



To: Park Board Commissioners

From: Executive Director Rini and the Senior Leadership Team

Date: September 15, 2025

Re: Monthly Report – September 2025

**Dates To Remember:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
September 18	Adult Trip, Safari Lake Geneva	7am-3pm
September 18, 30	GBN Swim Team Meets, FVRC	3-8pm
October 1	Adult Trip, Starved Rock River Cruise	8:45am-4:45pm
October 4	Teenie Weenie Pumpkins & Munchkins, Armstrong Park	10:30am-12pm
October 4-5	Seminole Sports Baseball Tournament, McCaslin	All Day
October 5	Youth Soccer All Star Game, Red Hawk	12-4pm
October 8-9	Preschool Fall Field Trip, Sonny Acres	10am-3pm
October 11	Adult Only Spooky Golf Theme Day, CCMG	7-10pm
October 11-12	Seminole Sports Baseball Tournament, McCaslin	All Day
October 13	Not So Scary Golf, CCMG	11am-6pm
October 15	Adult Trip, Morton Arboretum	9am-2:30pm
October 18-19	Connect Sports Youth Softball Tournament, McCaslin	All Day
October 20	Adult Trip, Pumpkin Fest at Kuiper's Farm	10am-3pm
October 22	CS Police & Fire Visit Preschool, SRC	10am and 1:30pm
October 22	Adult Trip, Dial M for Murder	10:30am-4:30pm
October 24	Middle School Gym & Swim, FVRC	7-9pm
October 25	Halloween Havoc 12" Adult Softball Tournament, McCaslin	All Day
October 25	Trick-or-Treat Trail, Red Hawk Park	12-2pm
October 25	Dolphin Swim Team Meet, FVRC	11:00-5:00pm
October 27	Adult Trip, Crime & Pizza Tour	8:30am-2:30pm
November 1	Turkey Shoot Adult Softball Tournament, McCaslin	All Day
November 5	Adult Trip, Holocaust Museum	8:30am-4pm
November 5	Preschool Family Night, SRC	4-6:30pm
November 12	Adult Trip, Four Winds Casino	8:30am-5:30pm
November 13	Adult Trip, Chicago Chocolate Tour	9am-3:30pm
November 15	Youth Volleyball League Post Season Tournament, FVRC	9am-6pm
November 18	Adult Trips Program Preview Day, FVRC	2-3:30pm
November 20	Adult Trip, A Beautiful Noise : The Neil Diamond Musical	10:30am-5:30pm
November 25	Luncheon at the Little Traveler, Geneva	10:30am-3:15pm

## Strategic Goal and Initiative #1

### Take Care of What We Have

- PARKS
  - Staff repaired a broken bleacher at Red Hawk per a request from Commissioner Pauling.
  - Staff removed invasive species from the native areas at Shining Waters Park per a request from Commissioner Becker.
  - Staff caulked windows at FVRC to stop water from leaking in.
  - Staff repaired a broken fitness station at Slepicka Park.
  - Staff repaired and painted various park name signs for our annual maintenance program.
  - Staff removed woody invasive plants from native area along Heritage Lake. Director of Parks and Facilities has been in communication with a group of residents on the lake who want to have green grass to the shoreline, however, we explained that is not the standard we use here at the District.
  - Staff assisted the Village Of Carol Stream by spraying weeds for the Village because currently they do not have a licensed applicator to do this activity.
  - Staff cut out new Grinchmas houses out of plywood for Recreation to replace the broken Styrofoam ones.
  - Staff seeded along the sidewalk at Evergreen Lakes to repair damage from the sidewalk replacement.
  - Staff removed graffiti from the Skate Park.
  - Staff cleaned up the landscaping at FVRC.
- FACILITIES
  - Both Simkus Recreation Center and Fountain View Recreation Center had their annual shutdowns the end of August.
  - Staff has begun the winterization process of the storage garage at McCaslin Park, Coyote Crossing Mini Golf, and Coral Cove Water Park.
  - Maintenance is repairing or replacing skimmer grates in the back-left corner of CCWP and a ladder in the deep end of the pool.
  - Staff repaired multiple shower heads not operational at Fountain View Recreation Center.
  - Staff spent significant time un-clogging drains at McCaslin Park concessions stand as well as Fountain View Recreation Center.
  - All building/vehicle inspections have been performed.
  - The gymnastics spring floor was professionally cleaned and deodorized before the fall session began.

## Strategic Goal and Initiative #2

### Improve Financial Position

- 2025 interest received to date:
  - IL Trust Fund Balance Money YTD \$25,491.38
  - Fifth Third Bank Fund Balance Money \$141,104.75

- 2025 Future interest:
  - Fifth Third Bank:
    - \$1.495MM T-Bill to mature Sep 16, 2025 at a 4.25% yield, with estimated interest of \$4,702.50;
    - \$4.96MM T-Bill to mature Oct 14, 2025 at a 4.20% yield, with estimated interest of \$31,472.22;
    - \$1.38MM in money market account to capture additional interest at 4.17% yield.
  - IPDLAF/IL Trust:
    - \$247K cd to mature Oct 6, 2025 at a 4.55% yield, with estimated interest of \$2,862.49;
    - \$224K cd to mature Nov 3, 2025 at a 5.50% yield, with estimated interest of \$24,673.75;
    - \$212K cd to mature Nov 12, 2025 at a 4.30% yield, with estimated interest of \$2,326.19;
    - \$227K cd to mature Feb 17, 2026 at a 4.85% yield, with estimated interest of \$21,396.46;
    - \$239K cd to mature Jun 10, 2026 at a 4.34% yield, with estimated interest of \$10,731.10.
    - IL Trust 2025 total invested \$1,149,000, net interest earned/due \$45,831.16.
- 2025 Property Taxes:
  - Current Year Allocations: \$4,214,975.38 [Sept 5], Interest \$0, 2025 YTD \$10,371,971.68, 91.11% of budget, 90.49% of levy
  - Prior Year Allocations: \$0, 2025 YTD \$361.99, 904% of budget (budget is only \$40 for Corp/Rec as this distribution fluctuates each year and is primarily low)
  - 2025 Personal Property Replacement Taxes: Current Allocation: \$0, 2025 YTD \$82,409.15, 78.49% of budget
- 2025 Developer Donations – Villas at Fair Oaks:
  - Current Allocation: \$3,435 [July], 2025 YTD \$24,045, Development to Date [2024-current] \$33,405 of estimated \$49,920.
- The Safety Committee submitted a grant application for PDRMA's 2025 Safety Grant Program. The request is for funding to create a safer barrier for the grilling station at McCaslin's concession area. We should find out if we get the grant by early October.
- Recreation Manager met with Catch Corner, which is a division of Sports Illustrated, to explore creating a partnership that can bring in potential additional athletic rental revenue.
- 105 Free Daily Passes were issued August 17-24 during the Free Week with 75 unique potential members. This opportunity overlapped with the Endless Summer \$0 Enrollment Special.
- 75 new members joined with the Endless Summer \$0 Enrollment special that began on July 23.
- Coyote Crossing Mini Golf hosted a Pup & Putt theme day on August 30, attracting 108 attendees and generating a total gross revenue of \$936.





- Coyote Crossing Mini Golf started the Fall Adult Mini Golf League season with a total of 13 teams.



- On August 23, the first Garba rental of the season was held at Fountain View Recreation Center. There were 850 people in attendance. Food was served in the multi-purpose rooms and dancing took place in the gym.



### Strategic Goal and Initiative #3

#### Operate Parks and Facilities Efficiently

- Progress on the new website continues. We are building activity listings, and importing sports. Next step is to lock default settings and simplify the editor.

- PDRMA is sending a Property Appraiser to our District next month for a quadrennial review of fixed assets. Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services will be the liaison between the District and PDMRA and will assist the Appraiser as he visits our parks and facilities.
- Staff are working on year end projections for the 2025 fiscal year. These projections assist in preparing next year's budget and in determining any year-end transfer of earned revenues to the Capital Improvement Budget. A number of unexpected repairs, not the least being the SRC GYM closure will be reflected in these projections and in the recommendation for a transfer to capital.

## Strategic Goal and Initiative #4

### Meet Needs of Changing Community Demographics

- Staff is working on developing rental forms in Spanish to improve communication of guidelines for customers.
- A new youth volleyball clinic from Volleyball Institute will be offered to youth volleyball coaches for the upcoming fall season.
- Free soccer program for Community Park residents started on September 6 with 26 participants.
- We held our first "Kickin it Off" event for our youth soccer program. We now offer a winter (basketball), spring (baseball/softball), and fall (soccer) opening day celebration. The event had a parade, activities, and giveaways and was held at Red Hawk Park.



## Strategic Goal and Initiative #5

### Develop Parks and Facilities

- AV vendor completed installation of the upgraded system in the multi-purpose rooms at Fountain View Recreation Center. Staff have been trained on the new system, and we are finalizing a User's Guide as well.
- CCWP – a combination of staff and contractors were able to locate the leak at the water park. A contractor was brought in to quote the repair and it will be repaired in the next two weeks. Additionally, the bucket feature will be painted by a contractor by September 20.
- Pleasant Hill Park – the project had a minor challenge the week of September 8. The contractor installed a portion of the playground too close to the curbs. Staff caught the mistake and it was rectified immediately, however, the apparatus was fully installed so the footings had to be removed, the apparatus lifted and then put back down in a new location.

The playground will be inspected and ready for play in the next two weeks. The project is progressing at a rapid rate and should be done by the end of October.

- Recreation Supervisor has purchased corner flags for Red Hawk at our youth soccer games. Red Hawk will have an on-site supervision during soccer games to setup the corner flags along with helping with any concerns/issues that may arise at the complex.
- Three new Life Fitness elliptical machines were delivered September 3. Replacing four older Life Fitness machines. Positive feedback from members has been received.



### Strategic Goal and Initiative #6

#### Foster a Safe and Welcoming Environment

- Coral Cove Water Park had nine theme days, three early opens for members only, three late night Fridays, and three special events. Sammy the Starfish made appearances throughout the summer, along with aqua aerobics demos. The season ended with Tropical Luau Day and Wicked Music Day, with a Wicked drink for purchase at concessions.



### Strategic Goal and Initiative #7

#### Highest Quality Recreation Programs & Services

- Fall registration is now open with all promotions scheduled. Forty-six campaigns were requested. Fifteen eblasts have been shared on social media so far.
- Preschool purchased a new projector to incorporate digital books and Scholastic App games. We also purchased mirrors so that students can learn how to form letter sounds. More nature-based learning is being added to the 2025-2026 curriculum.
- Awesome Adventure Camp average enrollment per week was 155 in 2025 compared to 145 in 2024. 297 unique individuals registered this summer.
- Epic Adventure Camp average enrollment per week was 82 in 2025 compared to 73 in 2024. 158 unique individual participated this summer.
- Before & After Care is currently serving 138 individuals compared to 146 this time last year.



- The Girls Just Wanna Have Cookies adult cookie decorating class was held on August 7.



- Incoming preschoolers attended Meet the Teacher on August 21. Soccer Shots had a demo to promote their programs.



- Preschoolers attended their first day of preschool on September 2-3. There are 134 participants in ten classes this school year.



- Adult trips in August: 360 Chicago Lounge followed by deep dish pizza at Gino's East, Four Winds Casino and a trip to Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Adult trips enrollment is up this year. We ran 33 trips with an average of 30 participants per trip compared to 29 trips and an average of 25 participants per trip this time last year.



- Competition dance continues to grow. Storm Poms added a third squad, currently with 25 total dancers compared to 18 last fall. Currently with 44 dancers compared to 40 last fall.
- The fall youth and adult theatre production, Beetlejuice, has 39 enrolled compared to 21 in last fall's Into the Woods production.
- The August Member Challenge asked members to burn 4000 calories exercising at Fountain View Fitness during the month. Thirty-six members joined the challenge. The winner received a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card.



- Adult Softball Summer league winners and some soccer opening day photos:



## Strategic Goal and Initiative #8

### Highest Quality Staff & Team

- The Registration team currently has seven employees that are CPR certified. More staff will attend the upcoming trainings in October and December.
- HR Specialist attended PDRMA's Overview of Cyber Risk Management webinar, and SHRM webinar "10 HR Hacks that Actually Work."
- HR staff participated in PDRMA's Quarterly Legal Update. Topics included information on PDRMA's new Progressive Discipline resources, recommendations on best practices for doing headcounts when moving children from one place to another, as well as how to prepare for the fall and winter seasons.
- On September 3, HR staff attended a Safety Coordinator Meeting at Bloomingdale Park District. This meeting provided a chance to network with other Parks and Recreation Safety/Risk Professionals as well as bounce ideas off of each other on some of the current safety "hot topics".

- All preschool staff have been CPR certified.
- Swim Instructors had a classroom and pool in-service training in August. WDSRA shared information on behaviors and how to assist in the water.
- A gymnastics instructor training was held on August 16 to prepare for fall.
- Recreation Supervisor of Athletics attended the NAYS Academy for Youth Sports Administrators Prep Session and am now going through the certification process to be recognized as a Certified Youth Sports Administrator.
- Recreation Supervisor of Athletics attended IPRA Sessions that focused on organization for agency and personal growth, and also a session regarding youth sports coaches.
- Fitness Supervisor attended Lunch & Learn: Millennial Parents - Shaping Future Recreation Trends on August 28.
- Three Recreation Supervisors attended Therapeutic Recreation Leadership Summit on September 5.
- With Superintendent of Parks and Facilities out for health reasons, Director of Parks and Facilities has taken this opportunity to engage our future leaders in the budget process. Various Parks and Facilities employees have been invited into the process in depth so they can learn the process, and improve themselves as employees.