

Chicago Park District

Popular Annual Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009



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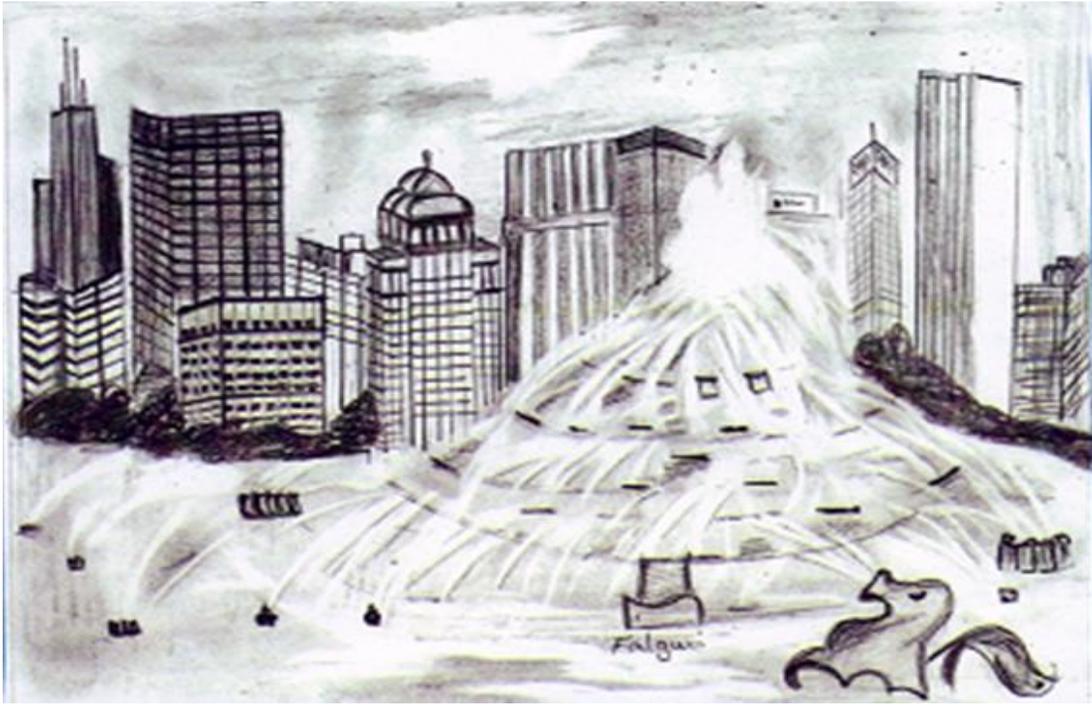
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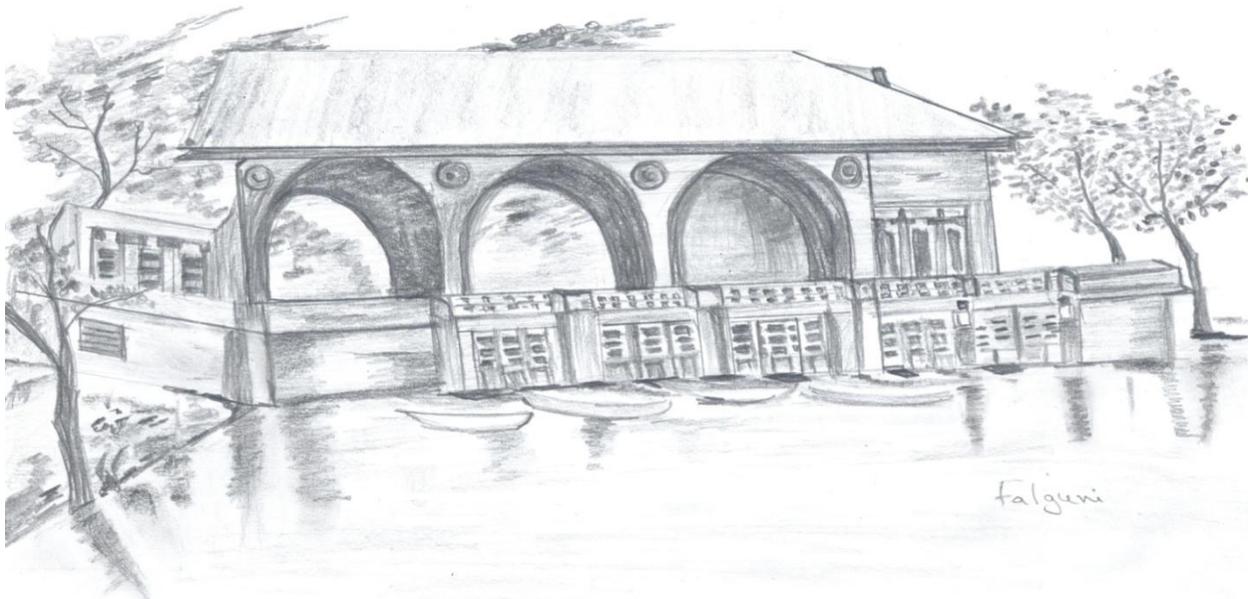
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In 2009, the Chicago Park District (CPD) celebrated its historic 75th anniversary! We are the largest park manager in the nation with 572 parks, thousands of acres of free, open, green space, a world class stadium and harbor system, 31 beaches, ten museums and much more. The Chicago Park District is recognized for being a leader of urban park districts worldwide and is in the forefront of energy efficiency, accessibility for all citizens in Chicago and being connected to the needs of its constituents with the advisory council program and many partnerships with local corporations and non-profit groups.

Our financial, operational and programmatic accomplishments are made possible through strong fiscal management, dedication to process improvements and increasing physical fitness across the city. The 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) presents a healthy financial picture as we continue to impose financial and managerial discipline on all aspects of the Park District's operations. This year, we are proud to present the District's first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and just like our GFOA award winning CAFR and Budget documents, we are confident our PAFR will also be recognized as achieving this high standard in financial reporting.

We will continue to enhance programs for all participants regardless of age, physical, or cognitive ability, as well as encourage families to get active and adopt healthy lifestyles. Please enjoy this Popular Annual Financial Report.

Sincerely,

Bryan Traubert
President, Board of Commissioners

Timothy J. Mitchell
General Superintendent and CEO



Comptroller's Message

What is a PAFR? A Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) presents Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) information in a readily accessible and easy to understand format for the general public. The PAFR provides an overview of the Chicago Park District's financial position, including sources of revenues and expenditures, and economic information about the community.

The data from the PAFR report is taken from our CAFR for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. It is important to note that this report does not provide all the detailed financial information that is contained in our CAFR. PAFRs are supplements to, not replacements for, CAFRs. The CAFR includes all of the audited financial statements and disclosures and is presented on a GAAP basis. For a detailed CAFR report, please visit our website at: http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/docs/c970bacc-ca4c-43c1-8734-c4f413107654_document.pdf . A hardcopy report may also be obtained by calling the Office of the Comptroller at (312) 742-4342.

Chicago Park District History

In 1934, all of Chicago's 22 park districts were being directly impacted by the Great Depression. To reduce duplication of services, streamline operations, and gain access to funding through President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, voters approved the Park Consolidation Act of 1934, which established the Chicago Park District.



Photography Source: *Department of Planning and Development*

Chicago Park District Structure and Management Team

The Mayor of the City of Chicago appoints the District's seven-member Board, which is its highest authority. The Board is made up of three standing committees under which business is conducted: Administration, Programs and Recreation, and Capital Improvements. The Office of the Secretary serves as the Board's official record keeper, prepares the Board minutes and moderates the meetings. Chicago Park District board meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month. To obtain more information on meeting locations, dates, and times, please go to the Chicago Park District website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/departments.board.cfm, or call 312-742-5034.

The reporting structure of the Chicago Park District begins with the Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent/CEO and 6 chiefs who manage the District's divisions. Individual departments within these divisions, including the three park regions (North, South and Central), are headed by a Director/Region Manager who oversees central administrative and park/regional staff.

Timothy J. Mitchell, **General Superintendent and CEO**

Officers

Michael Kelly, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Hughes, Chief Financial Officer
Maria Guadalupe Garcia, General Counsel
Dr. Dan K. Hibbler, Chief Program Officer
Mark Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Shawn Schmidt, Chief of Staff

Directors

Tanya S. Anthony, Budget and Management
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Brendan Daley, Green Initiatives
Joseph Vetrano, Park Services
Gia Biagi, Planning and Development
Raffi Sarrafian, Purchasing
Melinda Molloy, Treasury

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT STAFFED FACILITIES



Central Region Manager

Arthur Richardson
100 S. Central Pk Avenue
(312)746-5962

Area 1 Manager: Michael Scott Jr.	Area 2 Manager: Cynthia Rosario	Area 3 Manager: Elizabeth Garza	Area 4 Manager: Aris White	Area 5 Manager: Michael A. Hixenbaugh	Area 6 Manager: Jackie Payne
Altgeld Park	Clemente	Daley Bicentennial Plaza	Archer	Armour Square	Anderson
Austin Town Hall	Commercial	Fosco	Augusta	Bosley	Dvorak
Columbus Park	Eckhart	Harrison	Clark	Cornell Square	Ellis/Madden
Franklin Park	Humboldt	Lake Shore	Curie	Davis Square	Fuller
Homan Square	Kedvale	Northerly Island	Garfield	Donovan	Haines
Lafollette Park	Seward	Pulaski	LeClaire Courts	Hoynes	Kennicott
Moore Park	Smith	Sheridan	Piotrowski	Kelly	Kenwood
	Stanton	Skinner	Shedd	McGuane	Lake Meadows
	Wicker	South Loop	Sumner	McKinley	Nat. Teacher's Academy
		Union	Tilton	Stearns Quarry	Taylor
			Vittum	Taylor-Lauridsen	Wentworth
				Washtenaw	Williams
				Wilson	
				Wilson CC	



North Region Manager

Patrick Townsend
6601 N. Western
(773)262-8658

Area 1 Manager: Terry Sweeney	Area 2 Manager: Derrick Martin	Area 3 Manager: Dan Reamer	Area 4 Manager: Colleen Gallagher	Area 5 Manager: Sandra Olson	Area 6 Manager: Brian Loll
Brooks	Amundsen	Chippewa	Athletic Field	Berger	Adams
Chopin	Bell	Emmerson	Avondale	Broadway Armory	Chase
Dunham	Blackhawk	Green Briar	Brands	Clarendon	Gill
Edgebrook	Cragin	Gross	Eugene Field	Lincoln Park Cult. Ctr	Haas
Edison	Galewood	Hollywood	Gompers	Loyola	Hamlin
Gladstone	Hermosa	Indian Boundary	Horner	Margate	Holstein
Indian Road	Hiawatha	Mather	Independence	Paschen	Maplewood
Jefferson	Kelvyn	Peterson	Jensen	Pottawattomie	Oz
Merrimac	Ken-Well	River	Kilbourn	Schreiber	Sheil
Norwood	Kosciuszko	Rogers	Mayfair	Touhy	Trebes
Olympia	Mozart	Warren	McFetridge/California	White (Willye)	Wrightwood
Oriole	Riis	Welles	Paul Revere		
Portage	Rutherford Sayre	Winnemac	Sauganash		
Rosedale	Shabbona				
Wildwood	Simons				
Wilson					

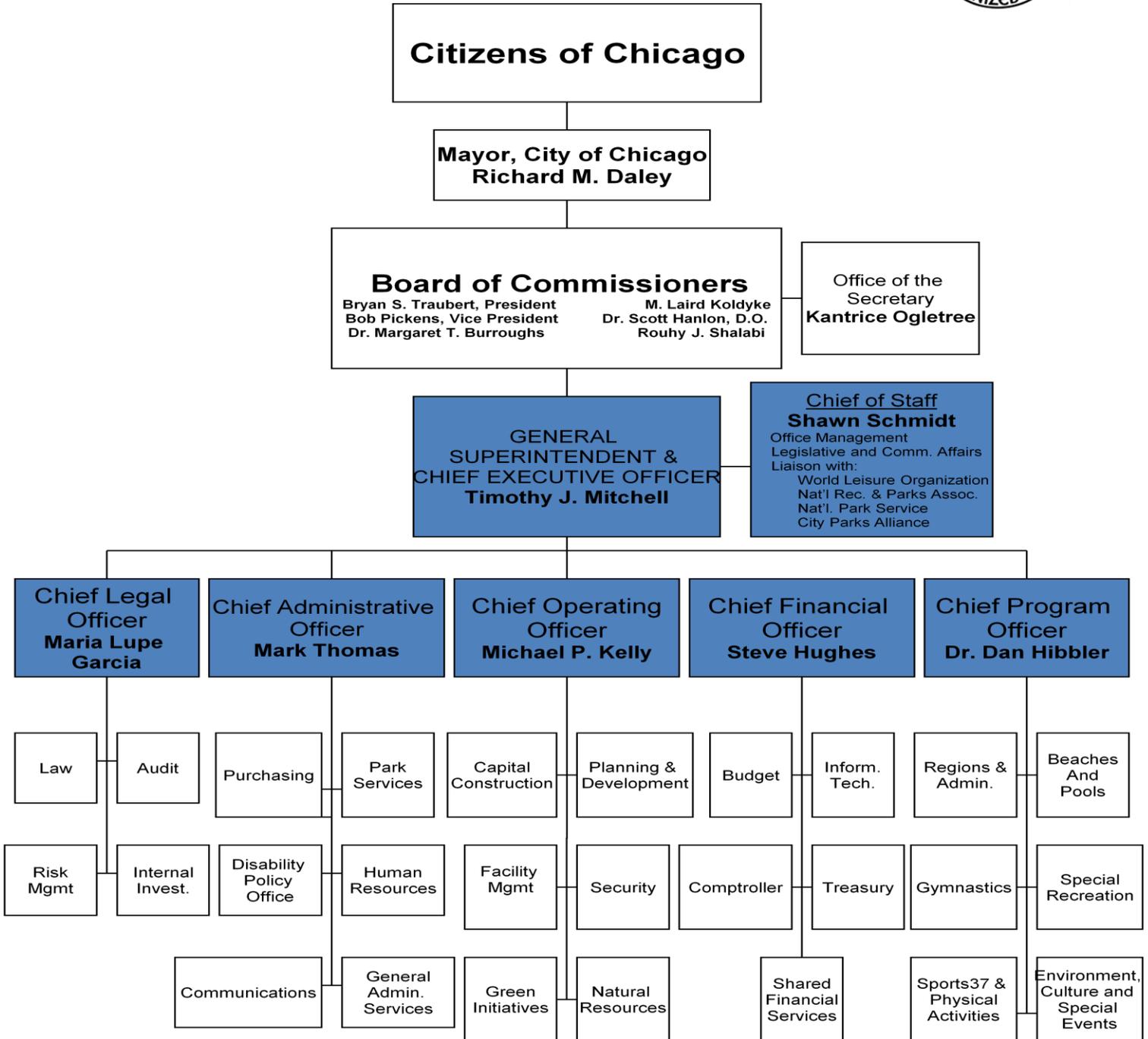


South Region Manager

Elizabeth Milan
3344 W. 71st Street
(312) 747-7661

Area 1 Manager: Kathy Voltz	Area 2 Manager: Alonzo Dunlap	Area 3 Manager: Cordell Hopkins	Area 4 Manager: Marge Burke	Area 5 Manager: Vacant	Area 6 Manager: Anita Gilkey
Bogan	Englewood HS	Dyett Rec Ctr	Beverly	Abbott	Avalon
Daley	Foster	Grand Crossing	Brainerd	Ada	Bessemer
Dooley	Gage	Harris	Dawes	Cole	Bradley
Durkin	Hamilton	Jackson	Graver	Cooper	Calumet
Hale	Hermitage	Meyering	Hayes	Euclid	Carver
Lawler	Lindblom	Midway Plaisance	Kennedy	Fernwood	Gately
Minuteman	Lowe	Nash	Marquette	Jackie Robinson	Jesse Owens
Normandy	Mahalia Jackson	Nichols	McKiernan	Kensington	Mann
Pasteur	Martin Luther King Jr.	Rosenblum/Mann	Mt. Greenwood	Palmer	Pietrowski
Rainey	Moran	South Shore Cult. Ctr	Munroe	Robichaux	Rowan
Scottsdale	Murray	Washington	O'Hallaren	Smith	Russell Square
Senka	Ogden	Washington Refectory	Oakdale	Tuley	Trumbull
Strohacker	Sherman	Woodhull	Ridge	West Pullman	Veteran's Memorial
Valley Forge	Sherwood		Tarkington	White	Wolfe
Wentworth	West Chatham				
West Lawn					

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Operating Indicators

Summer Food Program Meals Served		Park and Region Programming		Totals	Work Orders Completed by Category:		Totals
Central Region		Total number of Movies in the Park		173	Carpentry		4,651
Total Meals in 2009	272,295	Total number of Concerts in the Park		43	Inside Electric		3,214
Total Sites in 2009	62	Performances at Theatre on the Lake		40	Iron Work		1,408
Average Meals Served Per Site in 2009	4,392	Number of Theatre Companies		8	Mechanical		859
North Region		Special Events		4,152	Moving / Hauling		1,354
Total Meals in 2009	278,324	Youth Programs		8,564	Outside Electric		2,871
Total Sites in 2009	78	Total Registrations		343,628	Painting		2,421
Average Meals Served Per Site in 2009	3,568	Total Online Registrations		43,793	Playground Repair		5,673
South Region		Percentage of total registrations (online)		12.74%	Special Event-Related		3,478
Total Meals in 2009	314,799				All Others		3,146
Total Sites in 2009	79						29,075
Average Meals Served Per Site in 2009	3,985						
					Total Number of Work Orders		29,974
					Total Work Order Completed		29,075
					% Completed		97%

Landscape Tasks Completed by Category:	Totals	Landscape Tasks Completed by Category:	Totals
Landscape operations:		Trees and floral:	
Mowing (1)	6,000	Trees Planted	2,650
Cleaning (1)	7,614	#Parks	64
Assigned Staff	214	Shrubs Planted	16,700
Waste management:		#Parks	22
Contractor-Normal Waste Pickup (2)	6,673	Perennials Planted	330,000
Contractor-Recyclables (2)	1,281	#Parks	35
CPD(Lakefront Only)-Normal Waste Pickup (2)	2,638	Annuals Planted	500,000
CPD(Lakefront Only)-Recyclables (2)	160	#Parks	1
Forestry:		# Bulbs Planted	50,000
Forestry – Tree Removals	1,662	#Parks	23
Forestry – Pruning/Trimming	7,010	Sod (3)	50,000

Snow removal is performed by regularly assigned staff for all snow events each year.
 (1) Amounts in acres; mowing acreage is estimated; (2) Amounts in tons; (3) Amounts in square yds

Employee Statistics



2009 Staff Levels	
Full-Time Staff	1,495
Hourly	1,310
Seasonal/ Interns	4,256
Area Managers	18
Park Supervisors	260
Region Managers	3

Ethnicity of Full-Time Staff	
Caucasian	1,115
African American	1,062
Hispanic	573
American Indian	7
Asian Non-Hispanic or Latino	44
Native Hawaiian	1
Undefined	1

Selected Staff Details	
Beaches and Pools	989
Landscape	750
Conservatories	43
Administration	608
Volunteers (individuals & groups)	12,100

Capital Assets

parks	572
field houses	260
playgrounds	382
ADA accessible playgrounds	100
fitness centers	60
beaches	31
swimming pools	87
harbors	9
conservatories	2
bird and wildlife gardens	10
museums	10
golf courses and driving ranges	6
ice skating rinks/skate parks	10
zoos	2
professional sport stadium	1
tennis courts	618
volleyball courts	371
baseball diamonds	534



2009 Awards

- The Chicago Park District's *Comptroller's Office* was awarded **GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** every year since 2006. The Office of Budget and Management received **GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for its 2009 and 2010 budget documents.
- The Park District and the City of Chicago will jointly receive the American Society of Landscape Architect's **2009 Landscape Architect Medal of Excellence** for significant contributions to landscape architecture policy, research, education, project planning, and design. Specific projects honored with awards include Mt. Greenwood playground and Buckingham Fountain rehab project.
- The Illinois Association of Park Districts awarded CPD with "**Best of the Best Awards**" in **Green Practices and Arts in the Park**. The Chicago Park District maintains 7600 acres of green space and its green practices include aggressive recycling and tree-planting programs. The Department of Environment, Culture and Special Events brings countless arts and cultural programs to parks across and city.



The 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show honored Lincoln Park and Garfield Park Conservatories as **2009 People's Choice Featured Gardens**. Both conservatories presented gardens modeled after a typical Chicago garage, with an emphasis on illustrating how homeowners can use vines and various planting schemes to create green facades in their yards. The gardens showcased arrangements for all four seasons.

- Chicago Skates is the Chicago Park District-supported synchronized skating team located at McFetridge Park. For the 2009-2010 season, Chicago Skates was awarded:
 - **1st Place at ISI Nationals Junior Youth Formation team**
 - **2nd Place Silver in the Silver Round ISI Nationals Youth team**
 - **2nd Place at the Kickoff Classic, 2nd Place at the Swan City Classic Pre-Juvenile team**
- The McFetridge Bulldogs Hockey teams consist of 10 teams and received the following awards:
 - **1st Place in the Northwest Hockey League Pee Wee #1 and Bantam team**
 - **Champions in the playoff round Pee Wee #1 and Major Mite #1**
 - **2nd Place in the Northwest Hockey League Girls U 9-10 and Bantam teams**
- The Chicago Park District's *gymnastics program* received many awards last year, some of which were:
 - **National champion in Tumbling for Level 6 Katie Holcomb**
 - **Regional Champion in Gymnastics**
 - **(1st All Around, 2nd Pommel Horse, 2nd Rings in Level 9) Trevor Alleyne**
 - **Regional Champion in Gymnastics**
 - **(1st High Bar and 2nd in the All Around for Level 6) Basil Szechinski**
 - **Regional champion on Rings and Vault for Level 9 Marlon Vernon**

New Initiatives

The Office of Green Initiatives

In 2009, the Park District created the Office of Green Initiatives by combining current staff working on environmental or green initiatives into one department. The Office of Green Initiatives is responsible for ensuring that the Park District's core value of green is implemented within all departments, policies, programs and projects. Recycling is now an ongoing function at all parks and facilities. During 2009, the Park District participated in the Chicago Climate Action Plan, developing the organization's carbon footprint and related strategies to reduce our emissions. The Office of Green Initiatives also piloted the process of receiving beach swim status updates via text message. Simply text the name of the beach to **312.715.SWIM (7946)** to find out the swim status at that location. The system is updated every morning by 10:00 AM, and when sampling results are received from the lab.



Special Recreation

The Special Recreation Unit provides adaptive sport opportunities and competitions for people with physical disabilities. The Chicago Park District also organized and supervised the Alternative Athletic Conference for youth at risk. In 2009, the Special Recreation Unit coordinated Special Olympics and Cubs Care activities and:

- Introduced HS Division for Basketball within Special Olympics
- Coached certification sessions for floor hockey, power-lifting, bocce ball, nutrition and athletics and fitness
- First camping trip for the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Teen Club
- Offered multi-arts programs at 17 Special Recreation locations
- Created "Young Athletes" programs for participants 3-7 years old with intellectual/cognitive disabilities



Kilbourn Park Theatre Guild

Kilbourn Park developed a new cultural program/partnership with Dauphin Theatricals and created the Kilbourn Park Theatre Guild. The mission of this group is "Keeping Unity in the Community." Theatrical workshops, family events and live theatre productions have been produced in 2009.

Wellness Centers

Wellness Campuses are being developed throughout the city in areas at high risk for childhood obesity. The goal is to efficiently coordinate obesity prevention services for children, families, seniors and adults. These centers, which include interactive gaming and non-traditional fitness equipment, target those youth who may not be as interested in traditional sports and athletic programs. Each center includes video style game bikes, dance pads, climbing walls and interactive computerized sport walls. The District believes that Youth Activity Centers will help promote positive self esteem and assist children in becoming successful adults and active community members.

Youth Ready Chicago

Coordinated with the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District participated in the Youth Ready Chicago program. This program allows the youth of Chicago to gain valuable work experience that will open the doors for future opportunities. In the summer of 2009 the Chicago Park District employed 83 youths from the Youth Ready Chicago program. The youths worked for 6 weeks, in the Chicago Park District's famed day camps. Funding for this program was made available from the federal "stimulus" or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program.

LEED Certification

In 2009, the Chicago Park District achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification on three new facilities, continuing our goal to be the best environmental steward possible through environmentally sensitive construction. The facilities include new field houses at Taylor-Lauridsen, Jesse Owens, and Tarkington.



Electronic Walk-In Registrations

Over the past year, the Chicago Park District has continued its effort to update the technology at its parks. In order to serve communities more effectively, patrons are now able to register for park programs faster and receive a printed receipt, such as the example to the left. Programming and fee data and updates arrive at the park within minutes, also making it more convenient for the patron. Currently the District operates a total of 47 electronic registration sites.

See the breakout by region:

- North Region: 13
- Central Region: 16
- South Region: 13
- Gymnastics: 5

Transactions of this type allow for increased revenues and improved financial reporting. Sites were selected based on the number of annual registrations and total revenues. Pilot sites included McFetridge, Daley Bicentennial, Avalon, Austin Town Hall, and Archer and proved to be so successful, the program was expanded. In addition, the District has over 30 locations that accept credit and debit cards, as well as cash, check or money order for payment.

Pay & Display



In 2009, the Chicago Park District entered into a multi-year agreement with Standard Parking to manage the District's Pay and Display parking program. Standard Parking will manage the installation, maintenance and collection of revenues generated by the District's parking system. Pay & Display, Multi-Space parking meters, will be replacing the old single space meters at various Park District locations. The first phase of this project began in August of 2009, with full implementation completed in June 2010. It is anticipated that the newly implemented pay and display system will generate over \$2.5 million in 2010.

Employee Spotlight

Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals

The Community Recreation Department committed to helping staff obtain the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) distinction. CPRP is a national standard in the Parks and Recreations field and illustrates the Chicago Park District's ongoing commitment to quality, education, expertise, and experience. Thirteen staff members (pictured above with Chief Program Officer Dr. Dan Hibbler) obtained this outstanding national certification.



Front Row: Kathy Voltz, Jacqui Ulrich, Marilyn Morales, Anne Cordes,
Back Row: Tim O'Connell, Janet McDonough, Dr. Dan Hibbler, Anita Gilkey, Michael Scott, Jr.
Missing from the photo: Art Richardson, Pat Townsend, Elizabeth Garza, Eric Fischer,
Daphne Johnson, Peggy Stewart



LEED Professionals

The Office of Green Initiatives has five LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professionals. LEED professionals demonstrate a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources and processes. The photo to the left pictures four of the staff members to have successfully accomplished this certification.

Left to right: Brendan Daley, Cathy Breitenbach,
Daniel Cooper, Stephen Grant, Ellen Sargent(not pictured)

Kathy Osterman Awards For Superior Achievements of Municipal Employees

The Kathy Osterman Awards Program honors Chicago metropolitan area public service employees for their diligence, superior performance and achievements in service to the public. In 2009, two Chicago Park District staff members were recognized at the Kathy Osterman Awards banquet.

Winner - Michelle LoCoco



Finalist - Daniel Reamer



How Did We Do Last Year?

- The General Fund's fund balance increased by approximately \$22 million to approximately \$40.2 million. Revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$5 million. Transfers from other funds of \$17 million were made to support the funding response to the retracting economy and to settle long standing legal claims against the District.
- In compliance with GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits other Than Pension (OPEB)*, our Net OPEB Obligation at December 31, 2009 is approximately \$8.7 million and the actuarial accrued liability benefits are \$45.8 million. The District provides retiree health care benefits to 234 retirees and their dependants. The required contribution is based on pay-as-you-go financing.
- The Park District's Pension Fund's fiscal year ends on June 30th. The Pension Funds Actuarial Accrued Liability Funding Ratio as of June 30, 2009 declined to 67.2% from 73.8% for FY 2008.
- In 2009, property taxes receipts were \$277.7 million or \$9.6 million above the prior year amount of \$268.1 million.
- Personal Property Replacement Tax General Fund revenues came in at \$42.2 million, or \$6 million lower than in FY 2008.
- Charges for services revenue increased by \$10m due to increases in user fees and from Soldier Field. This helped offset the decline in PPRT and investment income.
- Due to the sudden downturn in the economy towards the end of 2008 the District implemented a number of cost cutting moves including a hiring slowdown in 2009 as well as a voluntary severance incentive payout during the 4th quarter FY 2008 of which 72 employees participated. To avoid layoffs, the district implemented a hiring slowdown immediately in 2009. The District also negotiated three shutdown days for all union employees (five additional unpaid days for all managers) and no cost of living increase in 2009.
- The District adopted a policy of internal borrowings from the Long-term Income Reserve Fund to meet operational cash flow needs thus eliminating the need to issue short tem bonds as it had in the past.
- The Park District's long-term debt decreased by \$11 million (1%) in 2009. The District issued \$24.5 million SRA Alternative Revenue Bonds in January 2009.

CPD DEBT RATINGS	FY2009
Fitch Ratings	AA+
Moody's Investor Service	Aa3
Standard and Poor's	AA+

Economic Indicators

Businesses Environment

In recent times the City of Chicago has seen a decline in consumer spending and business growth, but still maintains a robust business district which has attracted many of the Fortune 500 companies to the heart of downtown.

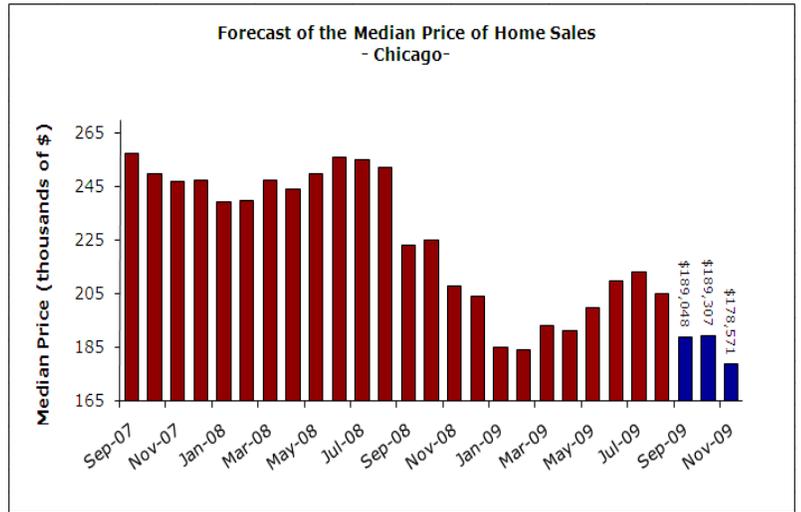
- Aon
- Boeing
- UAL (United Airlines)
- Exelon
- RR Donnelly and Sons

Housing

Facts about the U.S. housing market in 2009:

- In November 2009, the median home price was \$178,000, \$24,000 from November 2008.
- The 2009 rate of homeownership (66.2 percent) is slightly lower than in 2000.
- The First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit offers 10% of the home's purchase price up to \$8000 to all first time home owners who purchased their home between January 1, 2009 and September 10, 2010. This act was passed and later extended by President Obama to encourage citizens to purchase homes and help the market (<http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com>).

Data Source: *Illinois Realtor*



Employment

During 2009, the nation lost many jobs and Chicago was not exempt from the recession. The city has experienced negative job growth during the recession and in June 2009 Chicago's unemployment rate hit a 26 year high. Though the economy has not completely recovered, economists have forecasted a 19% job growth rate over the next 10 years. **Data Source:** *Crain's Chicago Business*

Education

The Chicago Public School district holds the title of the 3rd largest school district in the nation, with a total of 409,279 children in grades K-12 enrolled for the 09-10 school year. Within the Chicago Public School system there are 675 schools. Currently CPS spends \$11,536 per pupil, placing the CPS higher than the national average (\$10,259) and the state average (\$9,083). Over the years the CPS has made steady progress in rising standardized testing across the board. Reading and Math scores in elementary students have been on the rise for 2 consecutive years, and ACT composite scores for 11th grade students have increased from years past.

Data Source: *Chicago Public Schools (www.cps.edu); Information provided by the Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability.*

Park Programs and Activities

The Chicago Park District's many programs and activities are structured to achieve our mission to be:

- Open
- Active
- Green
- Connected



In other words, we are accessible for all people. Our facilities and parks are designed to keep people active. We are committed to preserving the environment. Being in constant communication with the citizens of Chicago and our corporate and non-profit neighbors makes us a better organization.

The Chicago Park District offers a large number of programs focused on health and fitness, education, cultural studies, arts and crafts, and music and dance. New programs are created to meet growing interest and demand. In 2009, the total number of registrations was over 343 thousand, exceeding the number of registrations for the previous year by over 40,000. The popularity of park programs is at an all-time high, with some classes filling their online spots in less than one minute. Even after all the online slots are filled, competition for the walk-in slots can be just as fierce. Some patrons camp out at their local field house hours before registration begins.



Day Camp

There are over 25 **Day Camp** programs offered by the District, such as toddler, youth and teen camps, cheerleading, gymnastics, sports, and urban camping just to name a few. Day camp programs allow children the opportunity to spend their summer with old friends and make new ones while participating in fun and supervised activities throughout Chicago's neighborhood parks. Children can learn new things in arts and crafts, take field trips, play sports, or take a dip in the neighborhood pool. Day camp

programs generated over \$5 million in program fees and grant revenue in 2009.

Park Kids

Park Kids is an after school program offered at over 70 parks in neighborhoods throughout the city for grades 1 thru 8, during the hours of 3 to 6 pm. The program is based on volunteers who assist with homework help, recreational programming, arts and craft and snack time. Park Kids generated over \$650,000 in and year-round participants topped 3,000.



The north region developed **MightyFitKidz** - a fitness program designed for children ages 6-9. This program is an ideal way for all kids to join a fitness program without the "stigma" of being overweight attached to it.

Teen Leadership

The Teen Leadership Program exposes inner-city teens to positive experiences that may be outside their own environment. The program incorporates many activities that teens enjoy such as hip hop dancing and graffiti art airbrush classes, while stressing the importance of an education and teaching fundamental life skills necessary to be a productive citizen. The program started in 1994 with 5 teens. Today more than 200 teenagers participate in Teen Leadership at eighteen park sites across the city. The Chicago Park District supports the program's fundraising efforts and in 2009, the participants successfully raised funds to attend a ski trip and a visit to Great America amusement park.

Gymnastics

The Gymnastics program is a year-round series of exciting and enjoyable fitness activities that enhances children's athletic abilities for all sports and physical skills through physical and mental discipline. The gymnastics, tumbling and cheerleading programs encourage and train athletes for District competitive teams. Gymnastics programs are offered at 11 locations including Peterson Park, Chicago State University, and Broadway Armory. Last year, this program generated over \$1.5M in the North Region alone.

Gym Showcases

Many parks throughout the District hold gym showcases at the end of each session. These "Gym Shows" highlight the previous session's activities and accomplishments. They give the participants the opportunity to showcase what they are learned at the park and share with their family and loved ones. Most parks charge a nominal \$1 or \$2 fee to attend a gym show and in many cases, they are standing-room only. From dance to sporting skills, from music to cheerleading, from preschool activities to adult exercise, everyone is featured in this much anticipated event!



Many of our successful programs include: Basketball, Group Swimming, Soccer, and Yoga.

Healthy Living

Residents are invited to kick off the New Year by working out for free during **Free Fitness Week** at any of the Chicago Park Chicago Park District's 60 fitness centers. This is an annual promotion and one of our most successful. See the before and after pictures of former CPD fitness center user, Tischa "The Tigress" Thomas, 2x Natural Bodybuilding Champion.



Since 2005, we have spent more than \$2.4 million, nearly \$1 million last year alone – on new gyms and equipment. The goal is to target underserved communities where Bally's or Gold's Gym are underrepresented. Now, out of the 77 communities within the Chicago Park District boundaries, 66 are equipped with fitness centers. In addition to equipment, fitness centers also offer a variety of fitness classes such as circuit training conditioning, kickboxing, Pilates, yoga and aerobics.



“Physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle, and we encourage Chicagoans to take advantage of this special incentive”

***General Superintendent and CEO
Timothy J. Mitchell***

Seasonal Programming and Special Events

Movies in the Parks

Community residents can enjoy free, outdoor film in the setting of their neighborhood park. In 2009, the department of Culture, Arts and Nature oversaw 173 movie showings at parks Districtwide. We estimate that over 30,000 people attended showings of these recent and classic films at our parks. Made possible with contributions from Allstate, Parkways Foundation and other groups, families and individuals alike find that there is no better place to spend a warm evening than your neighborhood park. Parkways Foundation was the lead sponsor of “Movies in the Parks” for the 2009 season.



Summer Dance

In partnership with the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), Summer Dance provided Chicago communities with free opportunities to enjoy a wide range of culturally-distinct dance instruction and local bands at some of the city’s most remarkable park venues while contributing to the overall health and wellness of patrons.

Theater on the Lake

Chicago’s premiere professional theater festival features eight plays in eight weeks and is presented during the summer at this historic lakefront pavilion. This event grossed over \$200 thousand in 2009 and featured two new family friendly productions recommended for ages six and up: Once Upon a Time (or the Secret Language of Birds) and Fun O’clock: A Very Special That's Weird Grandma.



Fishing and Sailing



In 2009 the Fishin' Guys and Gals (Fishing Instructors) Program took 16,000 individuals fishing. With 11 stocked lagoons, the Chicago River, Lake Michigan and fishing access in eight harbors, participants can learn how to fish over the eight week course. This program is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required due to its popularity.

The Chicago Park District sailing program is a public/private partnership with the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation. It provides quality sail training programs for community residents and on the water experiences for over 1500 participants with or without disabilities.

Jazz City

As with Movies in the Park and Summerdance, Jazz City provides free entertainment at several sites across the city. In 2009, the concert series was attended by over 4,000 community residents. The park district budgets \$30,000 for the program and receives a similar contribution from the Jazz Institute of Chicago in support of it.

Polar Adventure Days

In the winter months, Northerly Island gives families the chance to “visit” the polar regions when it is turned into a winter wonderland for the Polar Adventure Days. Attendees may explore the island and come face-to-face with live animals, engage in winter activities, watch ice sculpture carvings, and create nature-inspired crafts. Hot chocolate is served and sled rides are a must!



Chase Park Theater Program

Chase Park holds seasonal play productions in its auditorium and continues to expand the talent of its community theatre group through open auditions. The theater program is very popular and draws large crowds for each performance. Previous productions have included “Life is a Dream,” “Hamlet”, “Summer Brave” and “Romeo & Juliet”. Plays change seasonally and more information can be found on our website or by calling 312-742-PLAY(7529).

Halloween

Several pumpkin patches are held across the city at parks such as Mount Greenwood, Portage, Rainey, Archer, and Columbus. Many of our pumpkin patches offer pony rides, pumpkin decorating, petting zoos, photo stations and treats.. Walgreens is a sponsor of our Halloween events and donated \$25,000 in 2009 in addition to candy treats. The Pumpkins in the Park 5K is one of the premier Halloween events sponsored by the Chicago Park District and has sustained a loyal following for over a decade. This family friendly race event includes costumed runners, walkers—and sometimes pets—dressed for the spirit of Halloween. The successful Nightmare at 63rd Street Beach House event involved transforming the picturesque and historic 63rd St. Beach House into a ghostly haunted house with over 10 terrifying and chilling horror scenes spanning two floors. The 6-day Trails of Terror winds its way through nearly one-half mile of spine-tingling terror, with visitors experiencing the turning of a small seaside town upside down. This event generated \$68,000 in 2009.



Kilbourn Park Annual Plant Sale and Organic Garden



The Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse sold more than 150 varieties of organically grown vegetables, herbs, and flower seedlings. Kilbourn Park is home to the Chicago Park District’s only organic-teaching greenhouse and offers workshops throughout the year. Kids can get their hands dirty while participating in the **Harvest Garden** and **Garden Buddies** youth programs. Each year, Kilbourn Park & Organic Greenhouse hosts a **plant sale** in May. This annual plant sale generated \$ 24,000 which was used to purchase supplies for park programs.

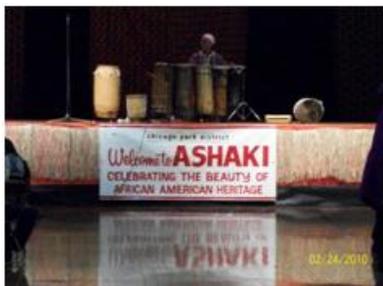


Junior Lifeguard Program

The junior lifeguard program is an aquatic sports camp with an emphasis on learning the skills necessary to become a future lifeguard. Participants learn to row a boat, paddle a rescue board, and various rescue techniques at select beach locations throughout the city. Junior Leaders and Safety Leaders have an opportunity to learn CPR and other safety skills.

Chicago's Midnight Circus

This high flying circus comes to Welles and Chase Parks for two weekends of open air performances each year. In partnership with the Welles and Chase Park Advisory Councils the Midnight Circus raised \$25,000 in 2009 to benefit the construction of park playgrounds.



ASHAKI (ah-shock-key)

During a three-day period in February, over 500 school children from around the city visit our information/display booths with Chicago Park staff providing historical information on the various countries in Africa. Children attending ASHAKI are immersed in African games, music, and dance.

Annual Ice Show

Dressed in full costume against elaborate sets and lighting, performers entertain as they demonstrate technical and artistic skills gained through park instruction and endless hours of practice for the show. McFetridge Sports Center's 13 skating professionals expertly choreograph the visually stimulating figure skating routines. This event generates over \$25,000 over three days.

Teen TGIF Day in the Park

These youth oriented events were held at LaFollette, Douglas and Columbus Parks in 2009. Every 3rd Friday of each month teen focused events were held with the primary goal of getting teens, ages 13 through 17 off the city streets and involved in safe, organized, fun activities in the park.

Sweet Saturdays

Garfield Park Conservatory launched a new event in February 2009 to attract sweet teeth everywhere. The event offered visitors a peek into the facts, flavors, and fun behind some of the Conservatory's sweetest plants and treats alike. A total of 5,050 visitors attended and the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance garnered 45 new members.

Annual Doggie Egg Hunt

For families with dogs, the District has activities geared toward man's best friend. We offer a hunt for treat-filled eggs, a bonnet parade, arts and crafts, face painting, photo opportunities with the bunny, and refreshments for everyone.



Many other special events at various park district locations include senior luncheons, teen dances, Breakfast with Santa, Pictures with the Easter Bunny and many, many more.

Highlighted Special Events

<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Revenue/ # of Attendees</u>
<u>Selected Top Revenue Earners</u>		
Green City Farmers Market	Lincoln Park	\$ 276,675
Bank of America Chicago Marathon	Grant Park	\$ 175,000
AVP Chicago Open	Lincoln Park	\$ 97,650
Dew Tour	Soldier Field/Museum Campus	\$ 175,000
Farmers Market	Portage Park	\$ 86,800
<u>Selected Top Attended Events</u>		
Bud Billiken Parade	Washington Park	310,000
Venetian Night	Grant Park	200,000
Lit Fest	Printers Square	125,000
Lollapalooza*	Grant Park	225,000

** Revenue is paid to the Parkways Foundation for benefit of Chicago parks. Attendance total is for all three days.*

Data Source: Department of Park Services

Special Attractions



Buckingham Fountain

The Fountain, one of the largest in the world, is located at Columbus Drive (301 East) and Congress Parkway (500 South) in Grant Park and runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, typically from April to mid-October. While in operation, every hour on the hour for 20 minutes the Fountain produces a major water display and the center jet shoots 150 feet into the air. Beginning at dusk, every hour on the hour for 20 minutes the Fountain's major water display is accompanied by a major light and music display. The Fountain opened on May 26, 1927 and has since remained one of Chicago's most popular attractions. Extensive restoration on Buckingham Fountain including improvements to site paving, landscaping, and light took place in 2009.

Lincoln Park Zoo

Nestled in the heart of Chicago is Lincoln Park Zoo. The zoo operates one of the most significant zoo-based conservation and science programs in the country and attracts an estimated 3 million visitors per year. This not-for-profit institution is also one of the country's last remaining free admission zoos. The zoo's newest feature, the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo features North American wildlife. Four large outdoor exhibits feature black bears, red wolves, beaver and river otters.



Garfield Park Conservatory

In 1905, Chicago's West Park Commission's general superintendent and chief landscape architect, Jens Jensen, demolished three obsolete greenhouses in Humboldt, Douglas, and Garfield Parks with the intent to create the "largest publicly owned conservatory under one roof in the world." Built between 1906 and 1908, the Garfield Park Conservatory represents a unique collaboration of architects, engineers, landscape architects, sculptors, and artisans. Referred to as "landscape art under glass," the Garfield Park Conservatory campus occupies two acres of public greenhouse space and 10 acres of outdoor gardens. Both Garfield Park and its conservatory are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over the years, the Conservatory has been recognized as an internationally significant horticultural facility as well as a cultural asset to the surrounding community and the City of Chicago.

Skate Parks

The Chicago Park District maintains 8 skate parks at locations including Grant Park, Lincoln Park, and Logan Square. Skate parks feature concrete skate obstacles, ramps, and smooth skating surfaces that provide skaters and skate boarders the opportunity to practice their sport away from crowded city streets.

Indian Boundary Park Zoo

Tucked away in the West Ridge neighborhood sits a community treasure—Indian Boundary Park and Cultural Center. Beyond the quaint Tudor-style field house, visitors can discover a beautifully restored, duck-filled lagoon, a small public zoo area with goats, sheep, chickens and ducks, children's spray pool, sandbox, and four tennis courts.

Charter One Pavilion

In June 2005, a temporary, yet state-of-the-art concert venue was built at the northern end of Northerly Island, the 91-acre peninsula that juts into Lake Michigan at the heart of Chicago's Museum Campus. The 8,000 seat Charter One Pavilion hosts concerts from some of today's most popular artists along with family matinee events. The pavilion's awesome view of the city skyline provides a unique backdrop to the venue's shows and events.



Dog Friendly Areas

The Chicago Park District has 16 dog friendly areas including locations at Belmont Harbor, Foster Beach, and Wrigley Field. These unique dog parks are places where dogs can exercise, play, and socialize "off-leash."

The South Shore Cultural Center

The South Shore Cultural Center is a historic facility that has been recognized as a Chicago Landmark (2004) and is also listed on the National Register (1975). With its magnificent country club-like interior, this facility is housed prominently on a 58 acre site that includes grandiose ballrooms, a nine-hole golf course, meeting rooms, lighted tennis courts, a beach, an art gallery, horse stables, the Parrot Cage restaurant, and the Washburn Culinary Institute. Most of the facility has been recently updated and renovated to restore the Cultural Center back to its original décor.



South Shore Cultural Center Golf Course



Parrot Cage Restaurant

Advisory Councils and Volunteers

An advisory council is a voluntary group of individuals who meet on a regular basis to support the effective functioning of the park. The Chicago Park District has over 130 registered Park Advisory Councils (PACs) from all areas and regions. Each PAC is made up of community residents with interests in supporting and contributing to their neighborhood park. The PAC program is administrated by the Department of Legislative and Community Affairs, which encourages all interested park patrons to participate in or form an advisory council at their local park. The department also accepts feedback and recommendations from PACs regarding park services, programming, operational needs, problems and accomplishments. Anyone interested in joining or forming a PAC should contact the local park supervisor or the Park Advisory Council President. A minimum of three (3) members are required for each PAC. However a larger number of members are encouraged so there is a greater representation from the community.



What are the benefits of joining or creating an Advisory Council?

- Receive recognition as an organization that can effectively relate your community's goals and visions for its park to the CPD management
- Gain access to a mailbox at the local park
- Have your events featured on the Chicago Park District website
- Receive an invitation to the annual Advisory Council Appreciation Day event



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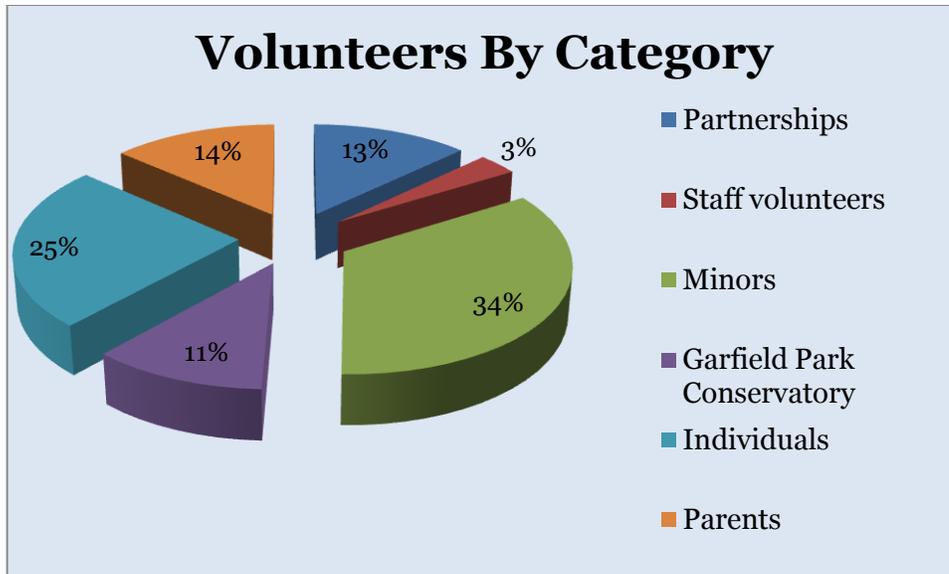
...**Ashe Park Advisory Council (APAC)** tackled a trash-ridden 60 ft right of way between Rainbow Beach and Ashe Park. To beautify the area, on Saturday, November 28, 2009, over 30 community volunteers filled over thirty blue bags with trash and another seven with compost. As a result of their hard work, there is a dramatic improvement in the park and their efforts provide a practical example of responsible stewardship.

...**Jackson Park Advisory Council (JPAC)** accepted a grant from The Care of Trees for equipment and labor on December 29, 2009. The project in Wooded Island will be carried out jointly by Care of Trees and the Chicago Park District. The result will be an enhancement of the park as both a natural area and bird sanctuary. This area draws thousands of visitors annually.



Volunteer Program

In addition to joining a PAC, park volunteer opportunities exist for every interest and level of time-commitment. We have one-day options, such as corporate or group projects, environmental stewardship days and special event support, to longer-term options such as coaching, conservatory support and tutoring/mentoring at after school programs.



Partnership: Programs that have been set up between the park district and organizations such as Girls in the Game, Play for Life Activities, and UIC.

Staff: Persons who applied to intern or volunteer for specific departments such as Law, LCA, Special Recreation, etc.

Minors: Youths 16 years of age and younger.

Garfield Park Conservatory: The Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance volunteers contributed to Conservatory initiatives including weekend family programming, special events, horticultural support, administrative support, demonstration garden and community greenhouse support, and beekeeping.

Parents: Persons wanting to coach and/or assist teams and programs in which their children are actively involved.

Groups: Corporate or other groups wishing to volunteer for a single event or planting gardens, mulching trees, and other various park improvements.

Individuals: All other persons not included in the above categories.

Volunteer Stewardship Program Overview

The Chicago Park District Volunteer Stewardship Program is a community-based volunteer program that provides hands-on opportunities in ecological restoration, management, monitoring, and nature-based education at park district nature areas. We manage over 50 dedicated natural areas that include prairies and grasslands, shrub lands, savannas and woodlands, beaches and dunes, wetlands, lagoons and ponds, nature gardens, and river edge habitats. These natural spaces provide Chicago residents and guests with an opportunity to discover and appreciate the richness and beauty of nature in their own backyard. The Volunteer Stewardship Program introduces volunteers to the native Illinois flora and fauna at park nature areas and increases awareness of environmental issues. By sharing this experience with friends and neighbors, volunteers can play an important role in fostering an environmental ethic in their community and the City of Chicago.



The Volunteer Stewardship Program began in 2001 with stewardship days at 10 nature areas. Since then the program has expanded to include over 150 annual stewardship days at 25 nature areas, and it continues to grow. The table below shows the program growth over the past four years.

Volunteer Stewardship Program Growth From 2006 to 2009

Year	Number of Stewards	Number of Parks	Number of Volunteer Stewardship Hours
2006	18	18	980
2007	20	15	890
2008	28	22	1,258
2009	34	25	2,481
Total	-	-	5,609

Data Source: *Department of Natural Resources*

Nature Areas

From rich pond life teeming with frogs, herons, and dragonflies, to shrubby areas where migratory birds stop to rest, to lush prairies filled with native grasses and wildflowers, the Chicago Park District offers opportunities to explore nature in the city. The following sites include nature areas.



North Park Village Nature Center



Wooded Island at Jackson Park

- Auburn
- California
- Canal Origins
- Canalport River Walk
- Clark
- Columbus
- Douglas
- Eugene Field
- Garfield
- Gompers
- Horner
- Humboldt
- Hurley
- Indian Boundary
- Jackson
- Kiwanis
- Legion
- Lincoln
- Loyola
- Marquette
- McKinley
- Nichols
- North Park Village Nature Center
- Northerly Island
- Ogden
- Portage
- Prospect Gardens
- Quinn
- Rainbow Beach
- Ridge
- Riis
- River
- Ronan
- Rutherford Sayre
- Sherman
- South Shore Cultural Center
- Stearns Quarry
- Washington
- West Pullman
- Winnemac

We thank all of our advisory councils and volunteers for your help and support!



Parkways Foundation was created in 1994 as an avenue to raise private funds for projects within the Chicago Park District, for the enrichment of the physical and cultural landscape of Chicago's neighborhoods. Parkways works to raise needed funds for the growth and enhancement of educational programs and camps in our neighborhoods, in addition to supporting numerous capital projects. Working in partnership with our board of directors and other entities, Parkways is able to provide support for projects that may not otherwise get funded in a timely manner. Through philanthropy, we strive to make dreams come true!

Buckingham Fountain Restoration Campaign- Parkways Foundation partnered with the District and the City of Chicago in seeking private investment for The Buckingham Fountain Restoration Project. The 80 year-old fountain is one of Chicago's greatest treasures and is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world.



Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund- This fund is essential, especially now, for families who need additional resources to give their children positive camp experiences in the parks.

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden- The Tiffany & Co. Foundation awarded Parkways Foundation a \$1.25 million grant for the transformation of Grant Park's south rose garden into a formal garden and event space adjacent to Buckingham Fountain. It opened in September 2009.

The Abbott Fund Wellness Center Programs will provide the community with multifaceted nutrition and fitness programming that includes year-round programming of fitness classes, inflatable jumping gyms, fitness arcading, and more in order to confront growing health concerns such as obesity and diabetes.

The Kraft Great Kids Program assists children with nutrition, fitness, literacy, and creative play activities and was created by the Chicago Parks District and Parkways Foundation through donations by the Kraft Foods Foundation.

Inferno Mobile Recording Studio (IMRS) is a great example of a learning environment that moves around. Chicago teens who are involved with IMRS learn about music composition and poetry writing approaches, create their own music tracks, and master audio production methods.



Community Gardens Grant Program- The Parkways foundation established a grant program for registered Chicago Park District Community Gardens, both ornamental and edible.

Alvin Ailey Dance and Adaptive Camps- Alvin Ailey Dance Camp is a collaborative effort between the Chicago Park District, Parkways, Urban Gateways and Chicago Public Schools, which brings 90 young adults together for a six-week program that literally transforms their lives. Parkways also raises funds for the District's adaptive camps for children with disabilities focusing on mobility issues.

Audio Walking Tours in Historic Parks- Launched in 2007, Podcast downloads of walking tours giving the history and story of historic parks are available on the District's website. Parkways is looking to find additional funding to expand this program.

Tree Fund- The Chicago Community Trust gave \$25,000 in 2009 and 2010 to Parkways for purchase of trees. Parkways matched this grant both years for additional trees to be purchased.

Data Source: *Parkways Foundation*



The mission of Friends of the Parks is to preserve, protect, improve and promote the use of Chicagoland's parks, preserves and recreational areas for the benefit of all neighborhoods and citizens.



Volunteering and Greening Activities

Friends of the Parks and the Chicago Park District hosted the 20th Annual Earth Day Parks & Preserves Cleanup on Saturday, April 18 in approximately 85 Chicago Parks. More than 4,000 volunteers worked on activities that included litter pick up, tree mulching, play lot fiber installation, garden preparation and general park maintenance. Twenty-five trees were planted in Jackson Park on Earth Day, April 22.

Friends of the Parks, in collaboration with the Park District, organized thirty-seven Community Service Days in 2009. School groups, corporations and university clubs volunteered to “give back” through community service in 22 parks. Activities included litter removal, trees mulching, and fiber installation.

Friends of the Park coordinated National Public Lands Day on September 26, 2009. Approximately 100 volunteers worked to help to restore natural areas in three parks on National Public Lands Day.



Working with the Chicago Park District, Friends of the Park created the first annual Great Rake-Off in 5 parks, organizing over 100 volunteers to help rake leaves last fall.



Friends of the Park worked with 20 schools on Service Learning projects throughout the year, engaging 20 Chicago Public Schools and more than 150 students helping to steward in 6 parks. Students earn community service hours for working in their neighborhood park or playground.

Finally, Friends of the Parks awarded \$15,000 in Seed Grants to 23 park advisory councils, helping them to implement projects ranging from purchasing new recreation equipment for children's programs to park beautification and major gardening projects.

Data Source: *Friends of the Park*

Other Partnerships



GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY ALLIANCE

The Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance has been instrumental in generating additional funding from foundations, corporations, and individuals. In its 15 year partnership, the Chicago Park District \$3.06 million total investment in the Alliance has returned nearly \$16 million in additional private funding for the Conservatory and its programs.



The partnership with UniverSoul Circus (the nation's only African-American circus) and the Chicago Park District enables The Park District to provide an opportunity to showcase the astonishing circus to our park patrons. Revenue generated from UniverSoul Circus is used for cultural and athletic programming. The Chicago Park District sponsored shows drew 6907 spectators.

PARKWAYS FOUNDATION PRESENTS



The Lollapalooza Music Festival has generated more than \$6 million for city parks since 2005. After this summer's sold out festival, the agreement was extended to 10 years and is expected to bring a minimum of \$12.3 million to benefit Chicago's parks. The total revenue from Lollapalooza to Parkways Foundation in 2009 was \$1,900,531.

CHANGE.

CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY - Since 2002, the Chicago Park District has provided access to summer day camp for CHA residents. In the first year, 900 CHA residents attended summer camp. In 2009, 2,500 CHA residents attended summer day camp. The agreement has since expanded to allow children to register for the Park Kids After-School Program during the fall, winter, and spring sessions.



The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has worked with the Chicago Park district since 2001 to provide access to summer day camp. This effort has allowed 4,000 children to attend to summer day camp through this program. Rather than isolating children who are wards of the state in separate day camps, children sign up through the standard registration process for day camp and DCFS reimburses the Park District for each of its participants. In 2009, 746 children attended day camp through this program.



Walgreens has been a partner of the Chicago Park District by supporting our district-wide Halloween events. In addition to a \$25,000 cash contribution, Walgreens has donated candy to be enjoyed by the children of Chicago Park District Halloween events.



Chicago Community Trust (CCT) manages charitable donor's financial and philanthropic objectives. The Chicago Park District used this benefit for Capital Construction, community developments, exterior lighting at Jackson Park Pavilion and to maintain the 63rd beach house.



For the past 8 years, Kraft Food Foundation has invested over \$2 million dollars in Chicago Park District programs through Parkways Foundation. The program has two main components- Kraft Great Kids and Kraft Kids mobile. Both programs are aimed at helping youth and families make healthy lifestyle choices and focuses on nutrition, fitness creativity, and literacy.



African Festival of the Arts- The mission of Africa International House is to serve as a center that exposes and educates all people to the individual works and collective contribution of African cultures. The African Festival of the Arts has become a dazzling symbol of the fast growing African presence in Chicago.



after school matters After School Matters - Sports37™ engages teens in activities that develop important life skills and a healthy approach to living, exposing them to career opportunities in the field of sports, health and fitness. Apprenticeships are hands-on, interactive programs led by skilled professionals who provide teens with an opportunity to explore different career paths and develop marketable skills such as teamwork and problem solving.



The Chicago Bears - Junior Bear Football and Pee Wee Football introduces the game of tackle football to kids all over Chicago at no cost. In 2009, more than 1,000 kids participated in the program at 16 locations. Junior Bear Football will keep kids active starting in August and ending in October. Citywide Flag Football program will allow 240 kids at 16 park locations throughout Chicago to come together to play flag football. All teams make the playoffs and are invited to attend the Mum Bowl at Soldier Field to be recognized during halftime of the championship game.

Other Grants and Donations

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$ 400,000	Wellness Grant
Cubs Care/McCormick Foundation	\$ 403,000	Baseball and special recreation programs Sheil Park Thillens Stadium
Allstate Insurance Company	\$ 350,000	Jesse Owens Park
Allstate Foundation	\$ 300,000	Jesse Owens Field House Playground Renovations
USOC	\$ 100,000	Jesse Owens playground
White Sox	\$ 120,000	Little league programs
Nike	\$ 71,000	Foster Park running track Free Fitness week (drawstring bags)
BP/Golin Harris	\$ 25,000	Davis park basketball court improvements
Staples	\$ 28,500	Staples Challenge Eugene Park

Many other companies and organizations contribute funds in the form of sponsorships, grants and donations. Support comes in many ways, all of which are very important. Your support allows us to offer free programs, support capital improvements, produce special events, and so much more.

To all of our supporters we would like to say "Thank You!"

The information listed on the previous pages provides a snapshot of the Chicago Park District's partnerships. It is not necessarily all-inclusive.

CPD Annual Financial Report and Management's Discussion and Analysis

CPD's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

As management of the Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois (the District), once a year, we produce a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR gives readers a detailed overview and analysis of the financial condition of the District for prior fiscal year. It is prepared using a reporting combination of both government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. Our financial statements consist of three major components:

- Government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, which provide a comprehensive, long-term view of the District's finances. These statements combine long-term information with the short-term to provide a complete picture of the District's finances.
- Fund financial statements include the balance sheet and statement of revenue, expenditures and net changes in fund balances. The "fund-level" statements give a more detailed view of the revenues and expenditures and show how well the District has performed in its major funds.
- The notes to the basic financial statements provide explanations and various schedules that explain the financial statement amounts and the changes in the reported balances.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The MD & A section of the annual report is where CPD management discusses various aspects of the organization and both past and current conditions. In the MD &A, management also provides an overview of the previous year's activities, while touching on the upcoming year and stating future goals.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements focus on all of the District's *economic* resources, while the governmental funds focus on the flow of *current financial resources*.

The *Statement of Net Assets* summary table below shows net assets from governmental activities and business-type activities, and the totals for these two types of activities. Amounts in millions.

	2009	2008	Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
Current and other assets	\$ 764	789	(25)	(3.2) %
Capital assets	1,545	1,506	39	2.6
Total assets	2,309	2,295	14	0.6
Long-term obligations	896	904	(8)	(0.9)
Other Liabilities	336	335	1	0.3
Total liabilities	1,232	1,239	(7)	(0.6)
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	578	559	19	3.4
Restricted	200	214	(14)	(6.5)
Unrestricted	299	283	16	5.7
Total net assets	\$ 1,077	1,056	21	2.0 %

Increases and decreases in total net assets are good indicators of financial condition and whether it is positive or negative.

- The total assets of the District are \$2.3 billion and exceeded liabilities at December 31, 2009 by \$1.08 billion. This is an increase in net assets of \$20 million over 2008.
- Of this net asset amount, \$299 million is unrestricted in governmental activities and may be used to meet current obligations. The District's net assets restricted for Debt Service increased by \$9 million during the year, or 10.3% for a year end amount of \$96 million.
- Capital assets or land, buildings and equipment ended the year with a balance of \$1.5 billion, net of accumulated depreciation. Total capital outlay for 2009 was \$78.1 million, which is a decrease from \$93.3 million in 2008, when the District purchased the Administration Building floors. The District's long-term obligations decreased \$8 million primarily as a result of the payout of long-standing legal claims and settlements totaling \$6.5 million in 2009.
- Current and other assets decreased 3.3%, or \$25 million. This occurred primarily due to a \$42 million decrease in the District's total investments, in which capital expenditures were made in anticipation of bonds being issued. The decrease in investments is offset by increases of \$8 million in property tax receivables and \$25 million in grants accounts receivables.
- Long-term obligations decreased \$8 million, or 0.9%, in 2009 due to payout of long-standing legal claims and settlements totaling \$6.5 million in 2009 and a \$4 million decrease in property tax claims payable. Other liabilities had a net increase of \$1 million, or 0.3%, from the \$4.4 million accrual of City of Chicago water bills subsequently paid in January 2010.

The *Statement of Activities* summarizes both the gross and net cost of the governmental activities. Governmental activities show the District's basic functional services and revenues. This approach accounts for all revenues and expenses incurred in the fiscal year, regardless of when the cash is received or spent.

	Amounts in Millions		Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
	2009	2008		
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 86	76	10	13.2%
Operating grants and contributions	3	2	1	50.0
Capital grants and contributions	29	19	10	52.6
Total program revenues	118	97	21	21.6
General revenues:				
Property tax	266	267	(1)	(0.4)
Personal property replacement tax	42	48	(6)	(12.5)
Capital contributions	1	1	—	—
Investment income	1	8	(7)	(87.5)
Miscellaneous income	2	1	1	100.0
Total general revenues	312	325	(13)	(4.0)
Total revenues	430	422	8	1.9
Expenses:				
Park operations and maintenance	158	159	(1)	(0.6)
Recreation programs	90	95	(5)	(5.3)
Special services	71	73	(2)	(2.7)
General and administrative	52	62	(10)	(16.1)
Interest on long-term debt	38	40	(2)	(5.0)
Total expenses	409	429	(20)	(4.7)
Total changes in net assets	21	(7)	28	(400.0)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,056	1,063	(7)	(0.7)
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,077	1,056	21	2.0%

- Park operations and maintenance expenses were almost flat from 2008 to 2009, decreasing only by \$1 million or less than 1%. This function includes depreciation expense of \$38 million, water, electric and gas utility bills of nearly \$40 million and expenses related to the following cost centers: Facilities, Department of Natural Resources/Landscaping and the Office of Green Initiatives.
- Recreation program expenses decreased 5.3%, or \$5 million primarily due to the reduction in the District's payroll in 2009. In late 2008 the District offered a voluntary severance incentive package to employees with two or more years of service. If accepted, a prorated cash payment was issued (based on years served), in addition, a payout of all vacation and compensation time rightfully accumulated by the employee during his or her tenure. Three "shut-down" days were also implemented in 2009, where all CPD locations and functions were closed on the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- Special services expenses decreased 2.7%, or \$2 million, mostly due to the reduction in privatized contractor fees, such as marina, stadium, concessions etc. The District imposed mid-year reductions in the budgets of these contractors, thus yielding the aforementioned savings.
- General and administrative expenses in the general and administrative function, as mentioned above, were down \$10 million from 2008. In addition to the fiscal measures previously addressed, the District imposed an additional 5 furlough days on its management staff, for a total of 8 unpaid work days in 2009. Further reductions in expenses were due to the merging of the former Sports and Recreation and Environment, Culture and Special Events department into the new Community Recreation division of the Park District. The operations of these former departments were consolidated, thus improving operational and financial efficiency. A hiring freeze was also put into effect in 2009, with vacancies going unfilled and non-personnel budgets were decreased by 15%.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements are more familiar to regular readers of the traditional Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The focus is on major funds and not on fund types. Major funds are presented individually. Non-major governmental funds are combined in separate schedules. The sources (revenues) and uses (expenditures) of resources, assigned through the financial planning and budgeting process, focus on the District's ability to finance operations in the short-term. Fund Financial Statements are available in CPD's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

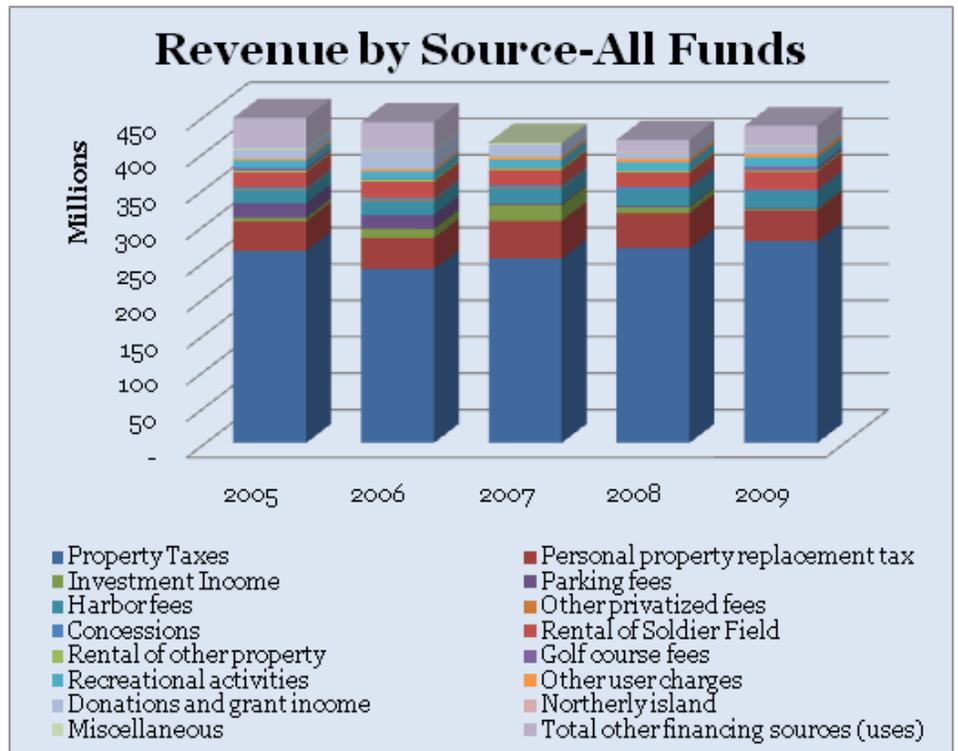
The Chicago Park District receives revenues from a variety of sources, including Federal, State and Local grants. We use fund accounting to ensure and illustrate compliance with government accounting and legal requirements. On the fund-level financial statements, total revenues from all sources equaled \$409 million for fiscal year 2009. Overall revenues have increased slightly over 2008.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. During the year, revenues exceeded expenditures in the General Fund by over \$4.8 million due primarily to higher property tax revenue and privatized contract revenues. Total other financing sources and uses netted to an increase of over \$17 million. The transfers of \$10.6 million from the PBC Operating Fund (as the Soldier Field lease came to an end), \$7.9 Million from the Garage Revenue Capital Improvements Fund, were made mostly in response to a retracting economy, settlements for legal claims and City of Chicago utility bills and lower PPRT revenues. There was also the transfer out of almost \$6 million for harbor debt service.

The chart at the right presents a summary of revenues and other financing sources by type for all funds including the General Operating fund, Park Improvements, Federal, State and Local Grants and non-major funds as of December 31, 2009.

Overall revenues have fluctuated slightly since 2005, with the increase in 2009 due mostly to property taxes. Local property taxes provided approximately \$278 million in 2009.

The chart below shows a comparison of 2008 and 2009 revenues by source.



Revenue Source	2008	2009	Percent of total	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2008
Property Taxes	268,090	277,740	63.7%	9,650
Personal property replacement tax	47,991	42,150	9.7%	(5,841)
Investment Income	8,277	1,548	0.4%	(6,729)
Parking fees	1,460	1,548	0.4%	88
Harbor fees	21,796	21,184	4.9%	(612)
Other privatized fees	2	3	0.0%	1
Concessions	3,833	3,792	0.9%	(41)
Rental of Soldier Field	20,245	24,916	5.7%	4,671
Rental of other property	2,422	2,376	0.5%	(46)
Golf course fees	321	4,613	1.1%	4,292
Recreational activities	11,317	12,444	2.9%	1,127
Other user charges	4,747	5,403	1.2%	656
Donations and grant income	8,025	9,735	2.2%	1,710
Northerly island	897	882	0.2%	(15)
Miscellaneous	787	1,163	0.3%	376
Subtotal	\$ 400,210	\$ 409,497	94.0%	\$ 9,287
Total other financing sources (uses)	16,480	26,255	6.0%	9,775
Total	\$ 416,690	\$ 435,752	100.0%	\$ 19,062

Property Taxes increased by \$9.6 million from fiscal year 2008 due to increases in tax levies and collections.

Personal Property Replacement Taxes were down from 2008 as a result of lower corporate profits.

Privatized Contractor fees increased in 2009, with the majority coming from Soldier Field and Golf Courses. A new golf contract went into effect this year and there were higher concert and concession revenues from the stadium.

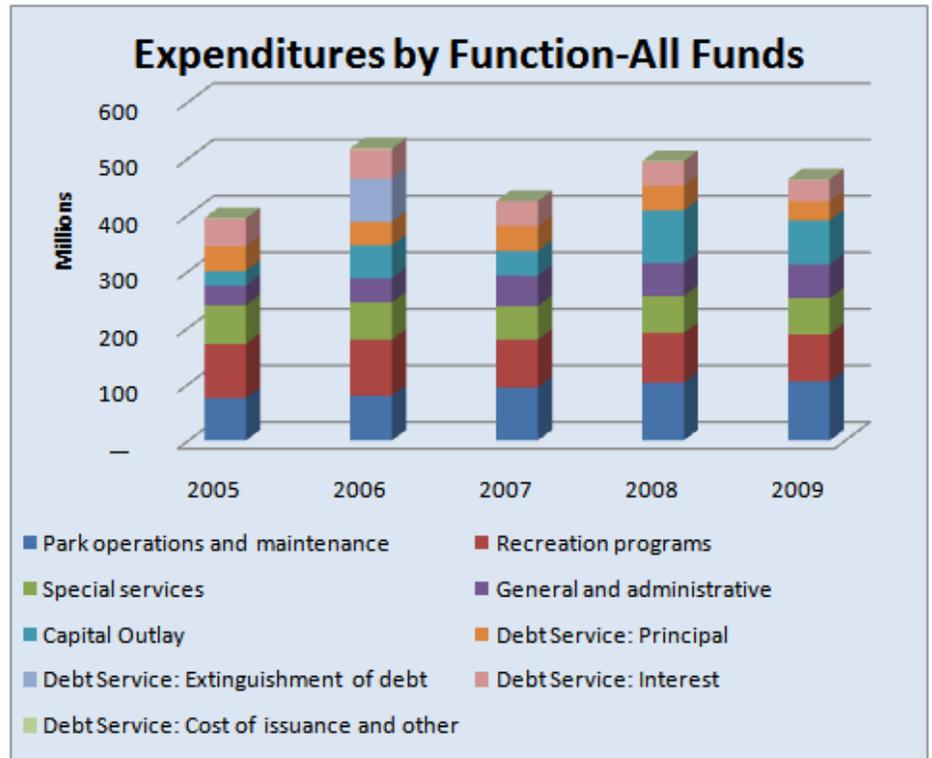
Recreation Activities are revenues derived from park programming. It increased over \$1 million.

Investment Income decreased dramatically from last year as interest rates were at all-time lows.

Other Financing Sources include one-time transfers of funds from bond issues and contractor provided financing.

The chart at the right displays fiscal year 2009 expenditures across specific functional areas. Detailed Fund Financial Statements are available in CPS' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This chart presents a summary of expenditures by function type for all funds including the General Operating fund, Park Improvements, Federal, State and Local Grants and non-major funds as of December 31, 2009.

The chart below shows a comparison of 2008 and 2009 expenditures by function. Overall, expenditures were more than revenues by \$53 million in 2009, but the shortage was far less than in 2008 when the shortage was \$94 million.



Amounts in Millions

Expenditure Function	2008	2009	Percent of total	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2008
Park operations and maintenance	101,989	104,769	22.6%	2,780
Recreation programs	88,136	83,472	18.0%	(4,664)
Special services	65,739	64,018	13.8%	(1,721)
General and administrative	58,329	59,692	12.9%	1,363
Capital Outlay	93,319	78,120	16.9%	(15,199)
Debt Service: Principal	43,820	33,418	7.2%	(10,402)
Debt Service: Extinguishment of debt	—	—	0.0%	-
Debt Service: Interest	42,397	38,883	8.4%	(3,514)
Debt Service: Cost of issuance and other	1,258	327	0.1%	(931)
	<u>\$ 494,987</u>	<u>\$ 462,699</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ (32,288)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>400,210</u>	<u>409,497</u>		<u>9,287</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under)				
Expenditures	<u>\$ (94,777)</u>	<u>\$ (53,202)</u>		<u>\$ 41,575</u>

Park Operations increased by \$2.7 million and account for 22.6% of all expenditures in 2009. This function consistently has the highest total expenditures.

Recreation Programs total costs decreased due to the consolidation of the District's two largest departments and the voluntary severance/retirement buyouts that occurred late in 2008.

Special Service and General Admin costs were nearly equal to 2008, with 13.8 and 12.9% of total expenditures respectively. These functions were each well under the totals for Park Ops and Rec Programs.

Capital Outlay expenditures were down from \$93 to \$78 million in 2009 mostly due to the purchase of the Administration building floors in 2008.

Debit Service expenditures decreased in 2009 due to the change in repayment schedule for specific bonds.

Capital Improvement Projects

The District's investment in capital assets includes land and land improvements, works of art and historical collections, construction in process, infrastructure, site improvements, harbor and harbor improvements, stadium and stadium improvements, buildings and building improvements, and equipment. This investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2009 was \$1,545 million (net of accumulated depreciation), up \$39 million over last year.

The District has several District-wide playground construction projects under way. Construction for the lakefront revetment project remains in progress, with additions in 2009 totaling \$9.5 million by the close of the fiscal year. Most of the construction for the year was done at the Diversey Harbor. Revetment Infrastructure asset additions recorded for the year totaled approximately \$54 million. Significant projects completed in 2009 included construction of Jesse-Owens Field house, Taylor-Lauridsen Field House, Buckingham Fountain Restoration, DuSable Harbor, and Little Cubs Field.

The Jesse Owens Field House is a new is a new LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), ADA accessible facility housing a competition-sized gymnasium, fitness and club rooms, locker rooms, and administrative support offices. Funds for the 18,500-square-foot field house were provided with \$3.5 million from the state, \$3.2 million from the city, and \$3 million from proceeds from the Chicago Park District's lease of its parking garages.



The ribbon on the Taylor-Lauridsen Park Field House was cut in December 2009. Similar in scope to the Jesse Owens Field House, Taylor-Lauridsen is an 18,500-square-foot field house that also contains a competition-sized gymnasium, fitness and club rooms, locker rooms with showers, and administrative support offices.



The Buckingham Fountain Restoration project includes but is not limited to site paving, landscaping, site lighting, and the fountain demolition to enhance the beauty of one of Chicago's greatest historical sites. Approximately \$11.1 million dollars was capitalized in 2009.



The DuSable Harbor (green) Building is located on one of the most heavily trafficked lakefront areas and includes concessions, retail space, harbor offices, and other boater amenities. In association with this project, The Park District will construct a new pedestrian bridge to elevate a portion of the lakefront trail and separate bike traffic from pedestrian traffic. Project construction to date is valued at approximately \$3.3 million.



The Little Cubs Field in Humboldt Park is a new ball park for little leagues modeled after Wrigley Field and valued at approximately \$2 million. The field's design highlights some of the well-known elements of Wrigley Field, including a scoreboard reminiscent of the famed Wrigley Field marquee. The seating features 480 covered grandstand seats, as well as 280 outfield bleacher seats, similar to the highly sought-after bleacher areas at Wrigley Field.



Privatized Contracts

In order to more effectively serve its patrons, generate revenue, and save costs, the Chicago Park District outsources some of its services and facilities to private management. The list below details the revenue generated from these contracts for 2009.

Contractor	Approx. Revenue
SMG (Solider Field)	\$ 24,916,000
Westrec Marina Inc.	21,184,000
Billy Casper Golf	4,613,000
Park Concessions Management	3,792,000
Standard Parking Lots	1,548,000
Chicago Skating (MLK Entertainment Center)	100,000
	\$ 56,153,000



Harbors

The Chicago Park District owns the largest municipal harbor system in North America, consisting of 9 harbors with over 5,100 boat slips and moorings. Harbors have appeared prominently in lakefront planning and development since the creation of Burnham and Bennett’s plan of 1909. The harbors are managed by Westrec Marina .

The 31st Street Harbor project is one of two new harbors designed for the Chicago Park District along Chicago’s lakeshore. Located in the Bronzeville neighborhood on Chicago’s south side, the 31st Street Harbor incorporates extensive new community amenities and 1,000 slip marina. The 1,200 foot long breakwater will also create a new underwater habitat and provide opportunities for fishing.

The Chicago Gateway Harbor project is the second of two new harbors designed for the Chicago Park District along Chicago’s lakeshore. Located at the very heart of downtown Chicago, Gateway Harbor lies between the Chicago River Locks and Navy Pier. There will be a minimum of 240 new boat slips created at this marina. Approximately 160 slips will be set aside for transient boaters visiting Chicago from around the Great Lakes and around the world making Gateway Harbor the front door of Chicago’s lakefront.

Top Revenue Producing Harbors

Burnham	\$6,985,208.13
Belmont	\$3,646,694.28
Diversey	\$2,533,738.64

Data Source: *Department of Capital Construction; Park Services*



Robert A. Black

Golf Courses

The Chicago Park District owns 6 golf courses, 3 driving ranges, and two miniature golf courses managed by Billy Casper Golf. Many of the facilities such as the Diversey Driving Range offer picturesque views of the city off of Lake Michigan.



Sidney R. Marovitz



Marquette Park



Diversey Driving Range

Top Three Golf Locations(Revenue)	Amount
Sidney Marovitz (Waveland)	1,059,000
Jackson Park	735,000
Robert Black	565,000

Data Source: *Department of Park Services*

Soldier Field

Soldier Field, one of Chicago’s most famous landmarks, opened in 1924 and was known as one of the great venues during the “Golden Age of Sports.” The stadium parklands has a long history of hosting exciting sports and special events including rock concerts, festivals, rodeos, circuses and even a skiing/toboggan event. The surrounding 17-acre park is home to beautifully landscaped grounds and family areas such as the Children’s Garden, Sledding Hill and Veteran’s Memorial. In 2003, a reconstructed Soldier Field opened to the public. Renovations valued at approximately \$642 million resulted in a new 61,500 seat stadium sitting within the confines of the old stadium and preserving the historic colonnades and exterior walls. Additional parkland was added as well as a new parking garage and numerous modern amenities.



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GLOSSARY

BUDGET allocation of available revenue in accordance with the spending guidelines and policies of the revenue sources to carry out operational goals of the park district.

BOND A written promise to pay a specified sum of money, called the face value or principal amount, at a specified date in the future (the maturity date), together with periodic interest at a specified rate.

PARK IMPROVEMENT Any permanent structure or other asset in real estate added to a property that adds to its value, whether through new construction or renovation.

DEBT RATINGS A grade assigned by credit rating agencies that evaluate the credit worthiness of a corporation's debt issues. A rating is specified by a letter classification, such as AAA, B, or CC. This rating is a financial indicator to potential investors of debt securities (i.e. bonds).

DEBT SERVICE FUND Governmental fund type used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.

EXPENDITURE The payment of obligation (liability).

FUNCTION A group of activities directed toward a specific service of the park district.

FUND ACCOUNTING Accounting whereby nonprofit organizations and organizations in the public sector are measured by accountability instead of profitability. These organizations have a need for special reporting to financial statements users that show how money is spent, rather than how much profit was earned.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Financial statements that incorporate all of the park district's financial activities into two statements: the statement of net assets and the statement of activities.

LONG-TERM DEBT Loans and obligations with a maturity of longer than one year; usually accompanied by interest payments.

NET ASSETS Resources remaining when the park district deducts all of their financial obligations from the assets they own.

OPERATING FUND The primary fund used to account for all financial transactions relating to current operations.

RESOURCES Funds recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual – that is, when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period.

UNRESTRICTED The portion of net assets available to be used or spent in the future.

Then

Now

Stearns Quarry - Aerial/Wetland



Wooded Island Jackson Park Garden

