COYOTE RUN GOLF COURSE

The 2014 season had dramatic changes in weather which adversely affected the golf course rounds, but the weather was almost a mirror image of 2013. Coyote Run played 72 more rounds in 2014 than 2013. It seemed as though there were three parts to the season; the terrible beginning, with carts officially getting onto the golf course on April 6th, the beautiful summer and the nonexistent Indian Summer. October and November were particularly cold, with the arctic blast coming in the week before Thanksgiving. The golf course officially opened on March 15, however the St Patty's Day scramble was cancelled due to a snow covered golf course. The golf course stayed open until December 29th, the latest closing date in Coyote Run history.

During the golf season, Coyote Run hosted 65 golf outings ranging from fundraisers to corporate events with the size of events varying in numbers from 20 to 144. Coyote Run again hosted numerous junior events such as an IJGA event in June, the Marian Catholic Invite and the H–F Boys Conference meet.

The season's final event in early October was the third annual Greens Keeper's Revenge. Dave Ward and his team continually provide the residents of Homewood and Flossmoor with a golf course that they can truly be proud to have in their community.

Coyote Run was again host to many local high school golf teams including the HF girls, HF Frosh Boys along with boys and girls from Hillcrest and Rich Central.

H-F ICE ARENA

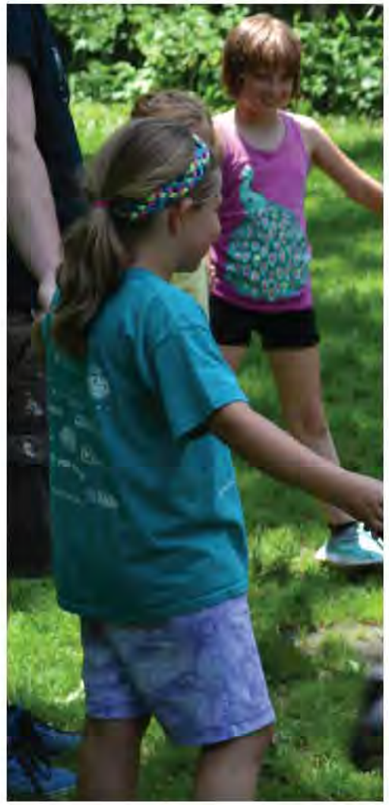
Renovation and equipment improvements began in 2013 and continued throughout 2014 as the Ice Arena prepared to celebrate its 40th birthday in 2015. The lead compressor for the cooling plant was completely rebuilt; with proper maintenance it should keep the ice frozen for at least another 15 years. We welcomed a new member to the ice arena family, a model 546 Zamboni ice resurfacer. This was a very big deal for our maintenance staff and the ice surface has never looked better.

The skating school and youth hockey leagues continue to show steady growth. In fact, for the first time in recent memory, the youth hockey program reached capacity. A few adjustments to the Ice Arena's 2015 schedule will allow the program to continue to grow so that anyone interested in joining has the opportunity to be an H–F Viking. The 38th Annual H–F Ice Show theme was "Celebrating America". 110 skaters performed to music celebrating our countries patriotic spirit. The two–day show attracted more than 80 spectators.

The new model 546 Zamboni ice resurfacer is more energy efficient and environmentally friendly than our previous machines.

PARKS DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

January	February	March	April	May	June
Record snow fall removal and facity preparation for openings	Splash pad's chemical / pump room was rebuilt to be more efficient for the upcoming season	The Dolphin demolition started with the basement being gutted of old locker room fixtures	Tankless water heater, new plumbing and shower features installed at Lion's Club Pool	Stamped concrete added at the Irwin Fountain and new playground installed at Pheasant Trails	New play spray feature installed at the Lion's Club baby pool
July	**August**	**September**	**October**	**November**	**December**
Resurfaced asphalt at Pheasant trails, Orchard Park and Racquet & Fitness Club parking lots	New chillers installed at the Irwin Community Center	Goldberg Administive Center office renovation completed	New L.E.D. lighting installed at Irons Oaks parking lots	Ash tree removal from Park District parks.	Outdoor ice arenas established at Flossmoor and Willowview Parks



ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Homewood–Flossmoor Park District, I'm happy to share our 2014 Annual Report, designed to provide the residents of the Homewood and Flossmoor community a review of our projects and programs.

In 2014 the Park District refinanced bonds at a lower interest rate to save taxpayer money on interest. In addition, additional bonds were sold to allow the district to embark on a three year Capital Improvement Plan designed to update our aging facilities and systems. A few new projects and playground replacements are included in this plan, including a full make–over at Dolphin Lake Park.

While dedicated to providing our community with the broadest possible offering of recreation opportunities, the H–F Park District and the Board remain focused on fiscal responsibility. In fact, the H–F Park District recently received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 29th straight year.

It's truly an honor to serve our community and I speak for all of the commissioners when I say 2014 was an excellent year and we're excited about what the future holds for the Homewood–Flossmoor Park District.

Bob Haderlein
President, Board of Commissioners

2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

The park district has seen many changes and additions in 2014. Starting with staff, Darren Jasieniecki came on board in April as the Marketing Manager. He has brought new life to the park district social media platforms as well as the many print media the park district distributes throughout the community. His energy and creativeness has inspired all staff to think differently. Also joining the park district was Kaitlyn Studer as Athletic Supervisor. She brings with her much experience in the athletic area as she is an avid sports fan and player. Her enthusiasm for sports is showing in her already successful programming ideas.

Many of you may have noticed that we are working to make your online registration experience more efficient. We will be continuing these efforts and introducing a rewards program for online users in 2015 and are looking forward to seeing a great response. Of course we will always take registration in person and over the phone so if you are not a user of the online option no need to fear. Although, you may want to check it out.

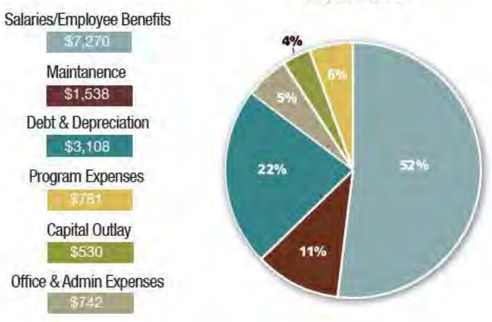
We introduced new programs this year such as Science Kids, Children's Art & Literature, Improv Theater Camp, Gingerbread Creations and Making Music with Grandma and Grandpa. And of course we held annual programs that continue to be a success like the Park Pride event held each spring, Extra Innings after school program, summer camps, youth basketball and preschool. We are proud of our program offerings and special events we bring to the community. We hope that we are meeting your recreational needs and always welcome feedback from the community.

Planning for the Dolphin Lake renovation continued throughout 2014. In May we received notice that we were recipients of a $400,000 OSLAD grant from the State of Illinois. The project was bid out and construction contracts were approved in December. Renovation is set to begin in early 2015 with expected completion in August 2015. The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake will provide programmable space for park district programs and resident rentals for up to 150 participants. Not only is the facility getting renovated but the park will receive a facelift as well. There will be a new pavilion, fishing stations, a small playground, and a green area for open play. Both are expected to open to the public by the fall of 2015; we will begin taking reservations soon.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

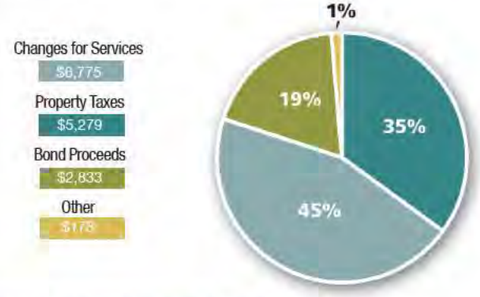
FUNCTION	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Recreation					
Program Participants	24,914	29,216	33,693	32,619	34,560
Pool Attendance	22,579	28,482	30,000	28,162	26,530
Pool Parties	14	17	18	18	33
Splashpad Attendance	5,632	8,585	10,302	11,811	8,060
Racquet & Fitness Club					
Memberships – Annual	2,237	2,554	2,868	3,151	3,848
Personal Training Hours	4,534	4,419	4,246	3,622	3,349
Tennis Court Time Hours	2,207	2,383	2,346	2,458	2,394
Coyote Run Golf Course					
Rounds of Golf Played	25,681	25,267	23,795	26,442	27,444
Cart Rentals	20,662	19,205	19,205	18,662	19,654
Buckets of Balls Sold	9,279	9,045	10,118	10,469	12,775
Employment					
New Full–Time Hires	5	8	6	5	2
Full–Time Employees	53	52	53	50	51
Part–Time and Seasonal Employees	556	564	599	592	595
Legal					
Ordinances Approved	12	15	14	14	19
Resolutions Approved	5	6	8	9	4
Vehicles					
Vehicles Replaced	0	2	1	1	5

Funds in thousands.



HOW ARE FUNDS UTILIZED?

Approximately 70% of District funds were spent on park district operations. The balance was spent on debt service obligation and capital outlay.



WHAT SOURCES FUND OPERATIONS?

The Park District receives approximately one–third of its revenue from property tax receipts. Charges for services comprise 45% of total revenue. The issuance of debt was 19% last year with the remaining attributable to interest on investments, donations and other miscellaneous income.

H-F RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB

The H–F Racquet & Fitness Club had a busy year again. New staff, new programs and new projects helped keep the Club updated to best serve the members and community. Although the Club celebrated its 41st anniversary, there are no signs of slowing down here.

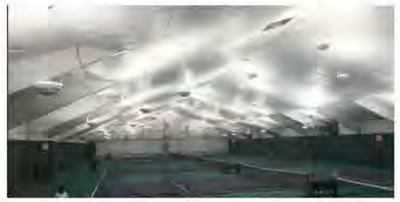
To keep our Club one of the premier racquet and fitness centers around, we continuously maintain and upgrade the facility throughout the year. One of the largest and most necessary projects completed this year was asphalt resurfacing. While not the most glamorous project, the new surface has provided more parking for our members and guests as well as improved the overall safety for anyone visiting the Club.

Chicago State University once again used the Club for their home tennis site. This has been a very positive partnership over the years and continues to grow. In February, Chicago State University, the Club and Chicago District Tennis Association partnered together for a free youth tennis "Play Day". Nearly 100 youth tennis players from the Chicagoland area were transported to the Club for tennis activities run by Club tennis pros as well as CSU team players. Dinner was provided for the participants as they watched a collegiate match.

The Fitness Department stayed busy as well this past year. The addition of the new Pilates and small group training studio have allowed for more opportunities for members and guests to enjoy new class offerings. Popular classes such as Ripped by Ropes and Kettlebell Klass will soon be joined by TRX Suspension Training classes and a new Boot Camp format. Another exciting class that will be offered soon at the Club is Jillian Michaels' Body Shred. The Club was host to a workshop in December for this "train the trainer" format which was one of the first of these trainings offered in the Chicagoland area.

Racquet Sports Supervisor Sylvia Gothard was elected to the Chicago District Tennis Association Hall of Fame!

Conroy Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy relocated their offices to the Racquet & Fitness Club.



The Club received over $60,000 in rebates and grants to improve tennis court lighting and decreased funding electric usage by 29%.

IRONS OAKS

Adventure Center revenue is up for the third year in a row with biggest increases in the tower and crate climbing. Nature Kids Camp revenue is up 12% from last year.

Facility improvements at Irons Oaks this past year included building a new high ropes course, clearing land and trails on the north side of Vollmer Road and applying slip strip spray to stairs and ramps. A new Whale Watch teams activity was also added. Thanks to the Irons Oaks Foundation we were able to replace our old pole tent with a new frame tent. Energy efficiency improvements included retrofitting lights in the Western Ave parking lot with LED, fixing a leaky window and weatherproofing four exterior doors. Irons Oaks also completed a Topographic Survey and Master Site Plan for the property south of Vollmer Road.

Facility restoration included removing re–sprouted buckthorn, grapevine and invasive dogwood along Western Avenue, on the hillside behind the office and around the pond, as well as pulling honeysuckle from along the access road and the therapy garden. Brush was removed from approximately eight acres. A prescribed burn was completed in March.

Seven youth from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Youth Job Corp grant served at Irons Oaks and assisted in nature programming along with facility and trail improvements.

Irons Oaks saw a 121% increase in rental income from May 2014–December 2014. Forty percent of the increase is due to the addition of two churches on Sunday mornings and 60% is due to increased rentals from community members. Holiday tree and light recycling was once again a success. Over 700 trees and 1600 pounds of lights were saved from local landfills.