

# SPOTLIGHT



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## Mission Statement

We create fun!...by providing the finest in Parks, Programs, and Recreational Facilities for our community.

## Vision Statement

We strive to create lasting memories for our community by enthusiastically responding to and serving their recreational and leisure needs.

## Core Values

Our Core Values guide our organization in everything we do. They represent who we are and what we believe.

## May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

The year we could have never imagined: Social distancing, face masks, virtual programs, Restore Illinois Guidelines, Phases, Tiers, vaccinations and so much more. Staff continued to serve the community in the safest ways possible. Thank you to all the residents that supported us during these uncertain times.

## Civic & Community Involvement

- Boo Thru Halloween Event
- Mass Vaccination Site for COVID 19, over 3,100 individuals vaccinated. Worked with Village of Bartlett, Bartlett Police Department & Jewel Osco.
- Work with local Youth Sport Organizations: Total – 8 groups, 48 teams, est. 409 participants including Baseball, Soccer & Cheerleading.
- Eagle Scout Project
- Bartlett Community Center is a donation site for the Bartlett Lions Club who collects food for Hanover and Wayne Township Food Pantries
- Bartlett Community Center was a donation site for Toys for Tots
- Hosted Bartlett High School Swim Awards Banquet and Bartlett High School Cross Country Awards Banquet.
- Bartlett Community Center, Log Cabin, and Nature Center were able to host both the General Primary and the Consolidated General Elections.



## Donations/Sponsorships/Partnerships

- Stretch Lab: E-blast, LIFECENTER, Advertising
- Nature Center partnerships with Marcos Pizza, US Fish & Wildlife, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, DuPage County Forest Preserve, Girl Scouts of Northern and Cheyenne Council, Boy Scouts Three Fires Council

## Renovations & Improvements

- Inclusive Playground installed at Bartlett Park
- New asphalt path and LED lighting in Bartlett Park
- Landscape and Walkway Renovation at Gazebo
- Interior walls restored in Log Cabin
- Replaced window and walls on second floor at Bartlett Community Center
- New landscaping and retaining wall at Bartlett Community Center front entrance
- Driveway and parking lot improvements at Bartlett Community Center
- Lighting upgraded to LED at Splash Central
- Renovated wooden benches at Kermit's Corner, Bartlett Bike Path, and Bartlett Park
- Renovated basketball court at Marianne Cordell Park
- Sunrise Disc Golf Course improvements
- Added playground mulch at 9 playgrounds and O'Brien Woods path
- Planted additional trees and memorial trees at variety of parks
- Released 5 native fish species to Beaver Pond, Sunrise and Humbracht Pond
- Painted plunge and deep pool at Bartlett Aquatic Center and installed a cozy cocoon in sand play area

## Other "Good Stuff" We Did During 20-21

- Social Media Engagement
  - Contests: "Park District Pooches" – Bartlett's Cutest Dog Photo Contest, Sports Trivia and How many colorful cotton balls were in the jar!
  - Information posts on local animals & plants: mallard ducks, painted turtles and dandelions.
  - Challenges: Indoor Scavenger Hunt, Create your cardboard box car for your "quarantined" family drive-in movie and fort building.
  - General: Wellness tips, Nature Bingo, Fitness Workout Links, Letter of the Day and Basketball Trick Shot with Eric, Crafts to do at home.
- Strategic Planning 2021-2025
- GFOA: award was received in May 2020.
- Implemented online registration software for VO Winter Sports
- New Seasonal Training sessions for part-time staff in a virtual format, in order to comply with in-person meeting regulations at the time.
- Implemented online pre-registration in various programs to ensure COVID safety
- LIFECENTER Free Fridays in February

## New Programs 2020-2021

- Virtual Programs: Dance, Tot Rock/ Kid Rock, Kindermusik, Adult and Youth Spanish, Painting, Magic, Basketball Skills/Conditioning, Youth Sports
- Youth Basketball Skills Competition
- 3-Point Contest
- Virtual and in-person Bingo
- Baton Twirling
- Basketball Shootout
- Fun Fitness Circuits
- New Year's Gnome Hunt
- ESports leagues
- Knife & Hatchet Throwing
- Preschool Little Learners Online Class
- Bunny Hop Egg Drop
- 5 Star Soccer Camp
- Snowshoe, Fire & S'more Package
- Swim Team clinics were introduced
- Basic and advanced private lessons were introduced
- Diving clinics were introduced
- Ran outdoor group fitness classes
- Hosted South Elgin Track team practice rentals on the LIFECENTER running track



## Fiscal Responsibility

- 5 Jr. Naturalists volunteered 1137 hours at Nature Center Summer Camp
- Preschool fundraisers provided funding for classroom equipment & educational products.
- Sponsorship \$5,200 of sports equipment from Dick's Sporting Goods for Youth Sports Programs.
- Federal CARES Act: District entered into intergovernmental agreements with Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties in order to receive funds for COVID-related expenditures
- Full-time staff took on many additional responsibilities

## Upcoming Projects and New Programs for 2021-2022

- Adult Co-Ed Volleyball & Kickball Leagues
- Adult Pickleball League
- Under 6ft Basketball Tournament
- Battle on the Blacktop 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Ultimate Frisbee Clinics
- Lacrosse Clinics
- Cake Decorating
- Preschool Summer School Classes
- Social Emotional Classes
- Language Classes
- Kids Fun Run
- Harvest Craft Show
- Flag Football League
- Youth T-ball League
- Playground Replacements at Apple Orchard Park, Camelot on Mayfair, & Newport Park
- Ballfield Renovations at AO West Park & Community Park Field #7
- Basketball Court Renovation at Ancient Oaks
- LED Lighting Projects at Bartlett Community Center
- Rooftop Units Compressor Replacements at Bartlett Community Center
- Women's restroom partition replacements at Splash Central