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1969. the Homewood Park District and Flossmoor Park District merge in an effort to better serve the Homewood-Flossmoor community. Mick Pope becomes the first Executive Director of the H-F Park District.

Board of Commissioners Barth Richards, K.K. Erickson, Maurice Beckett, Donald D. Boroian and Mrs. Spencer E. Irons are appointed.

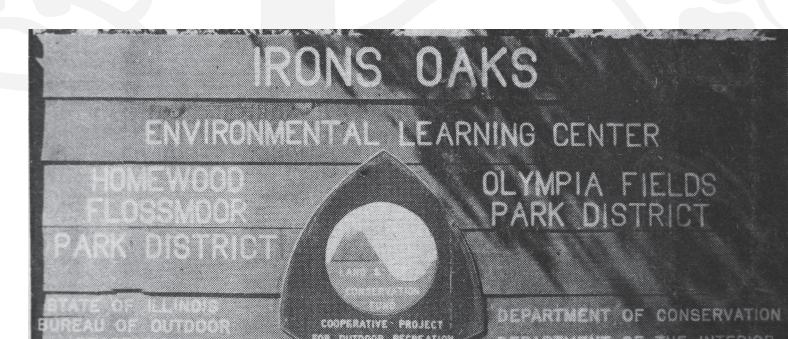
parks at time of merger: Merchants, Cedar, Orchard, Hillcrest, Willowview Indian Trails, Lions, Tower, Butterfield, Heritage, Flossmoor and Heather Hill New parks developed: Apollo, Homewood Estates and Hollydale

## 1970

The park board unanimously approves the purchase of the 8.5-acre Dolphin Lake Club complex which included the lake, land, pool and building for \$175,000. The pool reopens on June 12, 1971.

## 1972

Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center is established as a jointly owned and operated facility of the Homewood-Flossmoor and Olympia Fields Park Districts. Preserve lands are acquired with funding from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund and land donations from adjoining residents, including the namesake Irons family.

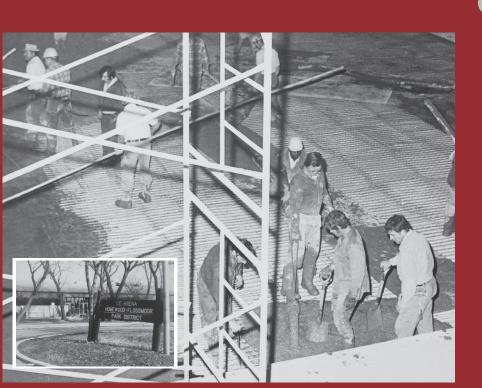


## 1973

The H-F Tennis Club opens on January 7 for an initial membership of 750. This facility is unique in that i was totally constructed and operated through the fees and charges of the users. This is the first facility of its kind in the State of Illinois financed 100% through publicly revenue bonds.







## 1974

The park district builds a 1.5 million dollar Ice Arena on 4.6 acres deeded to the park district by the school district Fifty-four contractors work around the clock to complete the project.

## 1986

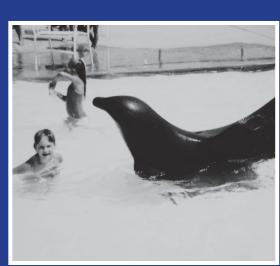
The H-F Racquet Club undergoes its second expansion in 1986. This expansion adds two more indoor tennis courts (total 10), an indoor lap pool and an aerobic studio. One of the existing four racquetball courts is turned into a physical fitness room with exercise equipment and a super circuit weight training area. The name of the club is changed to the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club.

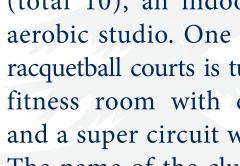
1970 \$87,000 grant received from Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

- 1971 Park district embarks on a \$155,000 plan to upgrade the overall park system.
- 1973 Dave Colmer becomes Executive Director.
- 1976 H-F Tennis Club 1st expansion.

Park district purchases the Lions Club Pool complex from the local Lions Club.

Parks Developed: Dolphin Lake, Pheasant Trails, Irons Oaks, Highlands, Pinehurst and Flossmoor Hills.















# Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Park District

## 1982

With the help of a \$229,200 grant from the nd and Water Conservation Fund, the Lio Club Pool receives its first facelift. A new bath house, enlarged deck, new wading pool and concession area are constructed. In addition pool plumbing is repaired and/or replaced.



Park. The new land makes room for the Irwin Fountain, a gazebo and playground.



copied in many communities and wil continue to be a great celebration o community volunteerism every year.



1992

The Apollo Park bike path, a \$215,000 two-mile

long bicycle path encompassing both Apollo

and Butterfield parks is completed. A \$117,000

grant was received through the Department of

The path winds through Apollo Park and th

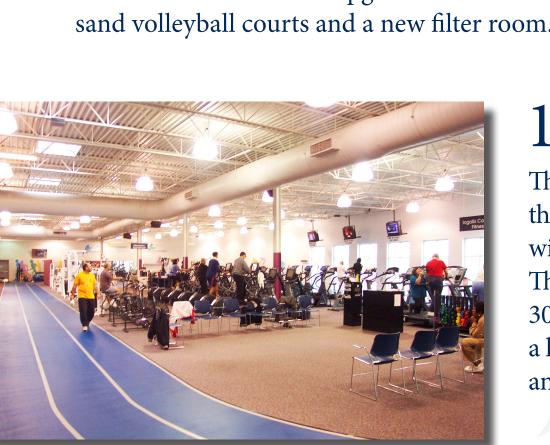
wooded area near Butterfield Creek

Conservation for the completion of this path.

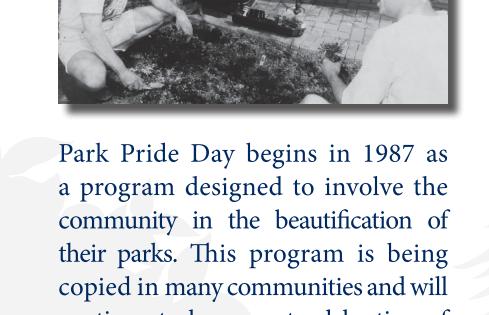
recreation administration, ou



## 1993



The Park District receives a \$2 million dollar donation from Mr. & Mrs, Richard D. Irwin to purchase and develop the Richard D. Irwin Park and the Marie Irwin Community Center. The multi-phase project is completed in September 1986.





1994

Dr. Alan Goldberg makes a \$240,000 donation to the park district in memory of his wife, Gretchen Goldberg he donation was the amount necessary to fund the urchase of a 3.3 acre parcel of property. In 1996, the new park, playground and administration center opens to the public and is named in Gretchen Goldberg's honor





- 1981 Greg Meyer becomes Executive Director.
- 1982 Hometown Award given to the park district by the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

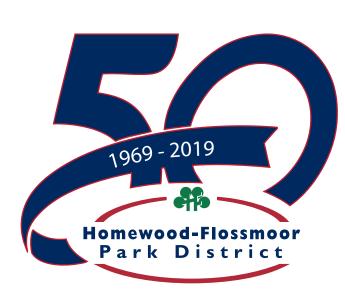
Park district's Senior Citizen Program is developed.

1989 Purchase of the Heakin property along with the purchases of Ridge School and Central School allowed for further Irwin Park development.

Parks Developed: Woodborough, Leavitt, Irwin and Pinewood.



Parks Developed: Goldberg, Ballantrae and Scandia.





Lions Club pool receives its second facelift with a \$1.1 million dollar renovation. This upgrade includes a water slide, playgrour

The H-F Racquet & Fitness Club sees the culmination of two-years of planning with the fourth addition to the Club addition added approximate 30,000 square feet with a running track a large fitness area, new locker facilities and a health and wellness center.



## 1998

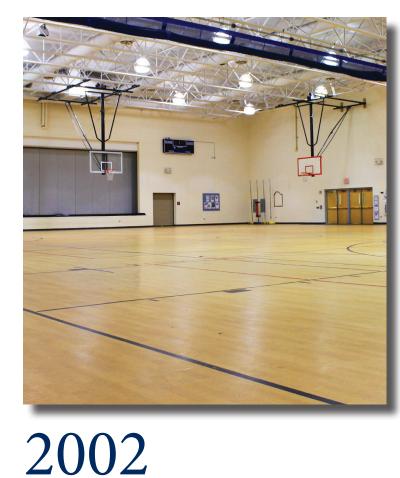
With the help of the very vocal and active Friends of the Park District Foundation, the park district successfull passes a \$12 million referendum for acquisition of three parcels of land - Cherry Hills Golf Course, the Hines Lumber site and the 187th Street Army Reserve site.

Millennium Park opens on the site of the former Hines Lumber Company. This land was purchased and developed with funding received as a result of the 1998 community referendum. Millennium Park includes a soccer field, in line skate rink, walking path, parking lot, pavilion, playground and the district's first splash pad





The H-F Ice Arena undergoes million dollar facelift in 2000 Renovations include the addition of six locker rooms to the north side of the building. The pro shop was moved across the lobby and expanded. The old pro shop are was brought up to the same level as the rest of the lobby and remodeled into a new party/conference room

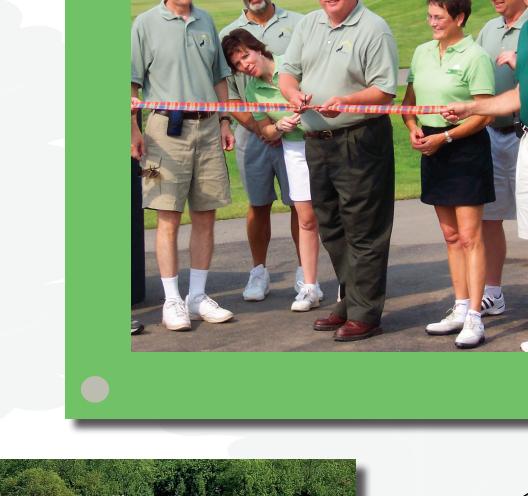


The park district completes new partnership with School District 153. They split the cost of a Sports Complex consisting of one large gymnasium with dividing curtain and a computer la

Irons Oaks Environmen rning Center opens a brand new and recreation building 2002. The new center offers me ng/party rooms, program space and offices for the Environment Learning Center staff.









The former Army Reserve site on 187th Street in Homewood is donated to the park district by the National Park Service and developed into a beautiful park, including a walking path, parking lot, ball fields, gazebo, circus theme

playground and the district's first disc golf course. After the events of

September 11, 2001, the park is renamed Patriots Park.



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1991 Dolphin Lake Shore mitigation plan is completed with a \$70,000 expenditure to re-establish the Dolphin Lake shoreline.



1998 Before & After School Care program is initiated in conjunction with both Homewood and Flossmoor elementary school districts.

1999 The Homewood Auditorium is leased from the village and undergoes a major renovation.

- 2000 Phase III of Irwin Park is completed and includes a plaza area with a gazebo.
- 2005 An Illinois Department of Natural Resources ISM grant is awarded for construction of the Discovery Center at Irons Oaks.
- 2006 Debbie Kopas becomes Executive Director.
- 2009 New park district logo is adopted.

Parks Developed: Millennium, Extreme Skate Park, Patriots and Rovers Run.



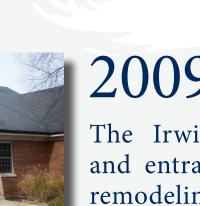
## 2010

ly renovated and rebuilt. Once again Dr. Goldberg assig with the funding for his project





### Medal for excellence in parl and recreation administration, utstanding facilities, programs





The park district takes over the restaurant at Coyote

Run Golf Course and hires a consultant to facilitate

operations. The facility is named Wiley's Gri

after the goose dog at the golf course.

## 2013

2011

A new, modern water slide is installed for the start of the 2013 pool season. This slide replaces the aging wooden slide that was part of the 1993 pool renovations



grant for improvements at Dolphin Lake Parl



as a shelter, walking paths, fishing outlooks and do ty officially opened in October, 201



## 2016

by the Recreation Department renamed Park Place in Flossmoc



A new splash pad is instal tun, unique and safe wat play experience for all ages.

In 2018, the park district wins its third NRPA National Gold Medal for excellence in park and recreation administration outstanding facilities, programs and staff.

- 2010 Dolphin Pool is permanently close due to its aging infrastructure
- 2014 Construction of new high ropes course for Irons Oaks.
- 2015 A \$10,000 grant is received from ComEd Green Regions/Openlands for pond restoration at Irons Oaks.
- 2017 A \$7,700 grant from the Morton Arboretum helps fund 60 replacement trees after losing 308 Ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer.



