

Cary Park District

Information Directory 2026-2027



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The Cary Park District was approved by voter referendum on October 30, 1971. As a park district, the Cary Park District's purpose is to acquire and maintain land and facilities for park and recreation purposes, and organize and supervise planned recreation programs. The District's mission is providing exceptional recreation, parks and open space opportunities.

Created as a separate unit of government, the Cary Park District is a municipal corporation and local taxing authority for its stated purpose. It is authorized by legislation to levy and collect taxes, and to establish local policy, ordinances, and resolutions to enact and complete its purpose. It serves approximately 21,450 people in the villages of Cary, Trout Valley, part of Oakwood Hills and Lake in the Hills, and unincorporated McHenry County. The Cary Park District's annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027 is \$14,701,770.

The Cary Park District Board of Commissioners governs the agency's affairs. There are five members on the Board, and they are elected for six-year terms of office, without compensation, pursuant to the provisions of the Park District Code found in 70 ILCS 1205 (1995). The Board of Commissioners approves policies and plans for the operations of the Park District. Cary Park District Board of Commissioners includes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jill Carasso	2027
Michael Renner	2027
Keith Frangiamore	2029
Phil Stanko	2031
Melissa Victor	2031

The Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Community Center, 255 Briargate Road, Cary, Illinois, 60013. A copy of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Public Meeting Schedule is attached.

A staff of 26 full-time and approximately 290 part-time employees conducts the business of the agency throughout the year. An organizational chart is attached to identify the Cary Park District's functional subdivisions.

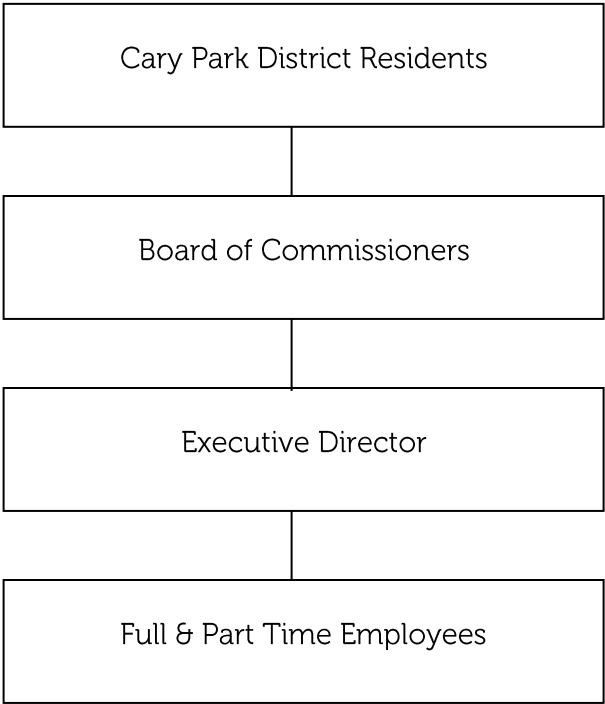
The Cary Park District operates seven facilities: five that are owned and two that are leased. They include: the Community Center, 255 Briargate Road; Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center, 1201 N. First Street; Cary Park District Preschool, 100 Cary-Algonquin Road; Maintenance Garage, 1200 Silver Lake Road; Foxford Hills Golf Club, 6800 S. Rawson Bridge Road; Administrative Annex, 855 Feinberg Court, Suite 113 (leased), and Inspiration Dance Studio, 530 Northwest Highway (leased).

Citizen advisory task forces and citizen advisory committees are created as necessary and meet to assist the Board of Commissioners in developing policies and planning parks and recreation facilities. An advisory task force is a group formed to provide advice on a single, defined purpose to the Board or Board Committee. Once completed, this group is disbanded. An advisory committee is a group formed to provide advice on a routine basis to the Board in a particular area of the District's operation. Bylaws are developed and approved for the group by the Board of Commissioners. Members are appointed to a specific length of term according to the bylaws. Action by this committee occurs in the form of an approved recommendation of advice on policy matters to the Board of Commissioners. Neither type of group has fiscal authority or operating responsibility, and the Board determines the final policy action taken.

Park Information

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Acres Owned</u>	<u>Acres Leased</u>
Bristol Park	S. Rawson Bridge at Bristol Way	0.5	
Bristol Park Trail Access	Bristol Park east of S. Rawson Bridge Rd.	0.66	
Brittany Park	Adare Dr. at Ardmore Dr.	2.3	
Cambria Park	Between Collins Dr. & Geneva Ct.	1.53	
Cambria Park OSD	Between Collins, Geneva, & Mulberry	8.83	
Candlewood Park	Pin Oak Cr. at Jr. High Walk	4.9	
Cary-Grove Park	Galway Dr. at Ardmore Dr.	82.9	
Cary Oaks Park	Haber Rd. at Pearson Rd.	4.3	
Cary Veterans Park	Route 14 at Crystal St.	6.2	
Chalet Hills Park	Brittany Dr. at Dauphine Ct.	.7	
Cimarron Park	On Hampton near Ivanhoe Ln.	3.4	
Community Center Park	Glen Garry Rd. and Briargate Rd.	6.1	
Decker Park & Trails	On Mink Tr. at S. Rawson Bridge Rd.	8.9	
Devron Circle	Devron Circle at High Rd.	0.2	
Fox Trails Park	S. Fox Trails Dr. at Knollwood Dr.	1	
Foxford Hills Golf Club	6800 S. Rawson Bridge Road	120	
Greenfields Park	W. Main St. at Boxwood Ln.	6.1	
Hampton Park	W. Main St. at Hampton St.	1.8	
Hillhurst Park	E. Main St. at Sands Main Street Prairie	3.4	
Hillside Prairie Park	Hillhurst Dr. S. of Carl Sands Dr.	7.7	
Hoffman Park	E. of Rt. 31 and N. of Fox Trails Sub.	287.27	
Jamesway Park	Margaret/W. James Way at Elden	3.1	
Jaycee Park	Silver Lake Rd. at Cary-Algonquin	15.5	
Kaper Park	Georgetown Dr. at Cimarron Dr.	15.5	
Kiwanis Park	Silver Lake Rd. at Adare Dr.	3.6	
Knotty Pines Park	Three Oaks Rd. east of Three Oaks Park	2.4	
Lions Park	Silver Lake Rd. north of Three Oaks	105.4	
Montana Park	Montana Dr. at Bristol Way	.5	
New Haven Park & OSD	New Haven Dr. at Augusta	5.48	
Parcel # 20-07-477-013	SW of Spruce Tree Drive	.14	
Parcel # 20-07-477-018	NE of Spruce Tree Drive	.14	
Saddle Oaks Park	Cove Dr. at Saddle Oaks Dr.	1	
Sands Main Street Prairie	East Main St. Rd., east of Decker Dr.	80	
Sunburst Bay Aquatic Center	1201 N. First Street (within Cary-Grove Park)		
Three Oaks Park	Three Oaks Rd. at Edison Lines	2.2	
Val Budd Park	High Rd. beyond Deveron Cr.	1	
Water Tower Prairie Park	High Rd. at Deveron Cr.	5.7	
Wentworth Park	Wentworth Circle	.5	
West Lake Park	Prairie View Parkway at Wellington Lane	1.62	
White Oaks Park	Dove Way and Catkins Way	.5	

Functional Subdivisions of the Cary Park District



Freedom of Information Requests

The Cary Park District will disclose public records in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The following is a list of records that are available through a FOIA request; however it is not an all-inclusive list. Some of the information on this list is currently available on the District website, carypark.com.

A request for any of the following should be completed using a FOIA request.

- Accident reports
- Audit reports (external)
- Bids for equipment or services
- Cancelled checks, bank statements, deposit slips
- Cash receipts control
- Employee manuals
- Intergovernmental agreements
- Plats of survey for parks
- Safety manuals
- Applications for Use of Park District Facilities/Equipment
- Annual Treasurer's Receipts and Distribution Reports
- Board and Committee meeting reports
- Minutes of Board, Committee, Advisory Committee & Advisory Task Force Meetings
- Cash records
- Check stubs and copies
- Contracts for construction projects
- General ledger and journals
- Insurance policies
- Monthly financial statements
- Paid bills and invoices
- Policies
- Ordinances
- Resolutions
- Vendor files
- Orders & Agreements
- FOIA Requests, Notices of Completions & Denials
- Every request that will require information to be compiled
- Every request that includes ten copies or more to be compiled and copied

Freedom of Information Officers:

Dan Jones
Executive Director

Becky Horn
Administrative & Project Specialist

Freedom of Information Requests

Procedure for Requesting Information

1. Requests must be submitted in writing and may be submitted in person or mailed to Cary Park District, Attention: FOIA Officer, 255 Briargate Road, Cary, IL 60013; or by email to FOIA@carypark.com; or by fax to 847-639-6290 to the Attention of the FOIA Officer.
2. Persons making the request may use the form available from the Cary Park District or may submit their own written request. Forms are available at the Community Center at 255 Briargate Road, Cary, IL 60013 or on the District's website, www.carypark.com. After accessing the website, click on 'About Us', then 'Freedom of Information'. Procedures and a form for requesting information can be found there.
3. All requests should include the following information for the person making the request: full name, address, phone number, a detailed description of the records sought, date of request, and whether or not the request is for a commercial purpose. You must disclose whether your request is for a commercial purpose. It is a violation of the FOIA for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose if requested to do so by the public body. 5ILCS 140.3.1(c)
4. Effective January 1, 2026, as a cybersecurity measure, the Cary Park District is not required to open email attachments or links to access the contents of a FOIA request. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act requires that the entire electronic FOIA request appear within the body of the email. 5 ILCS 140/3(c).
5. Within 5 business days after the date the District receives the request, the FOIA officer will review and respond to the request. In certain circumstances specified in the Act, the FOIA officer may extend the time for a response for an additional 5 business days from the date of the original due date or such additional time as the person making the request and the FOIA officer agree.
6. The District may, in accordance with the Act, deny any request that is exempt from disclosure. If any of the materials requested are exempt under the Act, you will be notified in writing of these exemptions. Any denial, or partial denial, of your request may be appealed to the Public Access Counselor's office within the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Illinois.
7. If the requested document is maintained in an electronic format the Cary Park District will, if feasible, provide it in that format. For hard copies, the fee will be \$.15 per page/per side after the first 50 pages for standard black and white. Costs for color or oversize copies, certified copies, or recording media may be more and will be the actual cost incurred by the District.
8. Records may be inspected at the Cary Park District, 255 Briargate Road, Cary, IL 60013.

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request for Information



Date

From:

Name of Individual

Name of Agency or Organization

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email – for email responses

Description of records requested

Please indicate the format you wish to receive the above requested records.

☐ Inspect ☐ Copied ☐ Emailed

Please indicate the purpose for requesting the above records.

☐ Noncommercial Purpose ☐ Commercial Purpose

Signature of Requestor

For Office Use Only

Request received by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Request due by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Additional time requested: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Information provided by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Notes: _____

