



Lemont Park District

ANNUAL REPORT

2021



And so we grow...



mission

The Mission of the Lemont Park District is to provide the very best parks and recreation experiences to the community while being safe and fiscally responsible.

vision

The Lemont Park District strives to be collaborative, proactive and progressive in serving our community.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Lemont Park District's 2021 Annual Report provides highlights of the District's activities, events, accomplishments, finances and completed projects. It also provides an overview of the year ahead.

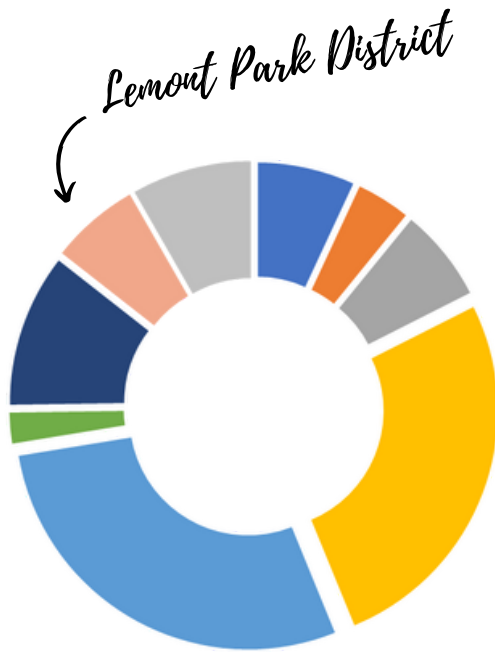
The financial data in this report is summarized. As the District is currently in the process of the 2021 Financial Audit, the most recent financial document, the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, can be found at www.LemontParkDistrict.org on the Transparency Portal page in its entirety. Residents may also request paper copies of this report at the Centennial Community Center, 16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL, 60439.

Questions or feedback concerning any of the information provided in this document may be directed to Executive Director, Louise Egofske, at legofske@lemontparks.org.

2021



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



YOUR TAX DOLLARS

The graph on the left shows how your 2020 tax bill (paid in 2021) is allocated amongst the various taxing districts in Lemont. The Park District represents 6.1% of the total tax levy.

Cook County Services	6.9%
Joliet Junior College Dist 525	3.9%
Village of Lemont	6.7%
School District 210	26.3%
School District 113A	28.6%
Lemont Public Library District	2.3%
Lemont Fire Protection Dist	10.8%
Lemont Park District	6.1%
Miscellaneous	8.3%
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OPERATING BUDGET

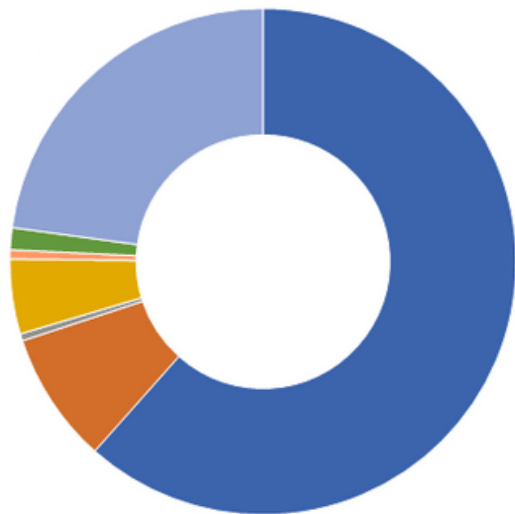
In a typical fiscal year, the operating budget is approximately \$8 million dollars of which approximately 55% is funded by property tax revenue. The remaining 45% is generated from program user fees, grants, fundraising and rentals. In 2021, as operational restrictions related to the recent pandemic have gradually lifted, programs are once again offered, members are returning to the CORE and residents are enjoying our facilities. In addition:

- Revenue has increased 10% while total costs are up just 3.6%
- Registration fees contributed 22.8% of total District revenue for 2021, up from 16.3% in 2020
- Building and pool rentals have increased by 37%
- Most of the Part-Time employees whom were previously furloughed returned and 107 Part-Time and two (2) Fulltime staff were added
- Cost containment continued and deferral of projects also supported favorable results

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The District has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its CAFR each year since 2005.

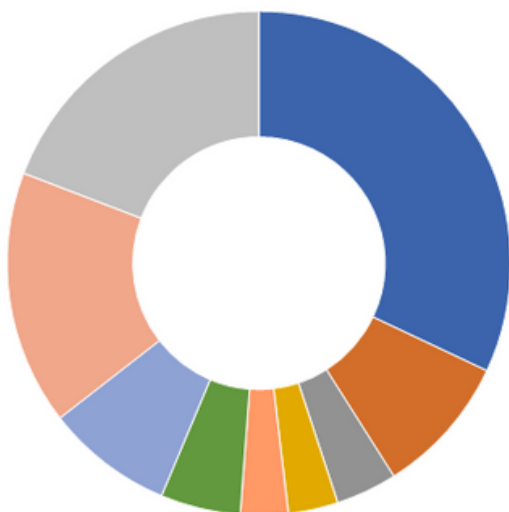
REVENUE ANALYSIS - FISCAL YEAR 2021



- Property Tax Receipts
- Other Taxes
- Interest Income
- Grants & Donations
- Miscellaneous Income
- Rentals
- Program Fees

2021	
\$	%
\$4,877,191	61.6%
\$664,559	8.4%
\$35,697	0.5%
\$377,990	4.8%
\$46,439	0.6%
\$111,069	1.4%
\$1,809,671	22.8%
TOTAL	\$7,922,616 100.0%

EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS - FISCAL YEAR 2021



- Salaries & Wages
- Employee Benefits
- Administration
- Contractual Services
- Utilities
- Repair & Maintenance
- Recreation
- Capital Outlay
- Debt Service

2021	
\$	%
\$2,295,827	32.0%
\$644,822	9.0%
\$281,848	3.9%
\$229,558	3.2%
\$218,782	3.1%
\$368,249	5.1%
\$585,858	8.2%
\$1,170,684	16.3%
\$1,376,029	19.2%
TOTAL	\$7,171,657 100.0%



2021 = FUN FOR ALL!



Fun For All!

OVER 16,000
PARTICIPANTS
ATTENDED
LEMONT
PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL EVENTS
IN 2021!



OVER 9,700 PROGRAM
ENROLLMENTS IN 2021!



Recreation for all!

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE MANY WAYS LEMONT PARK DISTRICT STAFF PROVIDE FUN AND MEMORABLE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2021!

- Spring Take Off, Bake Off!
- Indoor Triathlon at The CORE
- BunnyGrams
- Sr. Bunny Bingo!
- Hippity, Hoppity Bunny Trail
- Community Garage Sale
- Everything On Wheels
- Quarryman Challenge
- Lemont Rocks!
- Chalk It Up Lemont
- Daddy Daughter Date Night
- Movies in the Park
- Virtual Fishing Derby
- Summer Reads
- Sunset Soiree Concerts!
- Mom & Son Night
- All-American Swim
- Freedom Days Kite Fly
- Independence Day Extravaganza
- "Just Keep Swimming" – Family Pool and Movie
- Drive-In Movie
- House Decorating Contest
- Trick-or-Treat Trail
- Lemontster Days Blood Drive
- Pack the Pantry Food Drive
- Veteran's Day Luncheon
- Holi-Dazzle Home Decorating Contest
- Frigid 5K
- Senior Holiday Luncheon
- Santa's Merry & Bright PJ Night
- Santa's Calling
- Christmas Caravan
- Noon Year's Eve





Creating a Greener Lemont!

**OVER 120 ACRES OF
OUTDOOR SPACE
MAINTAINED EACH WEEK
AT 21 PARKS!**

Memory Maker Program Guide GOES GREEN!

Due to the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was determined that all Memory Maker Program Guides be published digitally online beginning in 2020. A digital platform enables the Park District to communicate the most up-to-date and relevant information during these constantly changing circumstances. This also allows staff to update all programming and special event information if necessary and in real time.

Since the program guide is online, another edition was added in 2020 offering four seasonal guides moving forward. This operational update continued in 2021. Not only does the District save approximately \$42,000 annually in postage and printing costs, this also eliminates the printing of over 1.5 million pieces of paper per year!

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pages not printed!**



Communication is Key!

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2021

facebook

9,585 PAGE LIKES * 18,368 FOLLOWERS * 714,637 REACHED

instagram

2,211 FOLLOWERS * 6,512 POST LIKES * 327 POSTS * 178,673 REACHED

twitter

1,160 FOLLOWERS * 236 TWEETS * 3,998 PROFILE VISITS * 160 LIKES

website

144,287 TOTAL VISITS * 386 AVERAGE VISITS PER DAY

emails

14,648 ACTIVE RECIPIENTS * 286 EMAILS SENT *
28% AVERAGE OPEN

texts

1,965 TOTAL SUBSCRIBERS * 383 TEXTS SENT



2021 PROJECTS NEW LJWC PLAYGROUND AT CENTENNIAL PARK



The Lemont Park District was pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the NEW Lemont Junior Woman's Club (LJWC) Playground at Centennial Park in 2021! This premier park is fully ADA accessible and features many exciting NEW play pieces for various age groups to enjoy! The playground includes a combination of synthetic and rubberized surfaces. Thanks once again to the LJWC for their dedication to the great community of Lemont as well as their generous donation to assist in this park renovation.



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2021 PROJECTS

BAMBRICK PARK ENHANCEMENTS



Bambrick Park has undergone major restoration over the last two years. A comprehensive drainage improvement project has been completed with newly added storm sewers and drainage tiles greatly improving water management throughout the park. The main walking path was resurfaced and a new connectivity path was installed enabling ADA accessibility to the baseball fields. And for our Baseball community, the District is pleased to announce that Field "A" has been fully renovated and is now an official Babe Ruth field.



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2021 PROJECTS ATHENS PARK DOWNTOWN LEMONT



The collaborative vision between the Lemont Park District and the Village of Lemont to redevelop the former location of the steel swing bridge and Tri-Central Marine Terminal into beautiful park space, is coming to fruition. A tree population assessment along with ongoing environmental studies are being completed at this location. The results of these analyses will assist the District in determining the best course of action regarding the future development of this land. This past Summer, the District applied for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant to help offset some costs associated with this new park development located at the north-end of Stephen Street in Downtown Lemont. The OSLAD grant winners are anticipated to be announced later this year. A community survey was launched in November requesting help in selecting a name for the future downtown park. In partnership with the Village of Lemont, three name options were given - Athens Park, Stephen Street Park and Heritage Bridge Park. Each of these names hold significant historic meaning in Lemont. Nearly 700 people participated in the survey! The results were divided somewhat evenly amongst the three options. At the December Monthly Board Meeting, the Park Board, unanimously selected Athens Park after much discussion. Lemont was known as the Village of Athens in the 1800s as the limestone excavated from the surrounding quarries was known as "Athens Marble." Athens Park will honor and showcase this great historical significance. Ongoing updates will be given to our community as this exciting initiative progresses over the next several years.



2021 PROJECTS DOWNTOWN LEMONT BIKE SHARE PROGRAM



In 2021, community bicycles became available to rent in Lemont thanks to the partnership between the Village of Lemont and the Lemont Park District along with the Canal Corridor Association's I&M Canal Bike Share program.

For just \$5 an hour, members of the community and guests can rent a bike on the spot and begin an I&M Canal adventure in Lemont! Access is also available in LaSalle, Morris, Channahon, Lockport, and Midewin. Explore each section of the trail to experience the vast array of unique stories, gorgeous scenery, canal structures, and historic sites that await you.



THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

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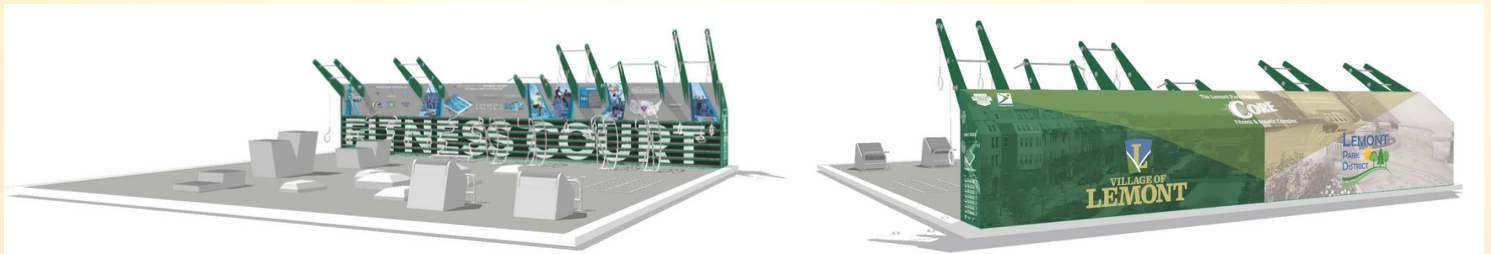


BRIARCLIFFE PARK

This Spring, Briarcliffe Park will undergo a complete renovation. The new park will feature a synthetic turf surface and new and fun play equipment for everyone. This new state-of-the-art playground will also be fully ADA Accessible Groundbreaking is slated for this Spring with opening scheduled for this summer - all weather dependent.

LEMONT'S OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT

In 2020, the Lemont Park District was awarded a National Fitness Campaign \$30,000 Healthy Cities Grant. Fitness Court branded outdoor gyms boast a variety of key elements which enable individuals to reach their fitness goals. Known as "the world's best outdoor gym," Lemont's new, world-class NFC Fitness Court is planned to be located in Downtown Lemont. Due to circumstances related to the pandemic, as well as land allocation details, the project was postponed. The district is very excited to move forward with the installation plans in 2022. The location and public common area will be provided Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and The Village of Lemont will be assisting with construction and installation costs. The Lemont Park Foundation will also be supporting this endeavor with a \$10,000 donation that will be used for customization and landscaping. Groundbreaking information will be forthcoming.

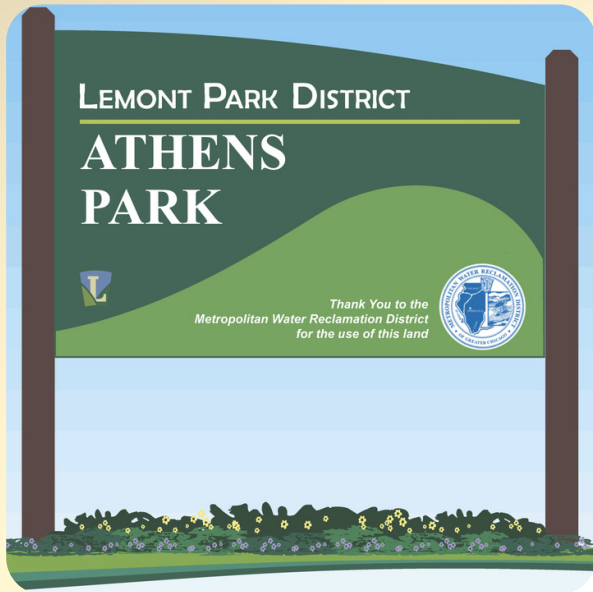


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DEVELOPING ATHENS PARK

The Athens Park project is taking shape and the development of this land will occur in phases. The District is looking forward to the announcement of the OSLAD Grant recipients in hopes that the Lemont Park District Athens Park Project is included. The future vision is to transform this area into a beautiful open space park, along with a playground, and other natural amenities and trail linkages. Linking this premier recreation destination to other area communities will surely be a great benefit for everyone. Ongoing updates regarding this exciting development will be given regularly over the next several years.

KETTERING PARK

The new Kettering Park should be open for play by the end of this summer! Last Fall, a well-attended Make Your Park resident planning meeting took place regarding this exciting new addition to the Kettering Neighborhood. This Winter, the District finalized the construction permitting and the bidding process took place. Groundbreaking for the new Kettering Park is scheduled for the beginning of Spring. The new Kettering Park will feature exciting new play pieces for various age groups, a solar charging station, seating area, parking and will be ADA Accessible.



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Left to Right: Bill McAdam, Leland Wagner, Brian Pepich, Michael Scarlati, Julie Mescher

***Thank You for the opportunity to serve
the great community of Lemont!***

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