

2024-2025



Bloomington  
Park District

# ANNUAL REPORT





# Where Recreation Revolves Around You!

Since its founding in 1964, the Bloomingdale Park District has remained dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable recreation programs, facilities, and open spaces that enrich the lives of our residents and strengthen our community.

The 2024–2025 fiscal year reflected meaningful growth and renewed enthusiasm across the Park District. Public participation rose throughout many of our offerings – from The Oasis Water Park and the Summer Concert Series to Touch-A-Truck, Summer Camps, Fall Fest and more – showcasing the community’s continued engagement and support.

This Annual Report shares a snapshot of the year’s progress and key achievements. Our focus continues to be on enhancing the experiences and services we provide to Bloomingdale residents. The Park District’s fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31, and all financial data corresponds with that timeframe. Additional highlights in this report celebrate recent accomplishments and participation trends across our programs and facilities.

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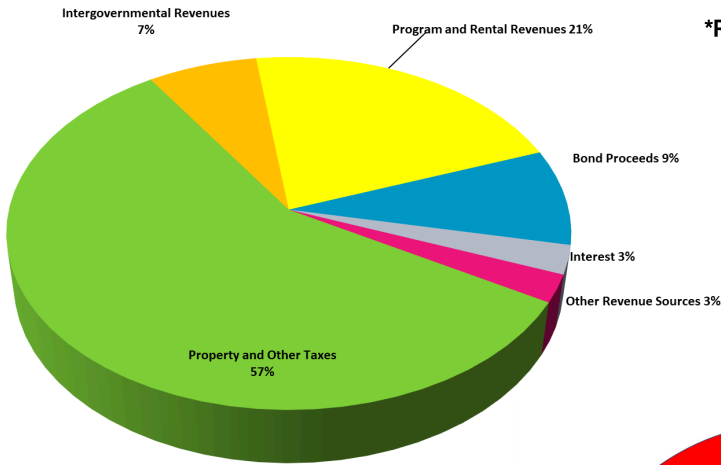


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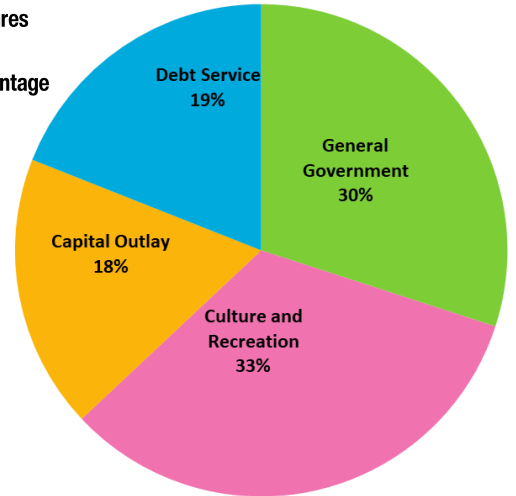
8AM–7PM Mon–Thurs  
 8AM–6PM Fri  
 8:30AM–12:30PM Sat  
 Closed Sunday

# Revenue & Resources

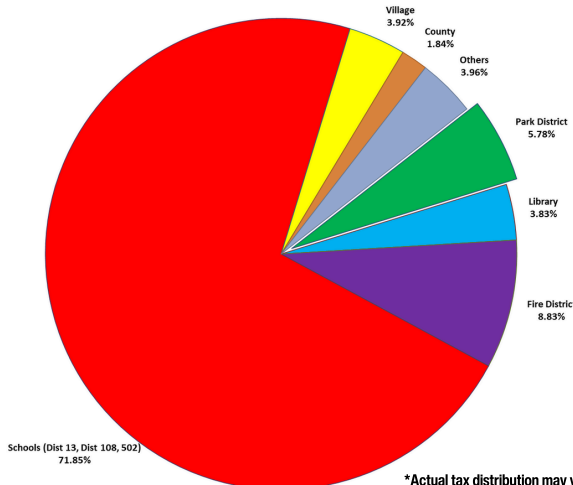
**FY 2025**  
**Governmental Funds And Other Financing Sources**  
**Total \$9,306,553**  
 \*Rounded to nearest whole percentage



**FY 2025**  
**Governmental Funds Expenditures**  
**Total \$8,891,254**  
 \*Rounded to nearest whole percentage



**Property Taxes Paid in 2025**  
**Representative Property Tax Distribution\***



\*Actual tax distribution may vary based on specific school and other taxing districts

# Our Service To You

## Core Services

**Kids' Place** and **Kindergarten Kids' Place** (before and afterschool care programs) registration enrollment numbers continue to increase, bringing the attendance to 138.

Our preschool, **Little Acorn Academy**, class sizes for the 2024-2025 school year are consistent with last year's numbers with enrollment at 133 students, compared to 132 in 2023-2024.

BPD's summer day camp returned again in 2025. The popular **Cat Tails, Mouse Hole, Goin' Ape, Lions Den, and Top Dog** camps were filled to capacity similar to 2024 with 456 unique campers.

Our summer **Swim Lessons** programs grew from 335 to 361 participants with the important goal to teach one of life's most important skills, learning how to swim and be safe in and around the water.

## Youth Athletics

240 **soccer** players took to the pitch in fall 2024. The program participant numbers grew in players both seasons.

For the 2024-2025 season, 68 basketball players hooped in the Lancers Elite Travel program. The BPD in-house Recreational league had 203 players, a 28% increase from the previous season. We also added a Summer Basketball League in 2024 which had 27 players.

The **Bloomington Barracudas Swim & Dive Team** welcomed 114 members to 'Cuda Cove for the 2025 season. Bloomington Barracuda Swim & Dive Team is a member of the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference.

## Community Engagement

**The Oasis Water Park** achieved a five star rating (the most possible) by StarGuard Aquatic Risk Prevention.

The **Comprehensive Master Plan** was finalized and available to the public providing a clear roadmap for the Park District over the next five years. Shaped by community resident input through surveys and priorities of those who use and value our parks. It serves as a vital guide for goal setting, strategic planning and ensuring the continued growth and improvement of our recreational spaces.

The plan was adopted by the Park Board of Commissioners in March 2025 To review the document go to: <https://www.bloomingtonparks.org/publications/ComprehensiveMasterPlanBPD.pdf>.

## Special Events

The annual **Fish Release** held in April was once again a success with more than 130-plus residents volunteering at Lakeview Park. Weather this year was serve the day of the September Fish Release so regrettably the special event was cancelled. The Bloomington-Roselle Rotary supplies the fish for the annual release.

The **12th Annual Festival of Lights** tree and park lighting event were held the first Friday in December in Old Town Park and Old Town Bloomington. Despite extremely cold weather, the evening was spectacular with more than 2,000 holiday enthusiasts in attendance. Kris Kringle Market offered vendors the opportunity to sell holiday items all evening long.

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to visit 59 Bloomington homes for the annual **Ho Ho Home Visits**.

This year, 500+ attendees enjoyed **Popsicles in the Park**, a day to "unplug" from technology and enjoy the outdoors. This program was in partnership with the Bloomington Public Library and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

A community favorite, the **BOOmingdale Halloween Event**, organized by the Bloomington Park District, Bloomington Public Library, Bloomington Public Works, Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Department attracted 2,000+ attendees.

The **Bloomington Park District Museum** hosted 9 exhibits between January 2023 - December 2024 with over 1,600 visitors. The annual Student Art Show returned with participation from all the local schools and featured artwork from a wide variety of ages, K-12.

More than 300 parents, grandparents and children, enjoyed **Movies in the Park** at Old Town Park.

The **Statewide Kite Fly & Touch-A-Truck** featured a **Classic Car Show** and drew a crowd of 2,000+ attendees. A fun and memorable day was enjoyed by all experiencing an assortment of automobiles, trucks, tractors, police cars, fire trucks and other vehicles. The Statewide Kite Fly raises awareness of the Illinois Association of Park District's Youth License Plate Flying 4 Kids program.

The **Summer Concert Series** grew in attendance once again with more food trucks added to the evening's festivities. A total of 10 bands were featured at Old Town Park resulting in over 10,000 attendees total.

The **Community Appreciation Days** in August resulted in 214 registered attendees compared to 346 in 2024. Participants experienced free classes and programs. Everyone received a giveaway and was able to meet instructors and have fun!

# Our Service To You

## Park Board Commissioner Saverino Receives Prestigious Rising Star Award

The Bloomingdale Park District proudly celebrates Park Board Commissioner Frank Saverino Jr. who received the Rising Star Award at the Soaring to New Heights IPRA/IAPD State Conference, along with recognition as a Master Board Member in IAPD's Board Member Development Program. Frank began his community involvement coaching youth baseball, softball, and soccer, later joining the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation and leading initiatives like the "Aim for the Fences" campaign. He organized notable community events, including a helicopter ball drop and annual car shows to raise funds for parks programs. In 2022, Frank became a Park Board Commissioner, advancing projects and strengthening community engagement.



## Grant Monies Enhance Indian Lakes Park and Bring Six Brand-New Pickleball Courts To Sunnyside Park

The Bloomingdale Park District celebrated the ribbon cutting for improvements at Indian Lakes Park this past July.

Community members gathered to see the new enhancements, which include fun playground structures, three-disc golf holes, and an expansion to the walking path.



Six brand-new pickleball courts at Sunnyside Park opened this summer and quickly became a hub of activity and excitement. The official ribbon cutting ceremony in September celebrated this new recreational space, featuring a festive event that included both the ribbon cutting and a pickleball clinic for residents.

These projects reflect resident feedback, ensuring the parks meet the needs of families and visitors of all ages. The festive events included activities and opportunities to explore the updated spaces, marking an exciting step forward in the Park District's ongoing commitment to providing quality parks and programs for the community.

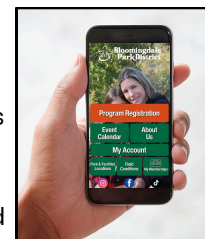


## Park Board Leadership Transitions

In June, Commissioner Jerry Marshall was nominated by the board to serve as President, with Commission Frank Saverino Jr. now serving as Vice President. Commissioner Gerace Olson has assumed the role of Assistant Treasurer. After five successful years as Board President, Commissioner Andre Burke has stepped down to welcome Jerry Marshall as the new park board President. Commissioner Burke will continue to serve on the board as a Commissioner. Newly elected Commissioner Bryen Travis also serves on the board, contributing to the District's mission and future direction.

## Mobile App Launch Creates A New Way To Register For Programs

Our Bloomingdale Park District mobile app continues to experience steady growth in downloads and active users. In its first year, more than 1,240 residents have downloaded the app, taking advantage of convenient access to program registration, facility details, and event information right from their mobile devices.



## GFOA Award

In April 2025, the Finance Department's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the 13th straight year.



## IAPD Best of the Best Award Recipient

The Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) received the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Best of the Best "Arts in the Park" Award in recognition of its outstanding contributions to the Bloomingdale Park District's cultural programming.



Through exhibits, workshops, and creative partnerships, the BAA has enriched the community by fostering artistic expression and making the arts more accessible to residents of all ages. This award highlights the long-standing collaboration between the Park District and the BAA, celebrating the shared mission to inspire creativity and enhance community life through the arts.