

Des Plaines Park District

TIMELINE

1935

Rand Park's first softball fields opened, and in 1936 the first tennis courts were installed. In February of 1940 Rand fieldhouse was opened to the public, followed by the acclaimed opening of Rand Pool.

1951

South Park and West Park opened.

1959

The land from Tougy Ave./Lee St. to Howard Ave. (Lake Park was purchased).

1963

Lake Park's 18-hole Golf Course opened to the public on May 31.

1960's

Chippewa and Iroquois Pools opened, as well as nine new parks; Chippewa, Potawatomie, Comanche, Seminole, Sioux, Tomahawk, Winnebago and Cheyenne.

1975

In June the Memorial Pavilion at Lake Park was developed.

1978

The Park District purchased Maple Elementary School from District 62. Now known as the Leisure Center, includes the Teen Center, Health Club, dance program and preschool.

1980's

Rand Park Water Slide opened, one of the first in the area!

1992

Prairie Lakes Community Center opens featuring two full basketball courts, state-of-the-art fitness center, senior center, and a lovely 298 seat theater. Mountain View Mines also opened, bringing mini-golf to the robust recreational complex.

1996

Rand Park Pool re-opened as Mystic Waters Family Aquatic Center.

2000

The Golf Center Des Plaines was purchased in September, equipment and turf was updated in 2006

2012

North Lake Park was developed and officially opened.

2019

Ground-breaking at the south entrance of Prairie Lakes for construction of the much anticipated indoor aquatic facility.

2020

On August 29, Prairie Lakes Aquatic Center was officially opened. (During a world-wide pandemic)

2021

- Yates Bridge is open, connecting the path between Cumberland Terrace Park and Des Plaines Manor Park.
- Pickleball courts added to Chippewa and Seminole
 - Purchase of Good Sheppard Lutheran Church.

2022

- Closing of Iroquois Pool and transfer of land to District 62.
- Free splash pad opens at Lake Park.

2024

- Arndt Pool opens with newly renovated Arndt Park fieldhouse and playground.
- Leisure Center playground and Nature Learning Lab open, featuring turtle habitat.
- Lake Opeka shoreline restoration complete.
 - Shoreline banquet room opens.

2023

- Lakeview Center opens.
- Opening of Foxtail on the Lake.

