friend to many in the community, Ed served as commissioner and secretary of the Berwyn Park District for 51 years until his death. Ed also was a member of the Berwyn Kiwanis Club for more than 60 years and an active supporter of the club's good works. He was also a member of many other civic organizations and the Commodore Barry Post of the American Legion.

In Memoriam

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner **Timothy Bradford** passed away on December 1, 2017. He was elected to the MWRD Board of Commissioners in 2014 and served as Chairman of the Ethics and Federal Legislation Committees, and he was the Vice Chairman of the Maintenance and Operations and Monitoring and Research Committees.



Commissioner Bradford began his professional journey at Quaker Oats in a managerial position for 25 years. He later established himself as an entrepreneur with an interest in a Miller Beer Distributorship in St. Louis, MO. He also owned Docks Fish, a popular food franchise.

Commissioner Bradford served 30 years as an elected member of the Olympia Fields Park District Board and served three terms as president. Some of his awards included: the Eagle Award for 30 years of service to the Olympia Fields Park District; the Hero's Award from the Village of Olympia Fields; and the Diversity Award from Diversity, Inc. The Matteson Business Association honored him for becoming an elected official.

Commissioner Bradford was married for more than 50 years to his loving wife Mary Ann. His family also included four children: Cherise, Corey, Shance (deceased), and Ty, and eight grandchildren: Bryce, Blaine, Chase, Ryder, Blake, Aiden, Talon, and Nya.



Stella LiPomi Retires from Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation

After more than 42 years of service to Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR), Stella LiPomi is hanging up her hat. She has been a constant figure at M-NASR almost since its beginning in 1972. She started out as the secretary in a small, two-person office that was just beginning to offer programs to individuals with disabilities. By her own admission, she will tell you that she juggled many different responsibilities as the agency started its humble beginnings. Over time, M-NASR grew as did Stella and her dedication to their mission. She was so devoted to M-NASR and the services they provided that she convinced her uncle to make a large monetary contribution to the agency, and thus, the Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation was born. In the many years since that time, M-NASR has been the direct beneficiary of the Liponi Foundation's generosity. Along with various other community members, Stella has served on the Board of Trustees for this foundation since its inception. While Stella is hanging up her hat at M-NASR, she will continue to serve as the Ambassador to the Liponi Foundation where she will carry on the Foundation's mission in its efforts to provide recreational and leisure programs for individuals with disabilities.

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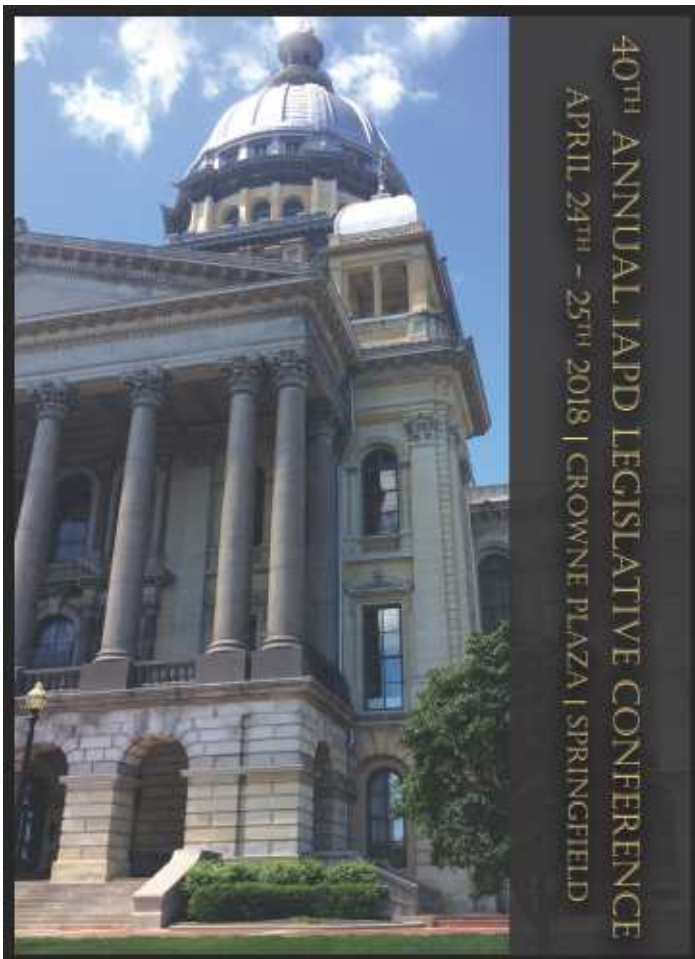
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