

LEMONT PARK DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Recreation Reimagined



ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Lemont Park District's 2022 Annual Report provides highlights of the District's activities, finances, events, accomplishments, 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 2022 Financial Audit, the most recent financial document, the 2021 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.

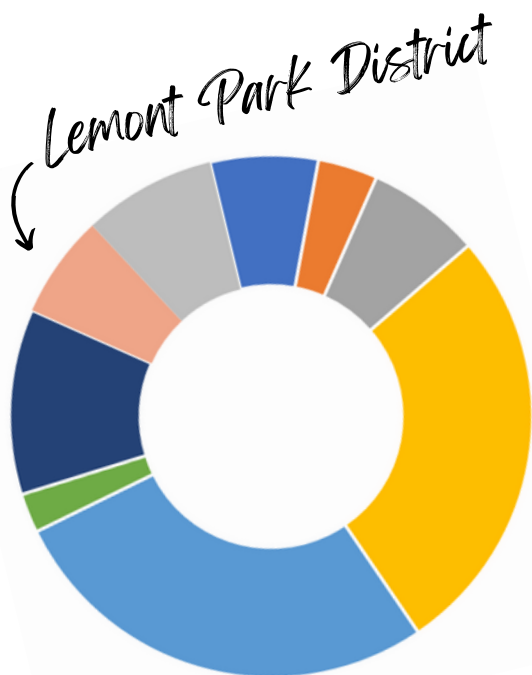
Mission

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.





YOUR TAX DOLLARS

The graph on the left shows how your 2021 tax bill (paid in 2022) is allocated amongst the various taxing districts in Lemont. The Park District represents 6.4% of the total tax levy.

Cook County Services	6.7%
Joliet Junior College District 525	3.7%
Village of Lemont	7.0%
School District 210	26.8%
School District 113A	27.3%
Lemont Public Library District	2.4%
Lemont Fire Protection District	11.5%
Lemont Park District	6.4%
Miscellaneous	8.2%
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OPERATING BUDGET

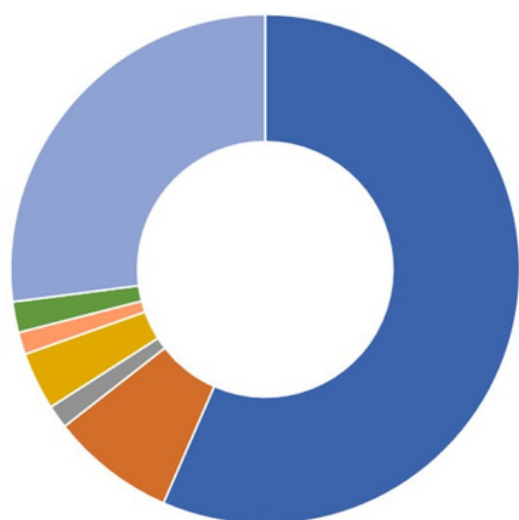
In a typical fiscal year, the operating budget is approximately \$9 million dollars of which approximately 56% is funded by property tax revenue. The remaining 44% is generated from program user fees, grants, fundraising and rentals. In 2022, as operational restrictions related to the recent pandemic gradually lifted, programs are once again offered, members are returning to The CORE and residents are enjoying our facilities. In addition:

- Revenue has increased 9% due mainly to the expansion of programs offered and the resulting increase in resident participation.
- Capital expenditures significantly increased to \$3.6 million dollars, including \$1.6 million dollars invested in land acquisitions for future park development.
- Registration fees contributed approximately 27% of total District revenue for 2022, up from 23% in 2021 reflective of our increased programming. More programs resulted in increased resident participation. Total enrollments in 2022 were 10,545 vs. 9,720 in 2021.
- Building and pool rentals have increased by 41%.
- Staffing changes include the addition of two (2) full-time replacement maintenance/custodial employees.
- 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.

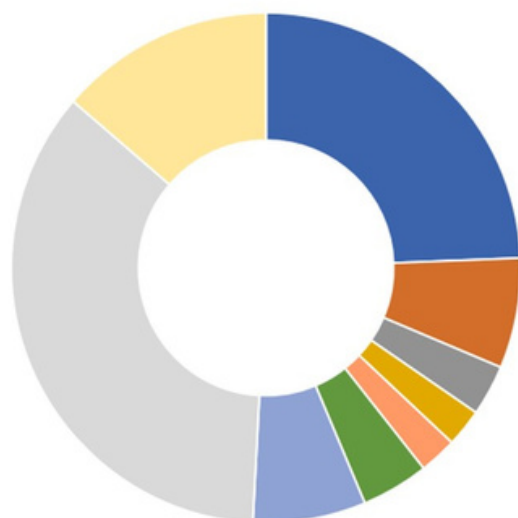
REVENUE ANALYSIS – FISCAL YEAR 2022



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

	2022		2021
	\$	%	%
Property Tax Receipts	\$4,871,854	56.5%	61.5%
Other Taxes	\$680,232	7.9%	8.4%
Interest Income	\$127,867	1.5%	0.5%
Grants & Donations	\$316,426	3.7%	4.8%
Miscellaneous Income	\$122,009	1.4%	0.6%
Rentals	\$168,049	2.0%	1.4%
Program Fees	\$2,329,241	27.0%	22.8%
TOTAL	\$8,615,678	100.0%	100.0%

EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – FISCAL YEAR 2022



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

	2022		2021
	\$	%	%
Salaries & Wages	\$2,463,604	24.4%	32.0%
Employee Benefits	\$706,396	7.0%	9.0%
Administration	\$325,642	3.2%	3.9%
Contractual Services	\$243,221	2.4%	3.2%
Utilities	\$241,476	2.4%	3.1%
Repair & Maintenance	\$432,030	4.3%	5.1%
Recreation	\$724,192	7.2%	8.2%
Capital Outlay*	\$3,587,388	35.5%	16.3%
Debt Service	\$1,381,439	13.7%	19.2%
TOTAL	\$10,105,387	100.0%	100.0%

**The District invested \$1.6M in land acquisitions for future development*



Recreation Reimagined



Fun For All!



OVER 16,000
PARTICIPANTS
ATTENDED
LEMONT
PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL EVENTS
IN 2022!

OVER 10,500
PROGRAM
ENROLLMENTS
IN 2022!



Fun For All!

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE MANY WAYS LEMONT PARK DISTRICT STAFF PROVIDED FUN AND MEMORABLE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022!

- 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
- Summer Reads
- Sunset Soiree Concerts
- Mom & Son Night
- All-American Swim
- Freedom Days Kite Fly
- Independence Day Extravaganza
- 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
- Noon Year's Eve



2022



Creating a Greener Lemont!

**OVER 130 ACRES OF
OUTDOOR SPACE
MAINTAINED EACH WEEK
AT 22 PARKS!**



ENERGY SAVING!

WITH LED GRANT-FUNDED
CONVERSIONS HAPPENING SINCE
2017, ENERGY USAGE, AS WELL AS
COSTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY
MORE THAN 50%



WASTE SAVING!

BY USING WATER FILLING
STATIONS, WE HELPED SAVE
WASTE FROM OVER 420,000
DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLES
SINCE 2015!





Digital Program Guide **SAVES 1.5 million pieces of paper**

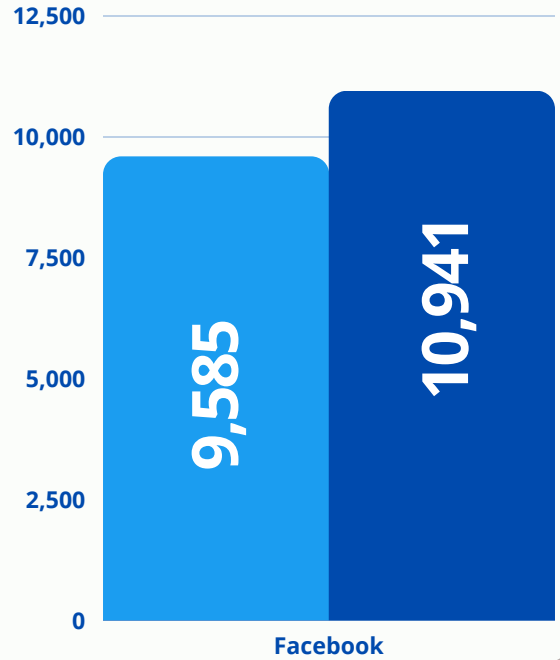
- Enabling information changes to be made in real-time
- Offering four programs guides instead of three
- Saving approximately \$42,000 annually in postage and printing
- Eliminating the printing of over 1.5 million pieces of paper annually

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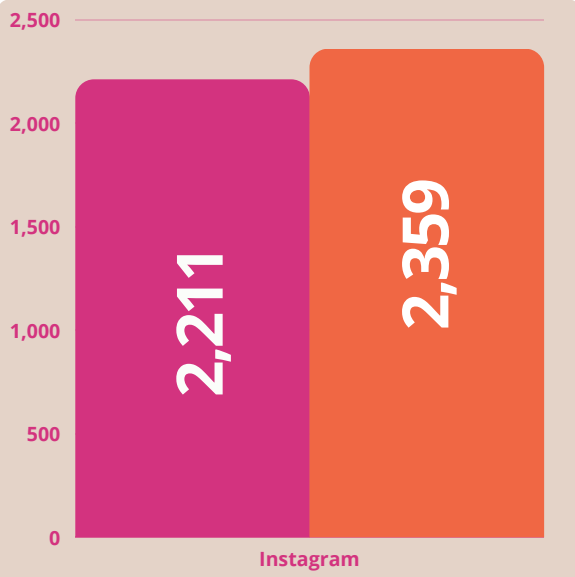
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■ 2021 Page Likes
■ 2022 Page Likes



Instagram

■ 2021 Followers
■ 2022 Followers

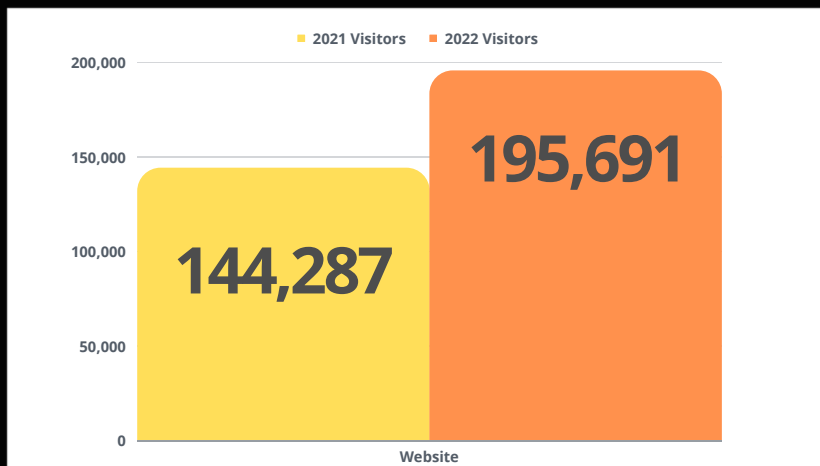
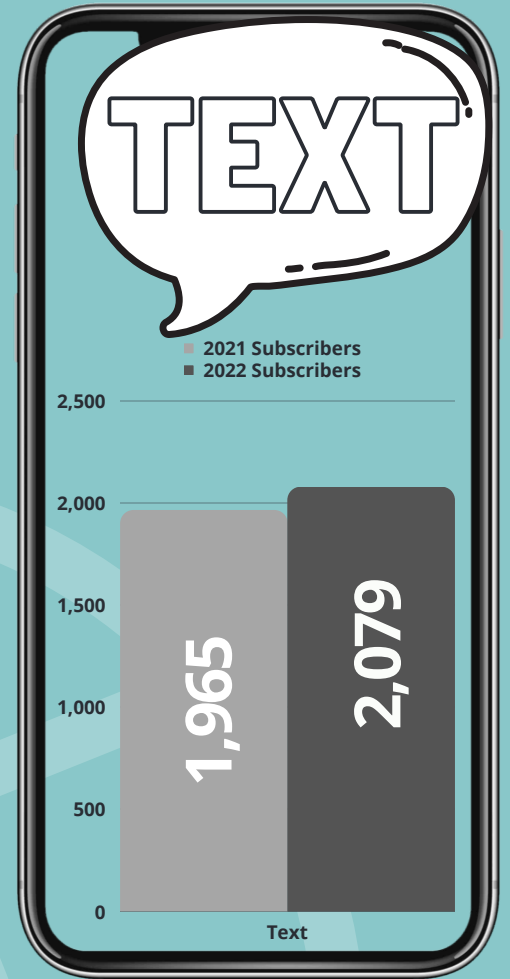
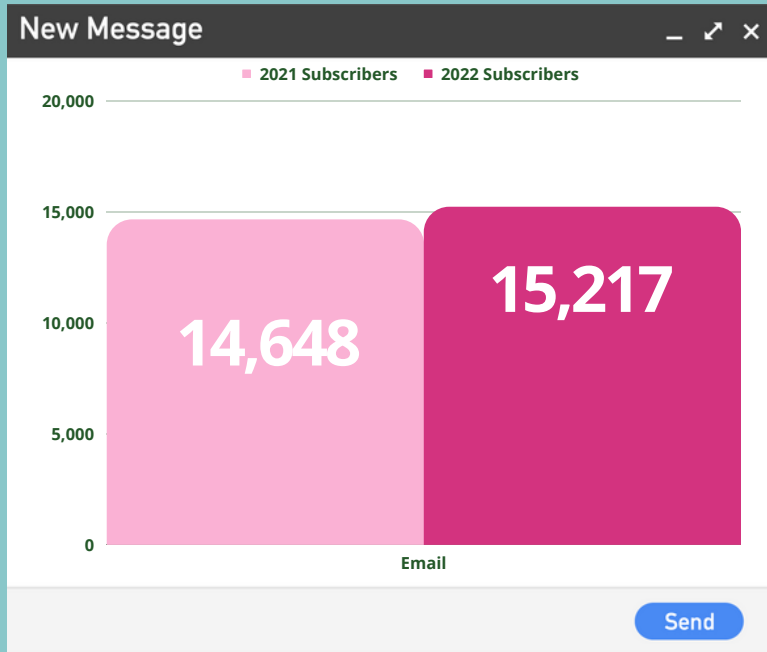


twitter

■ 2021 Followers
■ 2022 Followers



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WEBSITE



THE LEMONT PARK DISTRICT & THE LEMONT JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB WIN BEST PARTNERSHIP AWARD

- This Illinois Association of Park District's (IAPD) award recognizes non-governmental organizations that have collaborated with a park district enabling the public agency to initiate a major improvement that enhanced residents' quality of life and would not have been achievable without this partnership.



Lemont Park District's partnership with Lemont Junior Woman's Club has enhanced our parks and enriched the lives of residents. For nearly two decades, the Lemont Junior Woman's Club has beautified our parks with memorial tree and bench contributions, but their generosity doesn't stop there. In 2005, Centennial Park's playground was renamed the Lemont Junior Woman's Club Playground following the organization's gracious funding of new equipment.



Twelve years later, they raised \$30,000 for renovations over a three-year period to help fund a new LJWC Playground! The playground is ADA accessible and offers an exciting, creative space for children of all ages and abilities.



This partnership has helped create a premier park that will have a lasting impact for years to come!

shining moments 2022



LEMONT PARK DISTRICT EARNs DISTINGUISHED AGENCY RE-ACCREDITATION!

The Lemont Park District has been recognized again as an Illinois Distinguished Accredited Agency by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA).

The Illinois Distinguished Accreditation program provides an opportunity for agencies to undergo a comprehensive evaluation focusing on transparency, fiscal responsibility, operational best practices, environmental initiatives and safety. This process showcases agencies that have met state guidelines to provide exceptional park and recreation services to their community. In 2015, the Lemont Park District was initially accredited. Typically, an accreditation expires after six years. However, due to a delay in evaluations in 2020 because of the pandemic, the Lemont Park District received re-accreditation in 2022.

The end result is to improve the quality of life for Illinois residents. This program gives recognition to park and recreation agencies that go above and beyond in dedicating themselves to offering quality programs and services designed to fulfill their community's needs.



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2022 PROJECTS



KETTERING PARK

In the Fall of 2021, a well-attended Make Your Park resident planning meeting took place regarding the new Kettering Park Development project. Groundbreaking for this exciting new addition to the Kettering subdivision took place in the Spring and the park opened in August of 2022. Kettering Park features a variety of ADA accessible play pieces for various ages, a synthetic turf surface, a solar charging station, seating area, and parking.

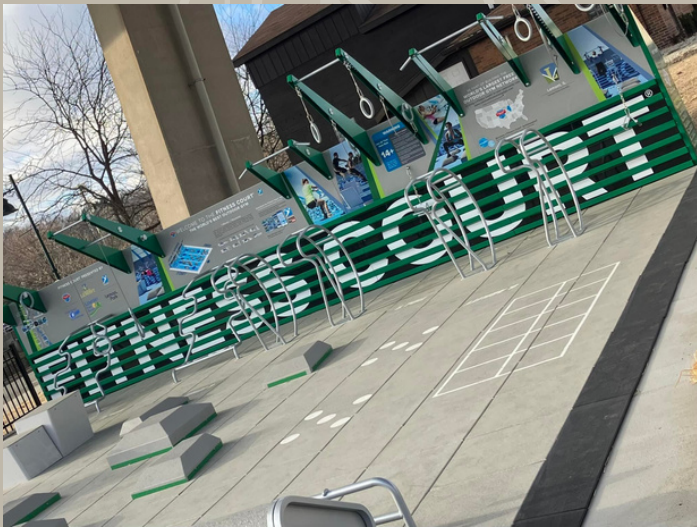
make your park

BRIARCLIFFE PARK

This past Spring, Briarcliffe Park underwent a complete renovation. The new park opened in September of 2022 and features a synthetic turf surface and an assortment of fun, new play equipment for everyone.



2022 PROJECTS



THE CORE TRAIN STATION OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT

In 2020, the Lemont Park District was awarded a National Fitness Campaign (NFC) \$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 was 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 was very excited to move forward with the installation plans in 2022. The Village of Lemont was an amazing partner in this endeavor assisting with construction and installation costs. The location and public common area was provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and in partnership with the Village. The Lemont Park Foundation also supported this project with a \$10,000 donation that was used for customization and landscaping. The Lemont-Homer Rotary Club generously donated new benches. The CORE Train Station is located on Front Street and is open for use!



make your park

Lemont Park District WINS OSLAD Grant!

In 2021, the Lemont Park District applied for a Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant to assist in offsetting the costs associated with developing the new Athens Park Downtown Lemont project. And on July 8, 2022, it was announced that the Lemont Park District was selected as a \$400,000 grant recipient! This grant will greatly assist with the revitalization of this area.



ATHENS PARK STATUS

Complete with recreational and natural amenities as well as trail linkages, Athens Park will enhance the quality of life for so many. The Lemont Park District and Village of Lemont are in partnership with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for the use of this land and developing this parcel involves many moving parts such as various permitting measures. Beginning in the spring of 2023, this area will undergo the first phase of ground-breaking development. This will include clearing and remediating the area in preparation for the park buildout which is slated to take place in 2024. The Lemont Park District is committed to communicating project updates as they become available.



The Future is BRIGHT!

NEW LEMONT NEIGHBORHOODS & PARKS COMING SOON!

As the Lemont community continues to grow, so does the Park District family. This year, two new subdivisions are slated to be developed in Lemont, Copper Ridge and Gleneagles. Both neighborhoods will include single family homes as well as townhomes. The Park District was given both a land donation and park allowance to develop a park in each area. Copper Ridge will include two synthetic turf bocce ball courts as well as a synthetic turf putting green. Gleneagles Park will be home to a fun, state-of-the-art play structure, path, full basketball court, synthetic putting green, two pickleball courts and a pavilion! The park will also pay homage to the beloved Gleneagles Golf Course in some design elements. Construction on both parks are scheduled for groundbreaking in 2023.

GLENEAGLES PARK



COPPER RIDGE PARK



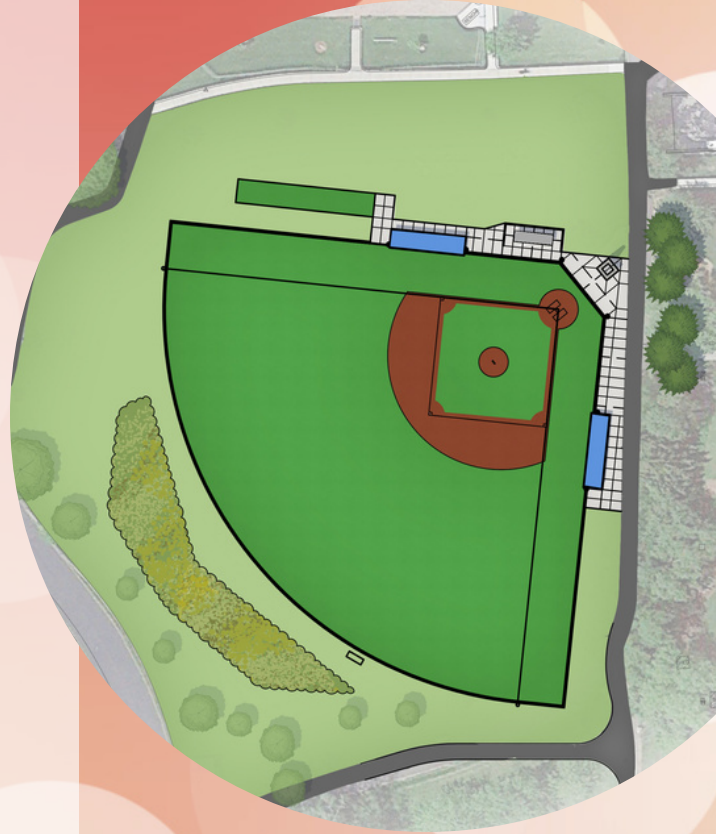
MIRACLE FIELD RENOVATION

The Lemont Park District is pleased to announce that the agency was selected as a grant recipient for the 2023 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) award program on March 1, 2023. The \$600,000 grant award, in which the District applied for at the end of last summer, is designated to assist in funding the redevelopment of the existing Miracle Field located at the Park District's Centennial Campus.

The Park District's Miracle Field was originally developed in 2007 and is slated to be renovated in 2023. Not only has this multi-use field has been a great asset to SEASPAR Special Recreation participants and Lemont Baseball and Softball Club, but it has also been the home to outdoor fitness classes, athletic programming, day camp activities and much more. However, the field does have its limitations as it is not a regulation size for league game play. Additionally, the rubber surface has reached its end of life. Refurbishing the Miracle Field into a modern ball field with upgraded amenities and accessible turf surface, will be incredibly beneficial to all users for many years to come.

In addition to the OSLAD Grant award, the Rizzo Family and the Danny Rizzo Foundation have made a generous \$25,000 contribution towards this project. Combined, these funds will greatly help offset the costs associated with Miracle Field Renovation Project which will include not only extending the field to a 200-foot regulation sized field, but it will now be astroturf. In addition, ADA accessible dugout areas with shade, a new netting system, a batting cage and improved spectator areas are also part of the renovation which is scheduled to begin mid-summer.

The Future is BRIGHT!





BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Left to Right: Michael Scarlati (Vice President), Steve Richmond, Julie Mescher, Leland "Lucky" Wagner (Treasurer) & Bill McAdam (President)

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

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