

## **Parks and Recreation Department**

### **Department/Activity Description**

This budget accounts for the expenditures required to plan and implement the general recreation programs offered by the department. The department strives to provide a wide range of programs for individuals of all ages, abilities, interests and cultures in the areas of sports, trips, after school, camps, teens, adults, seniors, aquatic activities, and special events. Eleven neighborhood parks and two larger parks (Proesel Park and Centennial) are planned and maintained through the department. The department manages the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center and the Community Center.

The department is staffed by five full-time employees and approximately 250 part time employees.

### **Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Goals**

- 1) Expand the range of recreation services by working with Lincolnwood based organizations to ensure that a wide range of recreation needs are met within the Village of Lincolnwood. Strategies include, cross promotion of programming, sharing space, reducing program conflicts, and combining efforts to provide enhanced programming.
- 2) Enhance youth program offerings by utilizing both the space provided by School District 74 as well as the Lincolnwood Community Center. By programming both spaces the department will be able to accommodate more afterschool participation.
- 3) Enhance pool pass holder benefits by creating more available open swim time during morning weekday hours.
- 4) Improve registration procedures by streamlining operations and improving workflow by migrating recreation software to RecTrac 3.1. The new RecTrac 3.1 software will provide staff with easier and customizable point-of-sale options for smoother and faster on-site transactions, a more intuitive web-based user experience, and greater program reporting capabilities.
- 5) Increase transportation and outdoor fitness options for residents by working with the Public Works Department to oversee the construction of the Union Pacific bike path from Devon Avenue to Touhy Ave as outlined in the Village Bikeway Plan.