

## COYOTE RUN GOLF COURSE & WILEY'S GRILL

Coyote Run in its 20th season, finished the year up 1.6% in rounds over the 2024 season. Even though the season started about three weeks later than in 2024, Coyote Run finished the season with a new record of 41,013 rounds. The golf course continues to receive rave reviews from its patrons for its conditioning, price point and customer service. This past summer was the busiest ever posting 1900 more summer rounds (June-September) than the previous season. The golf course came to an abrupt close, with the winter storm on Thanksgiving Weekend.

Coyote Run hosts many in-house leagues for men and women and for 9 and 18 holes. Along with these leagues, Coyote Run hosts five other private leagues throughout the week. As students go back to school in the fall, we host four golf teams including the HF Girls and HF Boys Frosh teams. We have welcomed Parker Middle School to the golf course to be a feeder system for the high school. We continue to host many junior golf classes and camps throughout the season, along with adult classes for beginners and recreational players.

Wiley's Grill continues to cater events at Dolphin Lake for both beverage and food service. The staff does an outstanding job taking care of events from golf outings to rehearsal dinners. Sundays have become quite popular for the different showers.

## H-F ICE ARENA

The Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena achieved a dynamic year of growth, with Learn to Skate classes consistently reaching capacity and hockey participation expanding through new initiatives like the 4v4 Draft and Snow Cone Summer leagues. Curling also saw a surge in popularity, necessitating the purchase of additional equipment and expanded league play. High-profile events anchored the season, including the 50th Annual Lady Bug Competition, NWHL playoffs that generated over \$11,000 in fees, and expanded collegiate championships, while external partnerships further maximized ice utilization.

Financially, the arena thrived on increased registrations, tournament fees, and advertising partnerships. These gains funded essential facility improvements, such as locker room flooring updates, digital signage, and a refreshed rental skate inventory. Beyond operations, the arena deepened community ties through "try-it" events and school partnerships. A successful management transition at year-end has positioned the facility for continued stability and impact heading into 2026.



*The H-F Ice Arena welcomed back former Recreation Supervisor Jennah Carlson as manager in 2025.*



## PARKS DEPARTMENT

The outdoor rinks at Flossmoor Park were open from January 14 through February 25. They were only closed for a few days due to warm weather during that time.

We removed and replaced playgrounds at Goldberg, Scandia, and Pheasant Trails parks this year. Parks staff removed all the equipment and safety surface and then a contractor installed the new equipment and surface.

Heather Hill neighborhood received new tennis and pickle ball courts at Highlands Park after the district sold the land that held the old courts to the Village of Flossmoor for their storm detention project.

Tennis and pickle ball courts were resurfaced at Lions and Orchard as well as the roller hockey rink at Millennium Park.

We completed the walking path at Leavitt Park to connect it to the public sidewalk and the existing path in the park.

The first portion of Irwin Park replacement was completed by installing a new ADA ramp and replacing the stairs at the West end of the park off Gottschalk.

Noel Lucero moved from Custodian to Parks Maintenance worker. Tim Lade was hired as Custodian. Kyle Oshea was hired as a Parks Maintenance worker to fill a vacancy created when an employee resigned to move out of state.



On behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners and the staff of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, we are happy to share our 2025 Annual Report, designed to provide the community with a review of our facilities, programs and projects.

In 2025, we completed our MasterPlan project with input from our community. This document will help guide decision-making and investments over the next ten years, covering a variety of topics, including parks, facilities, recreation programming, operations, and maintenance. The process helped us understand and adapt to changing demographics and community needs, creating a roadmap for our future.

The park district was awarded a \$600,000 grant to expand Irwin Park with new amenities, including a new playground, rain garden with pollinator plants, story walk, seating areas and more. These improvements will not only enhance the park's aesthetic appeal but also make it a more inclusive, and more enjoyable space for residents of all ages. Work began in 2025 with an ADA path making the park more accessible and will continue in 2026 with the removal of the existing ballfield and replacement of playground equipment.

Our Board of Park Commissioners said farewell to members Linda Ojode of Flossmoor, who served a six-year term, and Steve Johnson of Homewood, who was on the board for 18 years, serving three terms. Byron Walker and Erika Schafer were sworn in as our newest commissioners on Tuesday, May 20.

In November the park district received Distinguished Accreditation from the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. This was the culmination of a process where all district practices were reviewed, including the areas of: legal compliance, general management, finance and business operations, facilities and parks, personnel management, and recreation services.

It is truly an honor to serve our residents. 2025 was a great year and we're excited about the future of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, and our community.

## RECREATION

Program participation and revenue continued to increase in recreation programs this past year. Our before and after school program increased participation to better meet demand, we expanded Discovery Preschool to an afternoon class, opened a second classroom for preschool camp, garnered interest in adult programs like mixology and our “Try-it” programs, and increased our Active Adult trip offerings as they continued to fill. In addition to programming, rental spaces continue to be an important source of revenue for the Recreation Department as well. The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake and the Irwin Center both exceeded budgeted revenue by a combined 10% in FY24/25 and continue strong mid-way through FY25/26. Furthermore, Lions Club Pool had a fantastic season up 18% in gross revenue over summer 2024.

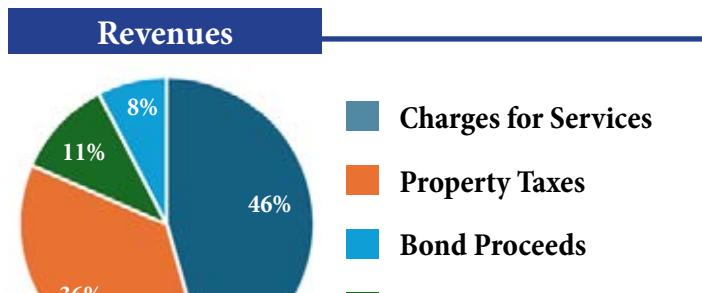
The updates to the lower level of the Irwin Center are near completion. Work to this point has included bathroom renovations, ceiling tile replacement along with new flooring and paint in the hallway and physical activity room. We expect finishing work in the hallway to be completed by the spring. Additional work to the Irwin Center included HVAC, sprinkler, alarm and phone system repairs. Other major recreation facility projects included the completion of the flooring at the Sports Complex this past summer.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal year 2025 ended with a net fund increase of just over one million dollars. Thanks to strong revenues, sustained growth in recent years, and healthy investment returns, many projects are planned for fiscal 2026. A spend-down of approximately 1.5 million dollars is budgeted for fiscal 2026.

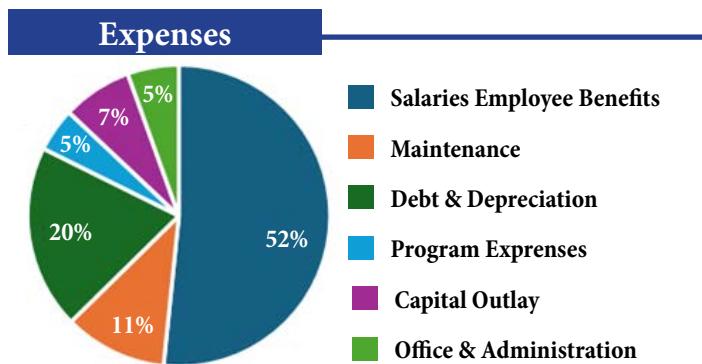
### FUNCTION

| FISCAL YEAR 2025           |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Recreation                 |        |
| Program Participants       | 10,946 |
| Pool Attendance            | 14,715 |
| Pool Parties               | 39     |
| Splashpad Attendance       | 6,341  |
| H-F Racquet & Fitness Club |        |
| Memberships - Annual       | 4,004  |
| Personal Training Hours    | 2,097  |
| Tennis Court Time Hours    | 10,584 |
| Coyote Run Golf Course     |        |
| Rounds of Golf Played      | 41,013 |
| Cart Rentals               | 33,895 |
| Buckets of Balls Sold      | 18,566 |
| Employment                 |        |
| New Full-Time Hires        | 6      |
| Full-Time Employees        | 52     |
| Part-Time Employees Hired  | 155    |
| Legal                      |        |
| Ordinances Approved        | 6      |
| Resolutions Approved       | 5      |
| Vehicles                   |        |
| Vehicles Replaced          | 0      |



### WHAT SOURCES FUND OPERATIONS?

The Park District receives approximately 36% of its revenue from property taxes. Charges for services make up about 46% of total revenue. Other revenues—including the sale of property, lease income, and interfund transfers—account for an additional 11%. The issuance of debt represents the remaining 8%.



### HOW ARE FUNDS UTILIZED?

Approximately 73% of District funds were spent on Park District operations. The remainder was used for debt service obligations and capital outlay.



*The Recreation Department welcomed Supervisors Kayla Cook, Zak Kerby, and Brandon Diaz in 2025.*

## H-F RACQUET & FITNESS CLUB

2025 was a year of growth, innovation, and investment for the H-F Racquet and Fitness Club. We focused on enhancing both our programming and our physical environment to better serve members and strengthen community connections. Through expanded services and new events, the club continued to thrive as a welcoming hub for fitness, racquet sports, aquatics, wellness, and community engagement.

One of the highlights of the year were continued participation growth and success of our community events, The Beast obstacle course race and the annual Butterball Burner. A pop-up power hour series was introduced offering a variety of specialty pop-up classes throughout the year. Specialized Group training programs for teenagers and active adults were introduced, including boxing and weightlifting classes.

Our racquet sports program has continued to grow and thrive, driven by a strong emphasis on pickleball. We successfully expanded open-play hours to meet increasing demand, introduced engaging special events that strengthened our community, and enhanced player development through advanced training opportunities and targeted clinics. These initiatives not only boosted participation across all skill levels but also reinforced our commitment to providing high-quality and accessible racquet sports programming for our community.

Significant investments in facility improvement were made to enhance member comfort and experience. New fitness equipment was added throughout the club to support evolving training needs, and new HVAC systems were installed to improve air quality and climate control. Locker room and changing area renovations began, marking an important step toward modernizing these spaces and creating a more comfortable, functional environment for members. The investment in the facility culminated in an open-house for the community to see and partake in the improvements.



*The Club welcomed our new manager Dan Schafer in 2025*



*New equipment, work out area, and HVAC systems were just some of the upgrades to The Club in 2025*

## IRONS OAKS

**Environmental Education** revenue grew 60% over two years, driven by staff recruitment and school partnerships. Outdoor Education is up 12% YoY with four months remaining, proving popular for 3rd–5th grade team development. Both programs have significant growth potential.

**Nature Camp** remained steady and reached full capacity weekly (except July 4th), often maintaining waiting lists. In its third year, **Adventure Camp** revenue rose 30% YoY despite adding only one week (7 total). It operated at near-total capacity with consistent waiting lists. 2026 planning will evaluate increasing capacity alongside other field trips. **Adventure Center** revenue dropped 17% YoY. While Ropes/Climbing remained steady, Teams and Corporate fell 9% and 25%, respectively. However, Teams revenue is already up 1.9% for the current fiscal year. Growth is currently hindered by school bussing costs/shortages; marketing and recruitment strategies are being developed.

Rentals: Up 3% (excluding December), with three months exceeding \$10k in revenue. The Discovery Center saw increased use, including a new regular Sunday renter.

Community Programs & Outreach Interest surged this year. The Light Up Trail Walk saw a 39% attendance increase, attracting many first-time visitors. Multiple events reached capacity, including the Flashlight Egg/Pumpkin Hunts, Owl Prowl, and MLK Day of Service. Forest Bathing debuted as a hit, and Art in the Park maintains a loyal following.

Environmental Impact The holiday recycling program saved 500 trees and 1,240 lbs of lights from landfills this year. Over its 15-year history, the initiative has diverted approximately 9,125 trees and 17,500 lbs of lights.

