

# Thornton Recreation Department Annual Report 2021-2022

## Mission Statement:

To provide quality recreation programs, facilities, and parks that meet the leisure needs and improve the quality of life for the residents of Thornton.

## 2020-2021 Thornton Recreation Personnel

### Director of Parks and Recreation

Sharlee Dunlop

### Assistant Director/Rental Coordinator

Amy Potwin

### Front Desk Personnel

Mary Vasquez

Jennifer Shadley

Ida Martinez

### Preschool Instructors

Amy Potwin

Jennifer Shadley

### Camp Counselor

Nancy Saucedo-Hernandez

### Camp Volunteer

Logan Geiger

### Softball Manager

Michael Cronin

## 2021-22 Year in Review

- **Responsibilities:** Park equipment and safety surfacing of all parks are maintained. We offer free community programs: T.O.P.S. and Alcoholics Anonymous. We update social media including; Facebook, parts of the Village of Thornton website and Comcast Cable channel four. We receive each department's articles to edit and insert in the Village newsletter. We maintain paperwork for existing grant applications and research new opportunities. We coordinate with Thornton Youth Baseball League, the Thornton Library and Wolcott Community PTA. We also work closely with School District 154 to provide opportunity of educational services to resident youth. We maintain a helpful and friendly team of employees who continue to prove their loyalty, dependability and commitment to the recreational needs of the community.
- **May 2021:** Preschool was extended due to absences during COVID-19 suspensions. Co-Ed Softball began playing as well as ball field rentals. The spring order of Memorial Bricks installed. Summer camp plans began and we held Senior Bingo.
- **June 2021:** Illinois Restored was announced. Preschool ended with an ice cream social. We began collaborating with Thornton Public Library for community events. Camp counselor Nancy Saucedo-Hernandez was hired. Director Dunlop attended the first of several Capital Improvement Planning and Development sessions.
- **July 2021:** We ran concessions for Independence Day and a library movie night. Two of our senior card clubs returned.
- **August 2021:** The library put up a temporary story walk at Nason Park and the Thornton Township held a Picnic in the Park. Summer camp came to an end and Preschool welcomed new students.
- **September 2021:** We held a Pop-Up Park Party with Police, Fire, SSERT, TEMA and Public Works vehicles on display at Nason Park. Our department accepted the responsibility of organizing Holiday Happenings.
- **October 2021:** The softball season came to a close and field rentals finished their seasons. We held two Pumpkin Hunts. Capital Improvement planning sessions continued.
- **November/December 2021:** Holiday Happenings Free Family Bingo was held. We also coordinated a Village-wide Holiday Decorating Contest.
- **January 2022:** We began promoting Thornton Youth Baseball and our Co-ed Softball leagues. TOPS and AA meetings resumed.
- **February 2022:** Preventative Maintenance and repairs were performed on the fitness center equipment.
- **March 2022:** Resident Hannah Voris was hired as a summer camp counselor. The first draft of FY23 budget was submitted.
- **April 2022:** We conducted Easter Egg Hunts and began planning new summer Workshops. Memorial Bricks were installed and the preschool floors were stripped and waxed.
- Fiscal Year 22, the department generated **\$31,829 in revenue plus the ISSATF rental fee of \$22,000.**

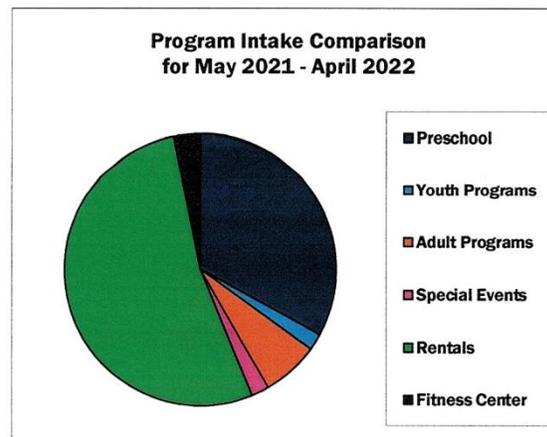
# 2022-23 Thornton Recreation Goals

- Continue to maintain all park equipment with ADA compliance.
- Continue to update, Capital Assets, Grant Applications and Five year plan.
- Continue to evaluate and remove inoperative equipment, paperwork and electronics.
- Remove and Replace the aging playground equipment at Marian Mikrut Memorial Park.
- Update, paint and re-organize the two year old Preschool classroom.
- Begin a new two year old Preschool program with new teachers.
- Welcome back the Kodenkan Academy Martial Arts classes.
- Update and replace building air conditioning units.
- Bring back more programs and events that could benefit the residents and generate revenue.

## Recreation Program Intake Comparison

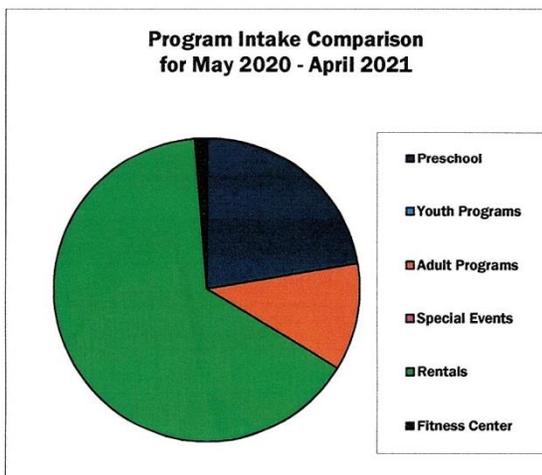
Program Type	Approx. Intake
Preschool	\$17,712.00
Youth Programs	\$1,075.00
Adult Programs	\$3,627.00
Special Events	\$1,150.00
Rentals	\$28,555.00
Fitness Center	\$1,710.00
	<b>\$53,829.00</b>

*IL Secretary of State Task Force Rental is included \$22,000.00*



Program Type	Approx. Intake
Preschool	\$8,750.00
Youth Programs	\$0.00
Adult Programs	\$4,500.00
Special Events	\$0.00
Rentals	\$25,506.00
Fitness Center	\$510.00
	<b>\$39,266.00</b>

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# Recreation Intake Descriptions

Preschool – Preschool, and Pre-Kindergarten classes offered to children ages 3-5.

Youth Programs – **Summer Camps** - offered to children ages 3-6

Adult Programs – **Senior Bingo, Memorial Bricks, Co-Ed Softball and Jujitsu**

Special Events – **Egg & Pumpkin Hunts, Family Bingo and concessions.**

Rentals – **Parties, Room, Ball field, Table & chairs, and pavilion rentals.**

Fitness Center – **Memberships**

