



MANHATTAN PARK DISTRICT

FY 2022-23 Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for taking the time to review our new MPD Annual Report. Although I cannot say for certain that this is the first ever annual report, it is the first Annual Report in the new era of the Manhattan Park District!

Over the past five years the Manhattan Park District has strived to reinvent itself in our community. We have rebuilt the organization from the inside out structurally, organizationally, culturally, and fundamentally. Oh, and we dealt with a pandemic while doing so! We have focused our energy and efforts on the services and programs that you, our residents, desire. We have prioritized the experience and value of our programs and services in hopes of rebuilding the trust and confidence of our residents and community partners!

In doing so you have seen some exciting things develop over the past few years. You have seen the consistency, growth, and expansion of program offerings. You have seen capital improvements throughout the district. And as you will see in this report, you have seen the participation and financial numbers improve dramatically!

We understand that there is plenty of work to be done in the near and distant future in meeting the needs of our community. We will continue to strive to be diligent in serving our community through our updated Mission Statement and our pillars of Our Foundation, Our Guiding Principles, Our Process, and Our Motivation that you will see later in the report. We will continue to build positive working relationships that have led to recent successes in our community because of the willingness of all governmental entities working together for the betterment of all.

On behalf of our Board of Commissioners and Staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Manhattan Park District. We take great pride in serving you and know that we are Better Together!

Sincerely,

Jay Kelly

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Executive Director





**MPD MANHATTAN
PARK DISTRICT**
OUR MISSION

We Serve the Residents of the Manhattan Park District by pursuing excellence in providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities and services, maintaining high quality facilities and parks, preserving open space and conserving resources while sustaining fiscal integrity.

OUR FOUNDATION

We are Built On

our Team, Heritage,
Pride, Community and
Partnerships.



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We Value

Integrity, Humility,
Excellence, Collaboration,
Respect, Innovation,
Vision and Trust.



OUR PROCESS

We Achieve Through

Grit, Ambition, Courage,
Creativity, Passion, Inclusivity,
Safety, Work-Life Balance
and Accountability



OUR MOTIVATION

We Aspire to Be

the community's number
one resource for their recreational
needs and interests.



The Manhattan Park District acknowledges the benefits that arise from a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. The Park District embraces the commonalities and the differences of its employees, administrators, Board members, families, community members, and stakeholders. The Park District holds itself as a welcoming organization that respects and honors the diversity of its community and the contributions the various backgrounds bring to create its uniqueness.

PARK & FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS



CENTURY EAST PARK

The new Century East playground was installed in 2020 through a community build. Park updates were completed this year with the additions of a new park sign and landscaping around the playground.

HANOVER ESTATES PARK

Hanover Estates Park was developed with a new playground, walking path, shelter, trees, and landscaping. The Park Dedication took place on September 8.



5250 ACRES MOWED



**84 PLAYGROUND
INSPECTIONS COMPLETED**



60 TREES PLANTED



**200 SPORTS FIELDS
PREPPED**

ROUND BARN FARM

The Round Barn Farm tennis court was resurfaced to allow for two pickleball courts. Staff completed electrical improvements in the park and planted 40 trees. The clean up of the old farm structures, storage areas, and grounds continued.



HANSEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The exterior renovation of the HCC was completed including a new roof, paved and striped parking lot with a new traffic pattern, renovated market entrance, native plant landscaping, enhanced security with entry control, and LED parking lights.



CENTRAL PARK

Recent park improvements include a new paved and striped parking lot, the conversion of the sand volleyball court into a skating/ice rink, LED lighting upgrades on pavilions and park lighting, and enhanced security with cameras. The Central Park Fishing Pier was officially dedicated to Bill Delaney on July 20.



RECREATION



THE DEN

The Den Before and After Care Program saw many improvements, such as increased site security with new key fobs for parents, better communication with the new Procare app, and improved staffing stability and retention. The program received the IAPD Power Play grant for the 2023-24 school year.



CAMPS

The Procare app was piloted in summer camps for staff time and attendance. Staff focused in staff engagement and stability, improving daily programming, and better parent communication.



ATHLETICS

Youth athletics saw growth in participation all around from youth leagues to new instructional programs, like tumbling and new fitness programs. MPD received a generous gift from MYAA to use towards youth athletics.



MANHATTAN PARK FOUNDATION RESIDENT GRANT PROGRAM

In FY 2022-23, the Manhattan Park Foundation granted over \$2100 to families to attend MPD programs at a reduced rate or free of charge.



**245 HOME GAMES
PLAYED**



**3345 PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS**



**5485 EVENT
ATTENDEES**



**352 PROGRAMS
COMPLETED**



GENERAL

Early Childhood, Youth General, and Adult & Teen programs all saw growth with new preschool music programs, professionally planned and led adult trips, and additional sections of favorite programs, like Pollywogs Playgroup.



DANCE

2022-23 saw the first Spring Dance Recital and the steady re-growth of the dance program after the pandemic. A new parent-tot dance class was created to attract our youngest dancers to the MPD Dance Academy.



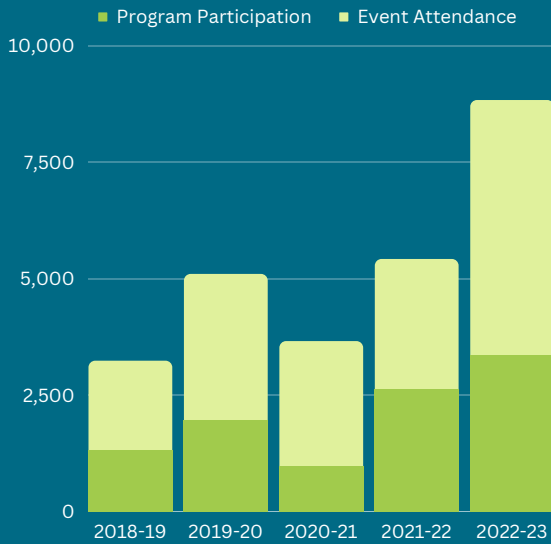
EVENTS

FY 2022-23 brought record numbers to events like the Trick or Treat Trail, Round Barn Winter Fest, and Sip of Summer. Round Barn Heritage Fest, and Parties in the Park were added to the annual event schedule.

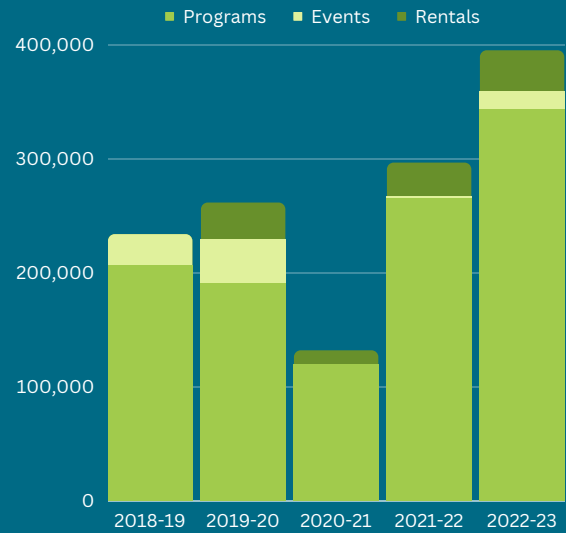
"We were blown away by the improvements to an already awesome program. Camp is something we look forward to! This is the best park district program we have ever seen, and we feel so lucky that we have it available to our kids. The counselors have always been the nicest people, and whoever is out there hiring these kids and creating this content—you deserve a massive raise. I loved the registration options. We were only ever going to do partial attendance because of our summer plans, but I loved seeing bundles and options. This is the way! We cannot wait to see everyone next year, with all our kids finally in the age range to attend!"

PROGRAM TRENDS

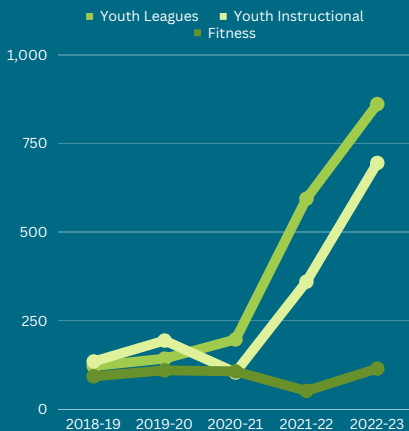
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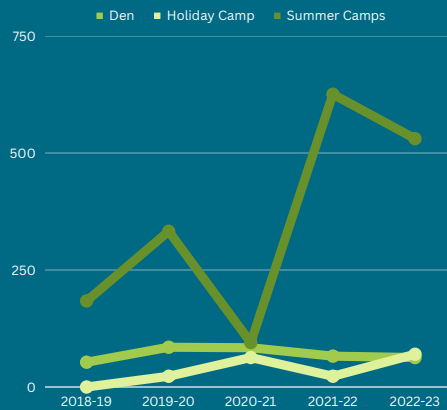
PROGRAM & RENTAL REVENUE



ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

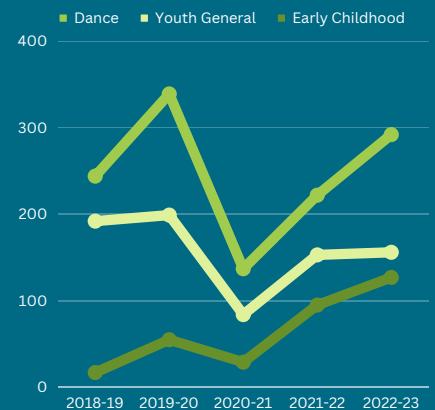


THE DEN & CAMP PARTICIPATION



*Camp schedule decreased by one week in FY 2022-23.

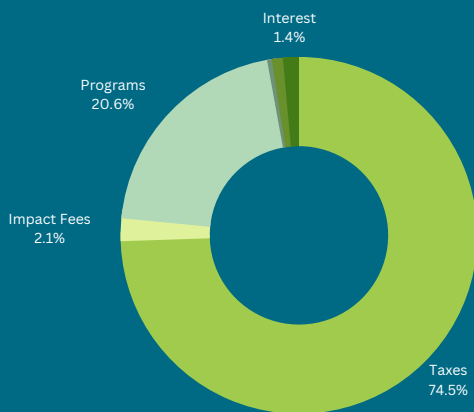
GENERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION



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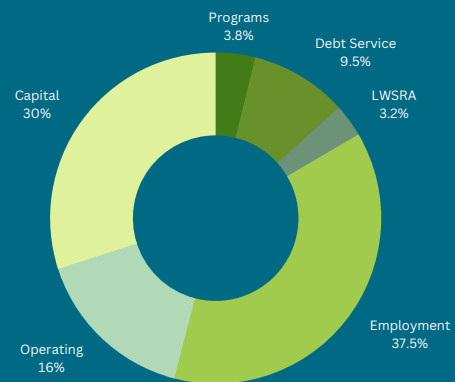
With approximately 300 acres of open space, including 10 developed parks, athletic facilities, and natural areas, the Manhattan Park District serves a region of nearly 36 square miles encompassing all of Manhattan Township, and provides value to a population of approximately 13,000 people while sustaining fiscal integrity.

REVENUE SOURCES



Programs includes programs, events, and rentals.

EXPENSE CATEGORIES



TAX BILL BY %



The estimated portion of a tax bill for a \$300,000 house in the Village of Manhattan that is levied for the Park District is \$375*.

**Due to fluctuations in market values, this figure is an estimate and for demonstration purposes only.*

- ☒ Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting since FY 2018-19
- ☒ Developed a Capital Funding Mechanism and transferred \$474,136 to fund capital projects.
- ☒ Received \$142,400 in grants and COVID funding
- ☒ Transferred \$59,955 to fully fund Reserve Balance.
- ☒ Employee Retention Efforts: minimum wage increases, improved benefits, PTO for part-time employees, and new 457 plan.

FUTURE PLANNING



ROUND BARN FARM

With the completion of the master site plan, future work includes the restoration of the 100-ft Round Barn and future event venue, pavilion improvements, and cleanup of outdoor storage areas. A Federal Recreational Trails Program grant application was submitted to fund trail expansion and development.



FIREHOUSE AQUISITION

The acquisition of Station 81 is a critical step towards meeting the space needs of a growing district and completing the Central Park Campus. This sale highlights the positive outcomes of intergovernmental partnerships that benefit the entire community.



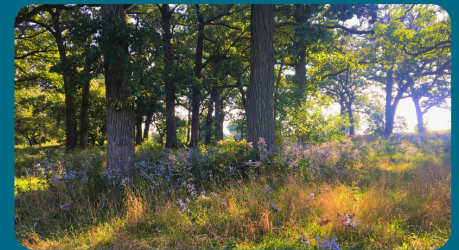
IVANHOE PARK

Ivanhoe Park is on track for development within two years. An OSALD grant application was submitted for this park development.



PRAIRIE TRAILS PARK

Piloting a new model in park development, MPD partnered with the Village and developer to complete the park development early in the neighborhood buildout rather than upon completion.



CONSERVATION

A focus on future conservation efforts includes pond bank stabilization, storm water management, the establishment of no mow zones including in the Round Barn Oak Grove, diversification of the tree planting program, and native plantings when possible.



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YOUTH ATHLETICS DONATION

Manhattan Youth Athletics Association

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