

Committee of the Whole Meeting of the West Chicago Board of Park Commissioners in the Park District ARC Center Meeting Room 105 201 W National Street, West Chicago, IL 60185.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Bass, Gunderson (6:05 p.m.), Lenertz, Voelz and Zaputil

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

Dan Davies of Earthworks provided an update to the Board of the current project at Kress Creek Farms. Dan discussed the following with the Board:

- Current status of the project 90% completion.
- Earthworks awaits final plans form the District as to specific regrading needs, etc.
- Project has taken longer than expected due to Earthworks strict project selections of public
 works entities. Earthworks has compensated the District with completion of many District
 projects for their patience with the time line. The generous contributions to many District
 projects includes but is not limited to:
 - □ Paving□ Excavation□ Materials
- All dirt brought in is from public works projects which have been thoroughly tested additional permitting is not needed.

President Lenertz thanked Dan for the update of the project and the generous contributions Earthworks has made to the District.

IV. Approve Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Voelz motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Bass seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

V. Recreation Department

Director Major and several members of the Recreation Team provided the Board with presentations regarding the following (Appendix A):

- Recreation Coordinator, Mary Lester
 - □ Active Aging
 - □ Dog Parks

Athletic Manager, Joe Urban □ Martial Arts

□ Special Events

- □ Athletics □ Field Usage
- □ ARC Gym Rentals
- Fitness and Facility Manager, Kolbe Kasper
 - □ Zone250 Report
- Marketing and Communications Manager, Lily Medina
 - □ Branding Evolution
 - □ Marketing and Advertising Guidelines
 - ☐ Annual Appeal Review

VI. **Capital Projects**

Director Major feels there will be more of a focus on details and fine tuning as opposed to large Capital Projects this fiscal year. Director Major noted the following:

- The tree project is approximately 2/3 complete but will be placed on hold through the spring/summer months and will resume in the fall/winter.
- The District is filing arboretum status for Reed-Keppler Park.
- The completed Capital Project of the ballfields last fiscal year has yielded great results.
- Earthworks may complete some additional paving projects for the District this fiscal year.
- Board needs to decide if a grant application in spring of 2020 for Kress Creek Farms is to be submitted.

VII. Miscellaneous

- Foundation golf outing donations are due by June 1 and additional golfers are still needed.
- Railroad Days Parade will take place June 8 due to road construction. Commissioners and the theatre will have floats.
- NRPA conference is in Baltimore this year Commissioners attending need to inform Melissa no later than May 12.
- An application process, advertising, interviews for the open Board seat needs to be established.

VIII. Adjourn Open Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Voelz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bass seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deliver Holina

Melissa L. Medeiros, Board Secretary

Recreation Coordinator, Athletic Manager & Fitness & Facility Manager

Active Aging Senior Games Pickleball SilverSneakers Art Classes

Active Aging

Is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as "the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age."

Cognition, health and well-being are central to the idea of active aging.

Active Aging Why Are people concerned about it...

We know that exercise is an inexpensive way to improve physical health at any age.

A recent research study by Dr. Aron S. Buchman with Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, now shows that exercise may also have a protective effect on the brain.

The findings revealed that higher levels of daily movement were linked to better thinking and memory skills, even for individuals with at least three signs of Alzheimer's disease.

Active Aging It's trending. . .

3 of the Top 10 Fitness Trends in 2019 focus on older adults:

As published in the January 2019 issue of "Parks & Recreation Magazine"

- #4 Fitness Programs for Older Adults-Designing and offering fitness programs specifically for older adults who want to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. In 2018 this trend was #9.
- #6 Employing Certified Fitness Instructors-This includes a geriatric certification for instructors that teach classes for older adults.
- #9 Offering Functional Fitness Training-A program that employees strength training, and other movement activities with the objective of improving balance, coordination, strength, and endurance.

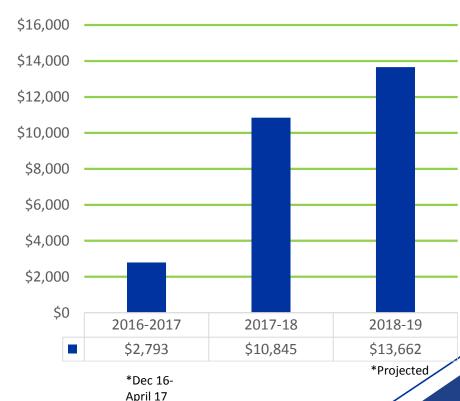
"TIVITY HEALTH" SilverSneakers

May 2018-April 2019 SilverSneakers® Members

- 205 Active Passes
- We get paid \$2.50 per visit up to 8
 visits per month
 - 98 Participants bring in 100% of the revenue.
- √ 35 participants visit 8 or more times per month \$20.00
- √ 63 participants visit an average of 3 times per month \$7.50
 - **✓ 107** people do not use their passes







Pickelball

WCPD Pickleball began in May 2015 with 8 players.

Currently 200+ players playing 5 days/week:

- 18+ years-play 4 days per week
- 50+ years-play 2 days per week



Drop-In Visits

916 Visits

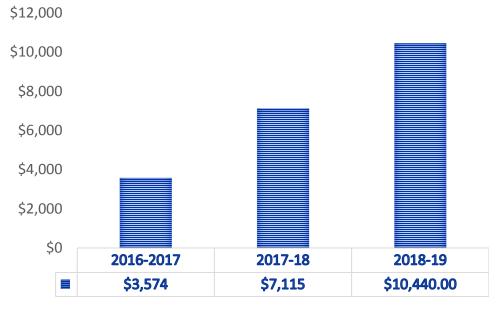
1,635 Visits 2,140 Visits

May-April 2016-17

May-April 2017-18

May-April 2018-19

Drop-In Revenue



These numbers do not include participants that have purchased membership to play pickleball.

Senior Games

The Six County Senior Games in Illinois has been holding its event for 37 years and has seen it grow to include more than 500 participants.

West Chicago had 32 participants in 2018

11 Track & Field

1 day event held at Main East High School outdoor track

- 21 Pickleball
- 4 day event was held at Hoffman Estates
 Park District's 6 outdoor pickleball courts
 at Fabbrini Park



Track & Field



Pickleball

Art Classes

Brush with Art Grant

- Brush with Art classes are made possible through a generous grant from the JCS Fund of The DuPage Community Foundation to the Community School of the Arts.
 - The grant covers the cost of an instructor and all supplies.
 - Classes offered through the grant:
 - ✓ Watercolor Painting
 - ✓ Scandinavian Wood Ornaments
 - ✓ Mixed Media Decorative Panels
 - ✓ Relief Printing

- ✓ Acrylic Painting
- ✓ Colored Pencils
- ✓ Oil Pastels
- ✓ Scratch Board
- ✓ Italic Calligraphy

Additional art programming we have added:

- 2nd Annual 50+ Art Exhibit & Reception
- Watercolor Classes



Dog Park
Wiggly Field
South Paw Park

Dog Parks

According to an article in the November issue of *Parks & Recreation Magazine*, dog parks are one of the fastest growing types of parks in the country.

Since the Improvements at Wiggly Field & the addition of South Paw for small dogs in 2018, we have continued to see an increase in usage while residents concerns have been minimal.

South Paw





Wiggly Field

Special Events Breakfast with the Bunny Daddy Daughter Date Night Mother Son Date Night 80 & Over Summer at the Shell **Boo Bash Polar Express**

Why They Are Important...

- ► Reach a large audience
 - All Ages-Concerts, Hello Summer, Breakfast with the Bunny, Boo Bash, Polar Express
 - Family Specific -Daddy Daughter Date Night & Mother Son Date Night
 - Age Group Specific-80 & Over, 50+ Art Show & Exhibit
- ► Using district \$\$\$\$ to effectively reach the most number of people.
 - Boo Bash 500+
 - Hello Summer 400+

Why They Are Important...

- **►** Showcases Park District facilities
 - ARC Center
 - The Shell
 - Reed-Keppler Park
- **▶** Everyone can participate
 - No special skill to participate
 - Free or low cost
- **▶** Our community enjoys them
 - "Loved that Hello Summer was a family event"!!!

Planning & Organizing

What does it take to make a special event happen?

- **▶** Planning
 - Ideas
 - Group Brainstorming
 - Formulating a plan
 - Itinerary
- **►** Marketing
 - Sponsorships
 - Advertising

- **►** Teamwork
 - Set-up
 - Facilitation
 - Clean-up



- **►** Constantly Changing
 - Games
 - Entertainment
 - Activities

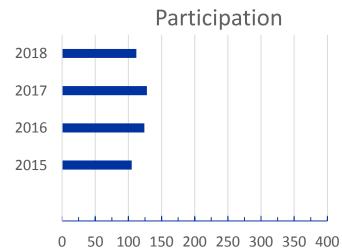
Special Events-Winter (January-March)

Breakfast with the Bunny





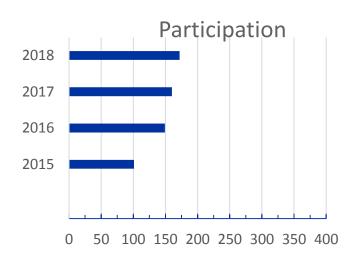










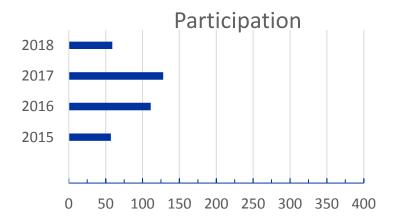


Special Events-Spring (April-June)

Mother Son Date Night







80 & Over







Special Events-Summer (June-August) Summer at The Shell

Concert Series



Fun Friday Kids Entertainers Movies in the Park





2019 Partner Events

- City of West Chicago
- People Made Visible
 - ✓ 2 Art in the Park Events
- West Chicago Library District
 - ✓ 4 StoryWalks
 - ✓ 4 Loteria in the Park
- Healthy West Chicago
 - ✓ Salsa Making Contest
- Friends of the Park District Foundation
 - ✓ Grill Off



Special Events-Summer (June-August) **Summer at The Shell Hello Summer**

Food





Fun





Fans

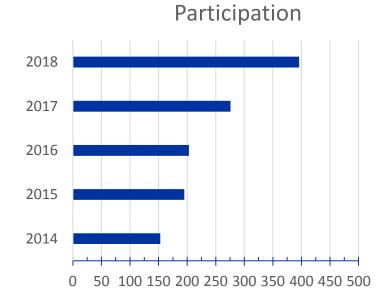


Fireworks!



Special Events-Fall (September-December)





Boo Bash

















Special Events-Fall (September-December) Polar Express In 2018 we ran 3 Trains - 313 total participants













Martial Arts Rec Athletics Co-Op Contractual In-House Field Usage ARC Gym Rentals

Martial Arts

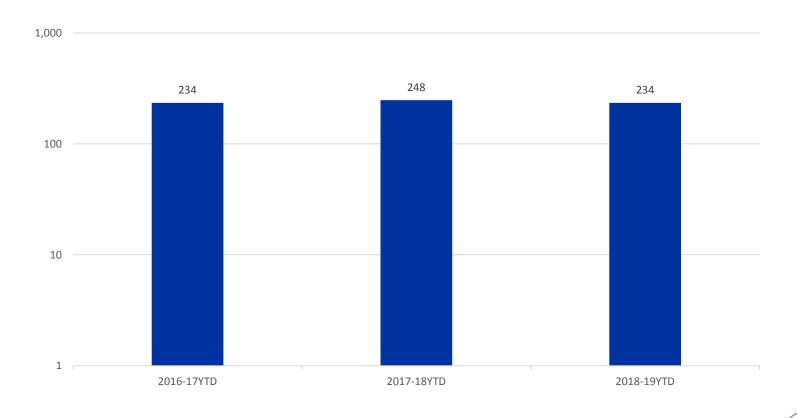
Classes

- > Dragon Tots 3-6 years
- Judo (Sport): Simple and Basic 5years+
- > Karate 6-60 years
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
- > Tai-Chi 16 years+
 - A parents may participate with their child for \$15 for 1 day per week or \$30 for 2 days per week. Gill always says "We are fostering families".
- Women's Self-Defense



Martial Arts

Participation



AthleticsRecreational Co-Op

- In 2016-17, Rec sports in West Chicago began trending toward travel teams and this trend has continued through the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- In 2017-18, In-House recreation program teams were asking for additional indoor practice space due to the unpredictable weather in April.
- In 2018-19, new to our In-House program...each team will practice indoors on a Saturday or Sunday at Zone 250 or ARC/MAC Gym depending on level of play.

Rec Co-op \$150 VS Travel \$1,000+

Athletics Recreational Co-Op

Spring/Summer

Baseball-4 Teams 14 games

- Winfield
- St Charles
- Geneva
- Batavia
- North Aurora
- Kaneland

Softball-1 Team

- 14 Games
 - Bartlett
 - Geneva
 - Batavia

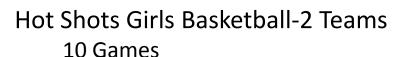
Fall

Baseball-2 Teams

- 10 games
 - St Charles
 - Geneva

Softball-2 Teams

- 10 Games
 - St. Charles
 - Geneva



- Geneva
- Sugar Grove
- Kaneland
- Big Rock



T-Ball-5 Teams

• 14 Games



Field Usage

During 2018-19, staff will continue to strengthen current relationships, build new relationships all while meeting the needs of each group utilizing our parks & fields.

Softball/Baseball

- Seminole Sports
- Tim James-Official Finders

Rec Soccer

- WC United
- Monarcas
- Kopian
- Axel
- Community Outreach Soccer (COS)
- ► GGT Wrestling Tournaments and Camps

Brought groups together to create great working relationships and an understanding of the needs of each organization involved.

- Offering 2 fields per age group.
- Having fields ready earlier in the season to accommodate their start date.

Cross Country

Wheaton Academy
West Chicago High School
Conference
Regionals

Relationship built with District 94 and Wheaton Academy to be the host site for Conference and Regionals.

WCPD Cross Country Course is the #2 course in the State.

Gym Rentals

Have worked to have a balance between gym rentals and member time in the gym while meeting our fiscal goals.

ARC Gym Renters:

- Truth
- Ice Volley Basketball
- St. Francis Feeder Bball
- ► BAPS Temple Volleyball
- Ramon Men's Basketball
- Wheaton Academy Warriors
- Rey Gregorio
- Mercury Elite Basketball
- Hoops for Help Men's Adult Basketball
- Sims Recycling Company
 - Ladies VB 40 weeks/year-



Soccer

- Monarcas
- WC United Academy
- Community Outreach Soccer (COS)
- Kopian



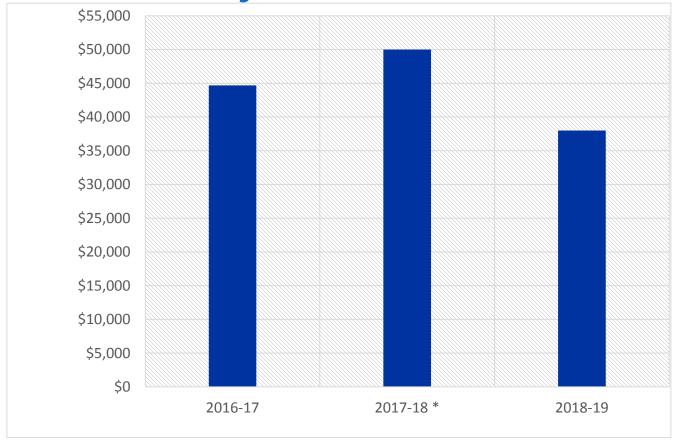
NEW 2018-19 ARC Gym Rentals:

- D94 Summer Basketball & Volleyball Camps
- Hoops for Help Men's Adult Basketball
- Mercury Elite Basketball

Gym Rentals

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Gym Rental Revenue



*2017-18 does include a two-day gymnastics meet rental of \$15,000 that we did not have in 2018-19.

Zone250

Zone250 is an over 16,000 sqft. Pay-for- Play Sports Performance Training Facility

Amenities

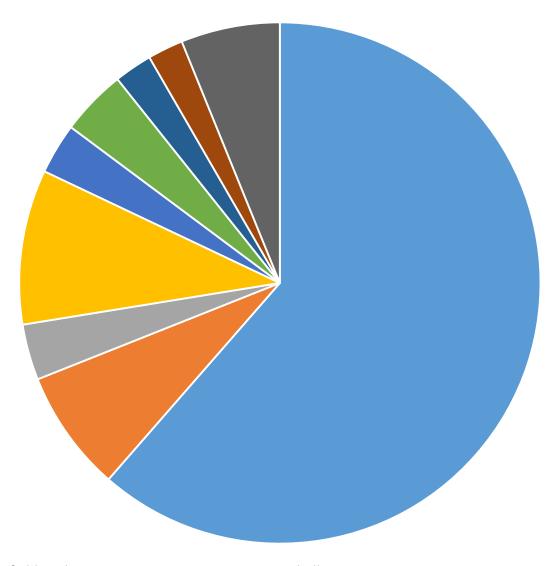
2 Basketball Courts3 Volleyball CourtsBatting CageMeeting Room





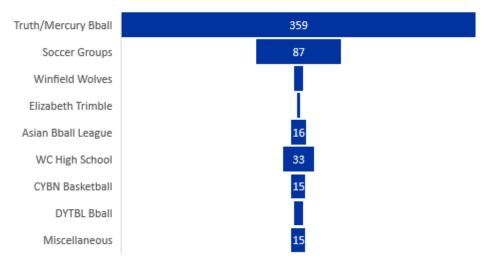


Zone250Renters



Zone250 Court Breakdown

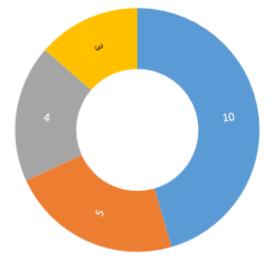
Basketball Courts



Meeting Room

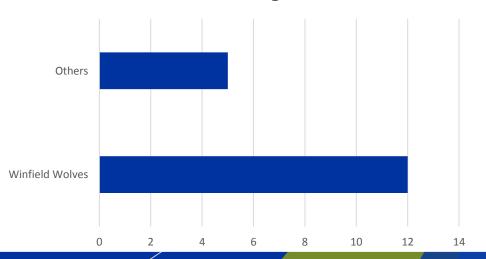


Volleyball Courts



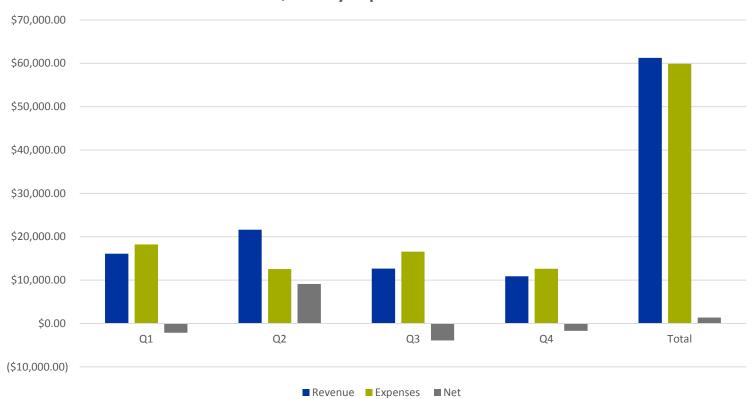
/olleyball Courts	FY 18-19	
NC High School	10	
ndian League	5	
Asian Bball League	4	
Other	3	
Гotal	22	

Baseball Cages



Zone250

Quarterly Report 2018-2019



Quarterly Total Report	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Revenue	\$16,077.63	\$21,611.92	\$12,661.02	\$10,884.40	\$61,234.97
Expenses	\$18,210.29	\$12,520.84	\$16,569.98	\$12,594.13	\$59,895.24
Net	(\$2,132.66)	\$9,091.08	(\$3,908.96)	(\$1,709.73)	\$1,339.73

What are we working on.... Joe Mary

- Scheduling ARC Gym between memberships, programs and rentals.
- Reaching out within the community to develop partnerships that can lead to revenue generated programs: i.e. Jel-Sert Weekly Basketball.
- Grow In-House Basketball, Baseball & Softball at each level.
- Increase tournament offerings at Zone250.
- Find consistent renter for Friday nights.

- ► Added Party in the Park to the Park
 District line-up this summer. This event
 will close out Summer at the Shell 2019.
- ► As IPRA Co-Chair for the Senior Committee Mary will be more involved with the overall running of the Senior Games this year.
- Continue to influence new fitness, wellness and social programs for older adults in West Chicago.

Kolbe

- Research divider for lobby protection.
- Increase PM Plans.

Marketing Overview

COTW Meeting



Branding Evolution

Website, program guides, brand consistency and presence

Website

New Design



Mobile Friendly



Reactive



Program Guides

Before



- No logo on cover
- Order of Information
- 2 color

Now



- Series design
- Feature community photos
- All age representation
- Full color
- Color coded categories
- Ordered by age and chronological order

Virtual views and analytics (Issuu)

Brand Consistency

Apparel



Signage

Facilities









Unified Brand Throughout All Areas









Marketing & Advertising Guidelines

Methods, outlets, demographics, target audiences, metrics and samples

Standard Marketing Guidelines

• Program Guide • Website Small Social Media -20 • E-blast Reach screens Flyers Community calendar Medium Outreach events Program cross marketing 30+ • Targeted advertising Website highlight Event listing Banners, posters, addl. mailers Press release Large Social campaigns • Fitness monitors 50+

Advertising Channels

Park District General

- Constant Contact
- Website
- Facebook
- Monitors
- ► Banners/Posters/Flyers
- Peachjar
- Community Calendars
- Press Releases

Turtle Splash, Fitness & Treehouse

- Save On
- Welcome Wagon
- Radio Advertising
- Drive-In Commercial
- Groupon

Others

- Living Social
- Chicago Parent
- Chicago Fun
 - Pros & Cons

Advertising Program Samples

Save On Campaign



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

NEW MEMBERSHIP

- No Enrollment Fees
- Convenient Payment Plans
- Available Child Care Option

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- 8,000 Square Feet of Fitness
- Track Usage
- Open Gym
- Discounted Rates on **Select Programs**
- Locker Room
- Showers
- Towel Service

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we-goparks.org/arc-fitness

Details

Treehouse & Fitness

Area Distribution

- WEST CHICAGO (60185A/B)
- WINFIELD (60190B)
- BATAVIA (60510A)
- WARRENVILLE (60555B)
- WEST CHICAGO (60185A/B)
- WINFIELD (60190B)
- BATAVIA (60510A)
- WARRENVILLE (60555B)

Redemption

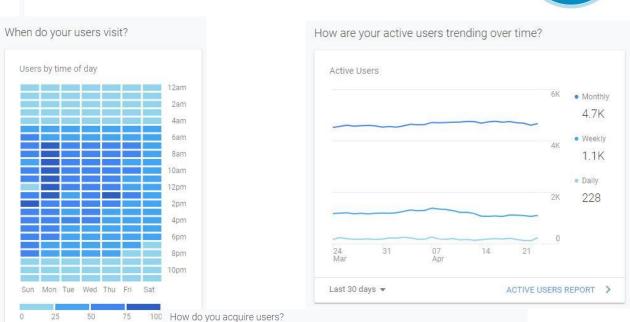
SaveOn Ad			
	Jan-Feb	Apr-May	Nov-Feb
Treehouse	29		
Membership	17	10	23
Addtnl Purch	13		
Splash		7	

Addtl. Welcome Wagon Campaign



Marketing Channels Demographics & Metrics

- Website
 - Google Analytics
 - **Bitly**



Mar 1, 2019 - Mar 31, 2019

1.36

Bounce Rate

56.18%

Number of Sessions per User

New Users

3,975

2.20

Pages / Session

4,723

Pageviews

14,135

days 🕶

Sessions

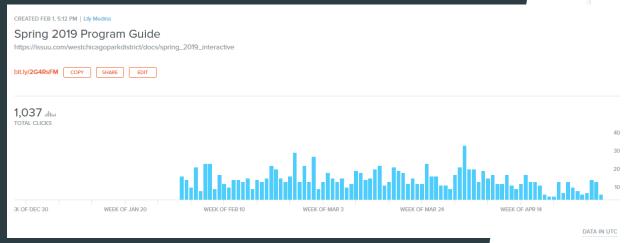
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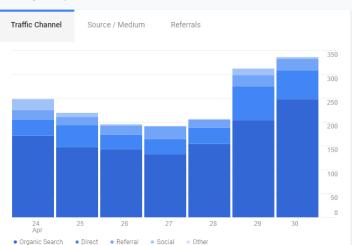
Avg. Session Duration

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■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor

New Visitor 3,975 Users (73.5%)





Marketing Channels Demographics & Metrics

- Website / Google Analytics
- Constant Contact

Over 9 Thousand E-mails

Easy Read

Mobile Friendly

Interactive

Additional relatable resources

Promotional Value



Farly Summer Savings Ending Soon!

Important Statistics

Opening, Bounce and Unsubscribed rates





Preview | Print

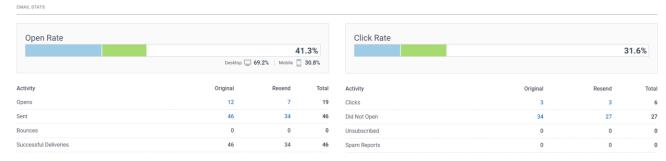
Howdy Partner
SENT on Mon, Apr 8, 2019 at 10:36 am CD
Lists Mom and Son 2019
From Name West Chicago Park District

From Address info@we-goparks.org
Reply-to Address info@we-goparks.org

Resend to Non-Openers

Response Rate to Target Audience

Previous program enrollment













WestChicagoParks



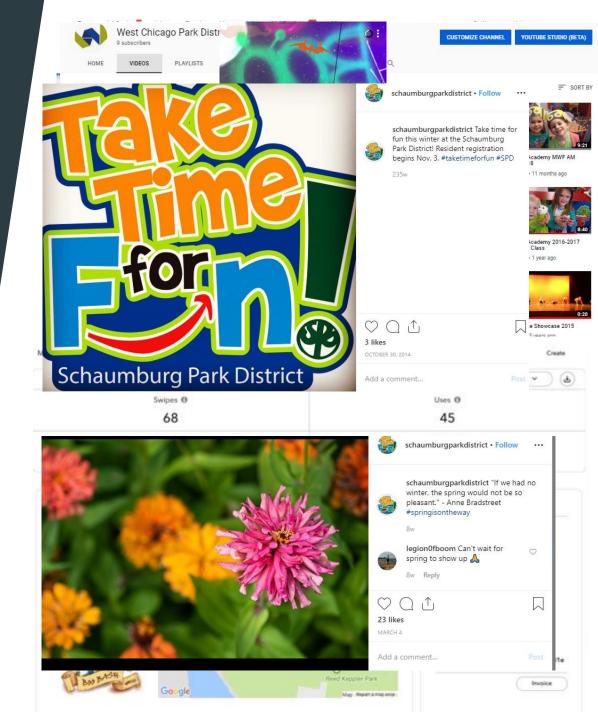
@WCParkDist



Check out the new Boo Bash GeoFilter!









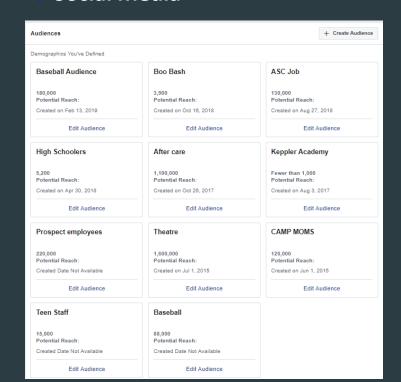




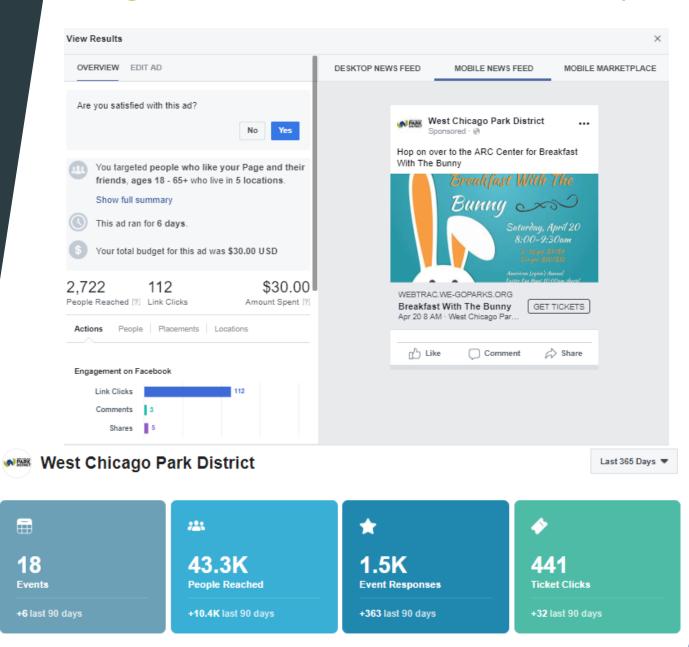




- Website / Google Analytics
- **Constant Contact**
- Social Media



Targeted Audiences & Post Summary





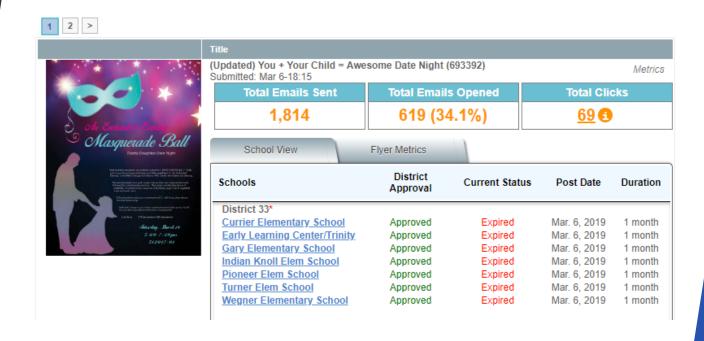
- Website / Google Analytics
- Constant Contact
- Social Media/
- Event/Post Summary
- Peachjar

School District 33- Virtual Flyer Delivery System

- Paid/Direct Delivery
- Statistics
- Limited

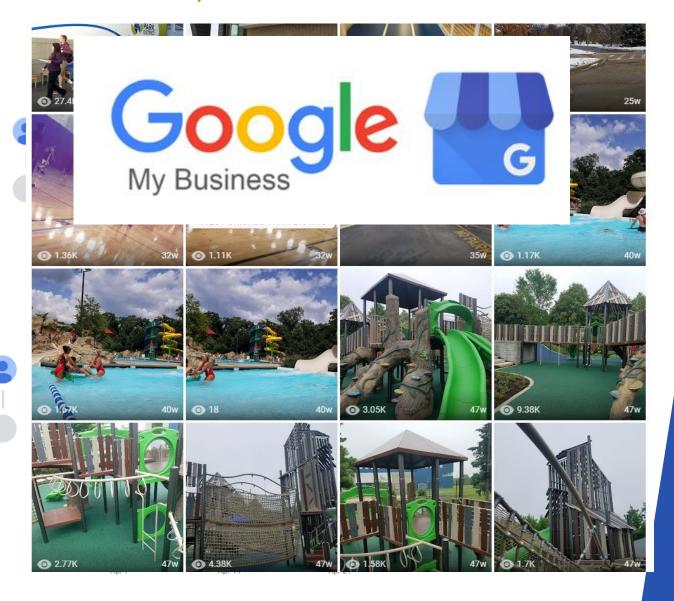
District 303 – Free online posting

No direct delivery



- Website / Google Analytics/Bitly
- Constant Contact
- Social Media
- Event/Post Summary
- Peachjar
- Google My Bussiness
 - My Business Report
 - Search, Directions
 - Reviews
 - Photos

Directions, Reviews and Photos



- Website / Google Analytics/Bitly
- Constant Contact
- Social Media
- Event/Post Summary
- Peachjar
- My Business Report
- Groupon

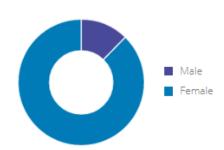
Feedback, Demographics & More

Feedback



Based on 2555 survey responden







Customer Feedback

Free, time consuming to manage

- Messenger
- Direct links on website
- Program Surveys
- Google Reviews
- Groupon Reviews
- Front Desk
- Social Media

Paid – Time Consuming Sometimes Unreliable Reviews

- Yelp
- Living Social
- Bing

Customer Feedback Same Event - Different

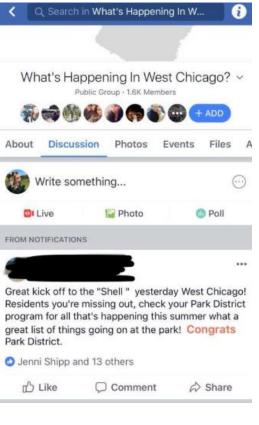
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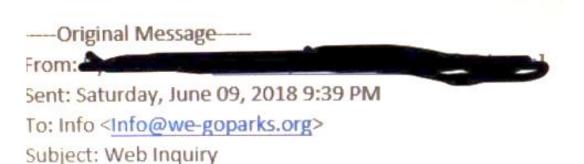
The Good

The Bad

& The Ugly







I live near the park and these fireworks are fucking annoying. Fuck you and feek your stupid fucking fireworks. You think you're doing something good and you're just pissing people off.

Sent from my Phone

Outreach

Special Events

- Park District Events
- School District Events
- Job fairs
- City Events
 - ► Touch A Truck
 - National Night Out
 - Blooming Fest

Press & Exposure

- Magazine Articles
- Newspaper Coverage

Cross Marketing

Agencies

- City of West Chicago
- Chamber of Commerce
- ► Healthy West Chicago
- West Chicago Public Library
- Garden Club

- Kids List Awards
- Contest (IPRA & Others)

Problems We Face

Possible Solutions

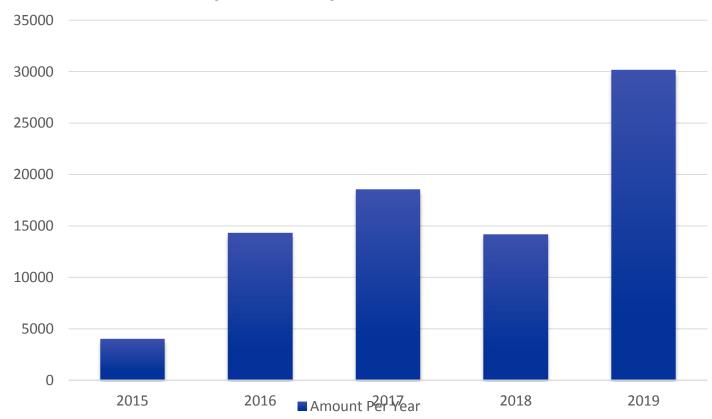
- Multiple Platform Changes (time)
 - Original Design
 - Brochure
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Event Listings
 - Printed Materials
- Program Guide Delivery
 - Mailing Routes City vs. Park border territory (expense & perception)
- ▶ 1 & 1/3 Team
 - ► Peoples need for faster responses
 - Photo Coverage
- Bilingual Need (Spanish/English)
 - ▶ Needs to go beyond customer service
 - Only One Bilingual Full Timer

Multiple Platform Changes (time)

- Working with staff to ensure accuracy
- Educate partners on timelines
- Program Guide Delivery
 - ► Mail a postcard (available at ARC & Online)
 - Research separate door to door service
- ▶ 1 & 1/3 Team
 - Volunteers in target areas (photography)
 - Social Media Ambassadors (Influencers)
 - More Hours
- Bilingual Need (Spanish/English)
 - Hiring, Training, Education
 - Partnering with others

Annual Appeal Review

Sponsorship Procurement Per Year



- Only sponsorship procurement for the year providing funds for:
 - ▶ Sports, Boo Bash, Community Theatre, The Shell, Senior Socials & Foundation



THANK YOU

Time For Questions, Answers & Suggestions