



KANKAKEE VALLEY Park District



OUR MISSION

The Kankakee Valley Park District exists to

acquire, develop, and maintain parks, promote the conservation of natural and historical resources, and provide recreational facilities, programs and services for the benefit of all District residents. The ability to accomplish our mission is made possible through the dedicated efforts of commissioners and staff, the generosity of area residents, a combination of tax dollars, fees, private donations and grants and cooperation with other governmental and private entities.



Our Popular Ammenities

664 Acres of Land

54 Properties

33 Parks and misc. plots of land

25 Playgrounds

25 Softball and Baseball Fields

19 Basketball Courts

18 Park Pavillions

17 Tennis Courts

7 Boat Launches

5 Park Building Rentals

4 Soccer Fields

3 Outdoor Pickleball Courts

2 Football Fields

2 Outdoor Volleyball Courts

1 Boat Harbor

1 Ice Arena

1 Water Park

1 Indoor Gymnasium

WHO WE SERVE



The District serves the
28,250 Residents

of Aroma Park and Kankakee Townships. We exist to acquire, develop and maintain parks; promote the conservation of natural and historical resources, and provide recreational facilities, programs, and services for the benefit of all District residents.



WHO WE ARE!

-Kankakee Valley Park

District

Board of Commissioners



Dave Skelly
President



Don Palmer
Vice-President



James Frey
Secretary



Michael Matthews
Treasurer



Raymond Eads
Commissioner

Kankakee Valley Park District is governed by a 5 Member Board of Commissioners each serving a 6 Year Term.



Staff Stats

- 7 Full Time Administrative Staff
- 6 Full Time Recreation Staff
- 8 Full Time Maintenance Staff
- 110 Part Time Recreation Staff
- 17 Seasonal Maintenance Staff

Our *Revenue* Producing Facilities

Reopened in 2021, our water park features two body slides, one tube slide, an under 48" children's slide in zero depth water, water troughs, main play feature with slide, main pool with lap lanes, fully stocked concessions stand, two sand volleyball courts and spacious parking! Season passes and swim lessons available.

In 2023, we added three new pergolas for guests to enjoy the shade on a hot summer day.

Swimming lessons included classes for swimmers as young as 6 months through adults.



■ **Splash Valley Aquatic Park**

1850 River Road, Kankakee splashvalley.com



■ River Road Sports Complex

1895 River Road, Kankakee kvpd.com

Located just south of Kankakee, KVPD's River Road Sports Complex is home to many seasonal events as well as youth/adult softball leagues and tournaments. With 6 full size fields, practice areas, full concession stand and abundant parking, we're proud to have invested in keeping local sports alive and well.

The Park has been the recipient of the "NSA Outstanding Complex Award" from 1999 thru 2016. This national award is given to the parks that provide outstanding facilities for NSA tournaments! River Road Park has hosted over 60 state championships, 12 Super NIT's, 7 Super Regional's and 10 World Series.

In 2023, the Park was nominated and won the Nation Softball Association's Hall of Fame award. The sports complex had to be nominated by at least three people to even be nominated. The awards ceremony will take place in Lakeland, Florida in November of 2023.

The River Run Sports Complex also hosts Fall Fest, Color Run 5k and youth football games on our football field.



■ Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena

1601 River Road, Kankakee icevalleycentre.com



- Ice Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Learn to Skate Program
- Curling
- Party / Meeting Rooms
- Concessions
- Skate Rental
- Skate Sharpening
- Rentals
- Locker Rooms
- Offices
- KCC Fitness Center & Offices





■ KVPD Rec Center

Located in downtown Kankakee, the Rec Center offers a full gymnasium with open gym for youth, teens, adults and family time. The Charlton Room seats 150 people banquet style or 200 people theater style and offers a full use kitchen. This multipurpose room can be used for meetings, baby showers, wedding receptions, retirement parties, corporate events, seminars and so much more! The Rec Center hosts many rentals throughout the year, including soccer and basketball practices, acupuncture, fundraisers and more.

With the rise in popularity in Pickleball, the Rec Center added two new indoor Pickleball courts in 2022. We saw 1,186 Pickleball players in 2022-2023 for our open Pickleball gym sessions.



BIRD PARK

Improvement Project Exciting things Coming in

We are thrilled to provide you with the latest updates on the Bird Park improvement project, located along the scenic Kankakee River. With the support of grants from OSLA and Senator Sims, we are making significant strides in enhancing our beloved park's facilities and accessibility.

We are currently finalizing the construction plans and documents to ensure every detail is meticulously planned for a smooth execution. The necessary plans and documents have been submitted for permits. We are now awaiting commentary and approvals from the relevant authorities. The project bids will go public on August 20th and will be opened on September 10th. This process will allow us to select the best contractors for the job, ensuring high-quality work. We anticipate construction work to begin in October and conclude in May 2025.

2025 | playground replacement

The current playground, which has reached the end of its useful lifespan, will be completely replaced. The new playground will provide engaging and safe play opportunities for children of all ages.

Splash Pad Renovation

The splash pad, which has been non-operational since it was shut down in 2016, will be completely renovated and rebuilt. The new splash pad will feature modern mechanical systems and exciting play features to ensure a fun and refreshing experience for families during the warmer months.

Mediation Garden

A new mediation garden will be created, featuring stamped concrete paving and a colored concrete labyrinth. The garden will also include a shelter/gazebo, pebble seating, and landscaped beds offering a serene and contemplative space for visitors.

extended walking path

The walking path around the ball diamond will be extended to provide access to the mediation garden. This extension will enhance the connectivity and accessibility of the park's various features.

Bandshell Accessibility

The bandshell will be made accessible for all visitors with the installation of new concrete and a loop path, ensuring that everyone can enjoy performances and events.

We are excited about the progress we've made and the positive changes these improvements will bring to Bird Park. These enhancements will create a more vibrant, accessible, and enjoyable space for our entire community. Your support and patience during the construction phase are greatly appreciated as we work towards creating a better recreational environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued engagement and enthusiasm for our community's health and wellness!



UPCOMING

Capital Projects

Mayor R.J. Bailey Park

Improvement Project

playground replacement

Shelter Replacement

Installation of Boat Launch & Dock

Basketball Court Replacement

In 2023, the Kankakee Valley Park District will receive

\$600,000

from Senator Sims for Bird Park improvements, including a playground replacement at Bird Park and fixing the Splash Pad and

\$550,000

from Senator Sims for Mayor RJ Bailey Park in Sun River Terrace for improvements, including a new playground, fishing pier, updating the pavilion and resurfacing the basketball court.

THANK YOU

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