



Annual Report 2013



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Senior Citizen Annual Christmas Luncheon
December 2013

SENIORS *by the* NUMBERS

Senior Participation Numbers for January-December 2013

Winter/Spring

Fitness/ Yoga: 199
Education/Social: 669
Trips: 45

Summer

Fitness/Yoga: 160
Education/Social: 414
Trips: 28
Senior Citizen Annual Picnic: 150

Fall

Fitness/Yoga: 201
Education/Social: 530
Trips: 99
Senior Citizen Fall Expo: 150
Senior Citizen Annual
Christmas Luncheon: 195

Education Category is any classes/
seminars held for senior citizens.

Social Category is game day, cards,
bunco, bingo etc.

Numbers are based on participation/
registrations. Not on unique participation.

▼ 2013 Highlights

K Great Adventures Program for Preschool Age Children currently has 238 students enrolled; an increase of 9% from the previous year.

K Plainfield Park District began Front Line Dance Team. The team is comprised of 35 girls and 2 boys. All members partake in the Plainfield Park District Dance program. Front Line Dance focuses on dance techniques, discipline and becoming a more mature dancer when it comes to winning and losing.

K Plainfield pooches, and their owners, are wagging their tails celebrating the opening of the Plainfield Park District's new off-leash dog park at Norman Greenway, 13214 S. Blakely in Plainfield.

K The Plainfield Park District was selected to participate in the 2013 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Catchable Trout Program. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reinstated its Catchable Trout Program in 1994. Various lakes and streams are annually stocked with catchable size (10-11 inch) trout in the spring or fall.



K The Plainfield Park District hosted a park dedication ceremony to rename River Edge Park to the Gregory B. Bott Park. The dedication is in honor of the former Executive's Director 32 years of service to the Plainfield Park District.

K The Plainfield Park District partnered with AllenForce to offer Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies (HMHB) to community veterans. The HMHB program matches injured or disabled veterans with an HMHB certified personal trainer to assist them in the transition from military to civilian life. The program strives to empower all veterans to live a healthy, active lifestyle through networked connections within their communities. This service assists veterans who are injured, ill or wounded through health, fitness training and social networking opportunities.



K A handful of Plainfield Park District employees joined the list of crews sent to areas of northern and central Illinois ravaged by November storms. Four workers from the PPD's Maintenance Department, along with their equipment, went to Coal City to help out wherever possible.



Village Green Splash Pad
August 2013



Facebook

In November, the Marketing Department held a Facebook contest to have people guess how many gallons of water the Village Green Splash Pad uses per season.

Answer: 2,768,348 gallons per season.

Beginning January 1 and Ending December 31, Plainfield Park District Facebook "Likes" increased 58% with 464 new followers.



Marketing and Communications



The Park District logo underwent a major face-lift in 2013 and was updated to help build a foundation for the Park District's 50 year anniversary in 2016.

The Plainfield Park District has a new look. The website and logo went through a major transformation in 2013. The energy around updating the logo and website are part of the foundation for building up to the Park District's 50 year anniversary in 2016.

The Marketing and Communications Department found it necessary to have a logo represent not just the Park District but all of Plainfield. The new logo represents the Plainfield community giving homage to the DuPage River that runs through the Village and the oak trees that you can find throughout the Park District's grounds.

The website redesign was a necessary step in keeping up with technology. The previous website had been used for seven years. While cutting-edge at the time it was constructed, it no longer met the Park District's needs. Thus, the Park District had to implement a new site to remain viable and to support the Park District's goals.

One of the major changes to the site, apart from the revitalized graphics, has been a change in navigation. Another major change to the Park District website is the web address which currently is www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com; the new web address is www.plfdparks.org. The old domain address will be working for a couple of years while everyone in the Park District community gets used to using the new domain address.



The Park District's new website was launched in September 2013.

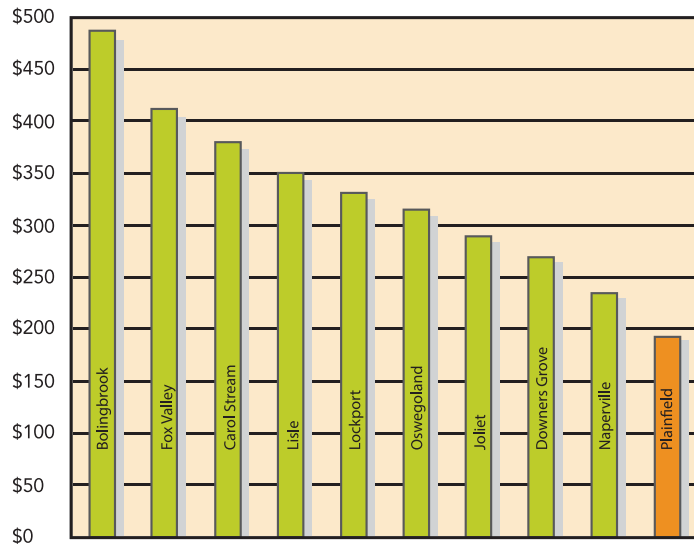
BUSINESS

Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting

The Park District received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the seventh year in a row. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the GFOA program. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

The Plainfield Park District's portion of a tax bill for an average home valued at \$250,000 is 188.15. This amount is approximately 2.7% of the tax bill, with the remaining 97.3% going to other taxing bodies such as the school district, village/city, township, county, fire department, library, community college district, and forest preserve district.

When compared to 10 neighboring park districts of similar demographics, the Plainfield Park District's tax rate and the comparative amount of tax dollars spent per resident ranks last by a large margin.

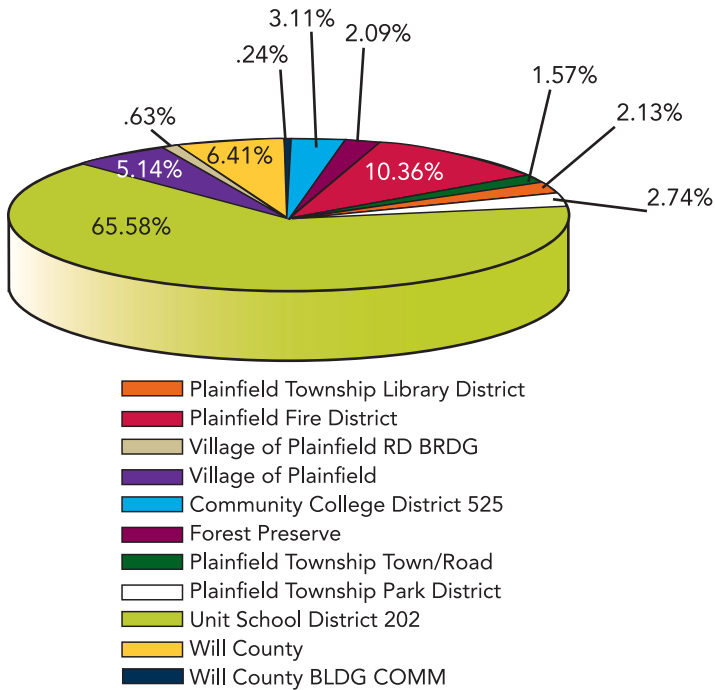


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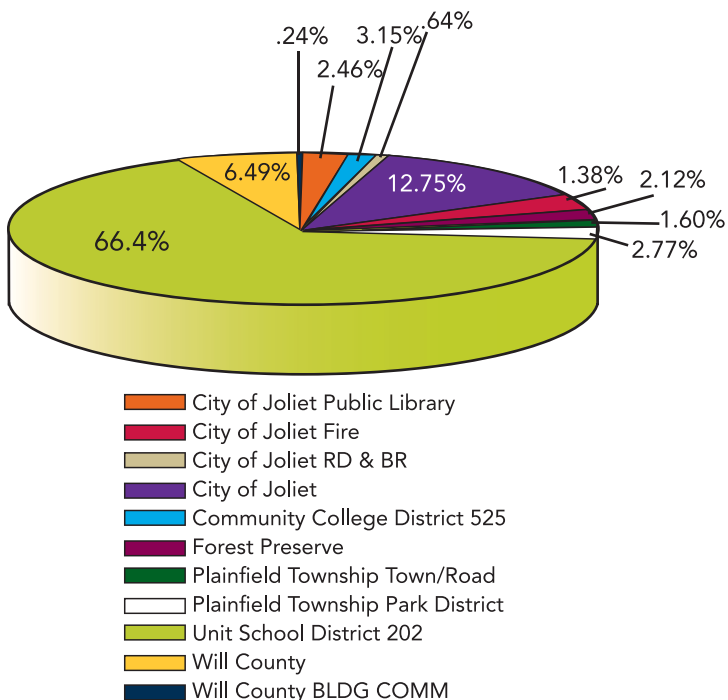
The Plainfield Park District represents less than 3% of a resident's tax bill. The dollars generated help to serve a population of more than 100,000 people.

▼ Tax Allocation Plainfield Park District in Village of Plainfield



- Plainfield Township Library District
- Plainfield Fire District
- Village of Plainfield RD BRDG
- Village of Plainfield
- Community College District 525
- Forest Preserve
- Plainfield Township Town/Road
- Plainfield Township Park District
- Unit School District 202
- Will County
- Will County BLDG COMM

▼ Tax Allocation Plainfield Park District Resident in City of Joliet



- City of Joliet Public Library
- City of Joliet Fire
- City of Joliet RD & BR
- City of Joliet
- Community College District 525
- Forest Preserve
- Plainfield Township Town/Road
- Plainfield Township Park District
- Unit School District 202
- Will County
- Will County BLDG COMM

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Pony Parties: 28

Pony Rides: 35

Ride and Grooms: 93

Scouts: 64 kids



Parks and Planning

The District was awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant in the amount of \$604,700 from the Illinois Department of Transportation. This is an 80/20 matching grant with the District contributing \$151,180. The project consists of constructing a bicycle/ pedestrian bridge over the DuPage River connecting the Fort Beggs Trail at Renwick Park to the DuPage River Trail (to be constructed in 2014) at the Village of Plainfield's Electric Park.



Recreation



Clifford's Birthday Party
February 2013

2013 Rentals & Parties

Heritage Professional Center Rentals - 25
(plus a 6-month weekly church rental)

Picnic Shelter Rentals: 158
(Season runs mid-April through mid-October)

Boy Scout Park - 30

Eaton Preserve - 39

Mather Woods East - 3

Mather Woods West - 1

Van Horn Woods 1 - 27

Van Horn Woods 3 - 11

Village Green - 47

Birthday Parties:

Heritage Professional Center - 7



Great Adventures
Thanksgiving Celebration
November 2013

Participation by the Numbers

Winter/Spring: January - May 2013

Participated	2,638	
Wait List	24	
Total Enrolled	2,662	
Residents	2,523	94.78%
Nonresidents	139	5.22%
Male	1,050	39.44%
Female	1,612	60.56%
Enrolled WebTrac	1,806	67.84%
Enrolled RecTrac	856	32.16%
Program Sections Offered	1,168	
Program Sections Held	579	
Program Sections Cancelled	589	

Summer: June - August 2013

Participated	5,830	
Wait List	118	
Total Enrolled	5,948	
Residents	5,805	97.6%
Nonresidents	143	2.4%
Male	3,003	50.49%
Female	2,945	49.51%
Enrolled WebTrac	3,356	56.42%
Enrolled RecTrac	2,592	43.58%
Program Sections Offered	1,796	
Program Sections Held	870	
Program Sections Cancelled	926	

Fall/Holiday: September - December 2013

Participated	3,537	
Wait List	67	
Total Enrolled	3,604	
Residents	3,446	95.62%
Nonresidents	158	4.38%
Male	1,734	48.11%
Female	1,870	51.89%
Enrolled WebTrac	2,189	60.74%
Enrolled RecTrac	1,415	39.26%
Program Sections Offered	1,215	
Program Sections Held	579	
Program Sections Cancelled	636	



SPECIAL RECREATION

Participation by the Numbers (with % increase from previous year)

Programs Offered	Participations	Households
2004 81 -	602 -	70 -
2005 118 (46%)	639 (6%)	90 (29%)
2006 125 (6%)	682 (7%)	109 (21%)
2007 117 (-6%)	939 (37%)	118 (8%)
2008 136 (17%)	926 (-1%)	146 (24%)
2009 143 (5%)	1,028 (11%)	159 (9%)
2010 166 (16%)	1,102 (7%)	172 (8%)
2011 183 (10%)	1,240 (12%)	203 (18%)
2012 263 (44%)	1,643 (33%)	210 (4%)
2013 284 (8%)	1,913 (16%)	213 (1%)

2013 Highlights

- Successful LCSRA launch party February 2013
- Inclusion services increased in Plainfield 47%
- A part time LCSRA coordinator began working in June
- Preparing for LCSRA office move to large community center, giving LCSRA more visibility
- LCSRA raised \$10,156 in funds
- LCSRA awarded approximately \$12,000 in scholarships

OTTAWA STREET POOL *by the* NUMBERS

Group Rentals: 2

Birthday Parties: 13

Private Parties: 11

Swim Lessons

Day Privates: 254

Evening Private: 151

Learn-to-Swim Saturdays: 222

Parent/Infant Level 1: 104

Parent/Infant Level 2: 27

Preschool Level 1: 155

Preschool Level 2: 187

Preschool Level 3: 92

Level 1: 146

Level 2: 201

Level 3: 183

Level 4: 118

Level 5: 55

Level 6: 53

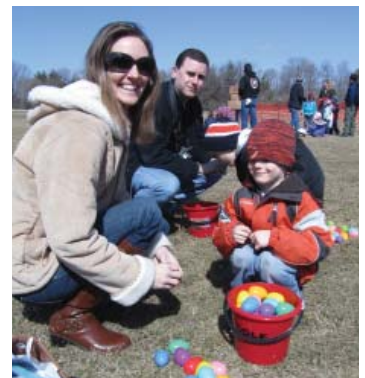


WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1966, the Plainfield Park District currently serves a population of more than 100,000 people, making it the 9th largest park district in the state of Illinois based on population served. The Park District employs more than 250 people including 40 full-time employees, and maintains several building sites and 80+ parks comprised of more than 1,500 acres. It covers more than 40 square miles and encompasses all of Plainfield Township and portions of Wheatland Township in Will County and Na-Au-Say Township in Kendall County, including areas of Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Joliet, Plainfield, and Romeoville, as well as some unincorporated areas.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Plainfield Park District is to promote the development of a comprehensive park system that provides recreational opportunities for all residents, as well as to offer diversified programs and activities that provide personal enjoyment, contribute to a sense of self-fulfillment, and enhance the quality of life of its residents.



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