

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION



ANNUAL REPORT



PLAY BY PLAY



RECREATION: IT'S A GAME CHANGER

Welcome to South Suburban, home of your three-time Gold Medal winning team of parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities and programs, and the world champion Denver Broncos.

It was a heck of a season. We saw record numbers of Monday morning quarterbacks jump off the couch and have a ball with active living. They arrived early at the recreation centers, went long in the outdoor pools and scored big at the tennis centers and ice arenas. With so much action, we are providing an instant replay of 2015 highlights, as well as our strategy for the current season and beyond. Please enjoy our Annual Report.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our 150,000 residents, the greatest fans on earth in Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Bow Mar, western Centennial and portions of unincorporated Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

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THIS ONE'S
FOR YOU!
NO FEE OR ADMISSION
HIKES IN 2016



HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE



Behind every great park there's someone protecting your turf. Our special teams blitz offensive bugs and fungi, stomp out weeds, water and mow down turf grass in a variety of recreation areas. Turf management keeps 100 neighborhood parks green, 209 sports fields playable and Littleton, Lone Tree, South Suburban and Family Sports golf courses challenging.

When you see a South Suburban crew know that they represent the training and expertise of horticulture, tree care, water management, pesticide compliance, fertilizer controls, and field and park design.

In 2015, park improvements included new playgrounds at Willow Creek and Hunters Hill parks, a nature playground and treehouse at Creekside Experience, pickeball courts at Cornerstone Park and irrigation updates at Berry Park. Partnerships with Arapahoe County Open Space, City of Littleton and City of Centennial helped make these projects possible.

TRAILGATING

Show up early, find your spot and make a fair catch of the day. Our network of trails is a perfect picnic for walking, running, biking or wheelchair rolling to better health. This system makes getting active easy, and aligns with the U.S. Surgeon General recommendation to add as little as 22 minutes of physical activity to your day to reduce the risk for chronic disease. So walk instead of drive and enjoy a change of scenery.

See the artwork along the Mary Carter Greenway. Enjoy the cottonwoods of the High Line Canal trail. With 90 miles of trails, you can connect to everything from parks to playgrounds.

Last year, trail improvements included enhancements along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail, such as the new Riverside Downs Park, South Platte Park river enhancements for more fishing and boating opportunities and Palos Verdes Park trail paving.





SEASONED TICKET HOLDERS

Exercise is your first-round pick for keeping balance and flexibility, as well as boosting bench strength. By 2017, one out of two people will be over 50 in the US, and South Suburban residents have all the fitness opportunities needed for an active Super Bowl lifestyle. We offer over 250 drop-in and 35 speciality fitness classes per week, providing variety as well as social interaction at Goodson, Sheridan, Lone Tree and Buck recreation centers. And functional motion exercise programs are an odds on favorite with helping adults get ready for sports-specific activities – to run longer, ski quicker, skate faster and cycle stronger.

New programs in 2015 included Body in Balance, Express Fitness, Boxing Fitness and Women's Self-Defense.





PUT ME IN COACH

You will always get to play at South Suburban. We are dedicated to making sure that those with special needs score a touchdown with accessible recreation. Our STAR program offers engaging social and fitness activities for people with cognitive challenges. Rock the house at inclusive parties. Laugh and be the receiver today and for lots of tomorrows. For those with physical disabilities, you can roll in at any of our zero-depth entry pools or keep up the pace with a round at Colorado Journey mini golf. Like sled hockey? You're welcome at South Suburban ice arenas. Is basketball or dancing or painting your thing? You're in.



UNITED IN
RECREATION!





TRAINING CAMPS

"Off season" is when we really count on kids to have fun. Summertime is primetime to switch things up and get nimble with horseback riding, archery and theater. Flex some mental muscle with LEGO camps. Take it to the limit with nature center programs. And for peak performance, maybe add a few more reps of skateboarding.

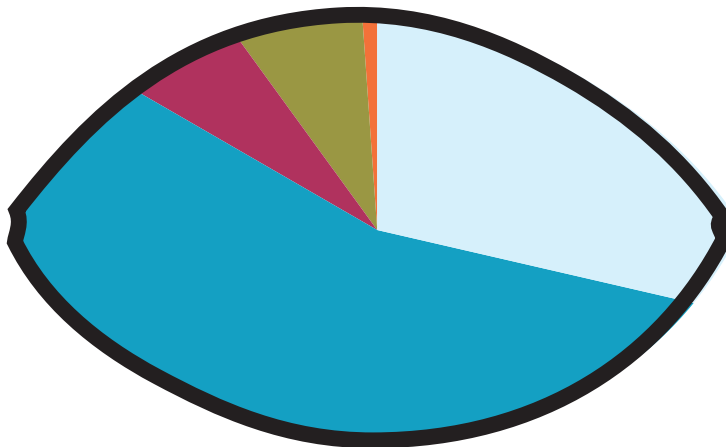
Children wanting to work on their ground game, do a little more on their footwork. Try a new routine, and sign them up for any of our recreational sports programs. Post season youth basketball and Boys Gymnastics are new, T-ball and Lacrosse are perennial favorites and, of course, there's flag football. In 2015, over 110,265 youth participated in South Suburban programs or visited facilities. All of these kids gained yards of confidence and focus.



THE PLAYBOOK

Budget strategy involves more than hoping to win the coin toss. You'll always receive value for your support of parks and recreation because we don't punt on priorities. South Suburban is in solid financial shape with property tax revenue and a voter approved mill levy positioning us to tackle a number of deferred maintenance projects. These additional funds are going toward parks, trails and facility improvements, as well as projects designed to save water and make facilities more energy efficient. The District's overall \$63 million budget comes from property taxes (41%), user fee programs revenue (46%) and grants, donations (6%) and miscellaneous revenue (7%).

South Suburban was also recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for the 14th consecutive year.



HOW ARE MY SOUTH SUBURBAN TAX DOLLARS SPENT?

■ Parks, trails, open space	\$60
■ Capital Outlay/Maintenance	\$114
■ Administration.....	\$15
■ Program Expenditures.....	\$19
■ Hudson Gardens	\$2

Based on a home valued at \$300k, paying \$210 annually.

TURN-OVER FREE



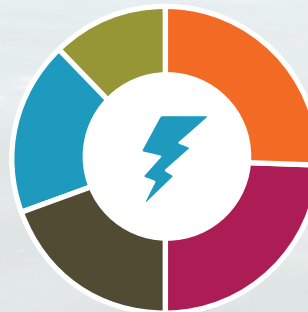
We guard your environment, play safety to your property values and ensure victory when it comes to protecting your field position. For over 50 years, we've been scouting and acquiring sustainability practices that give you green grass, as well as a good hot shower when you visit a recreation center.

We manage water usage and energy consumption with the strongest defense in the league. In 2015, we kicked off our relationship with People.Power.Planet energy conservation tracking systems and the community benefits as our positive stats grow. Already we have reduced our carbon footprint in facilities by 2,943 tons

Parks irrigation was 25.6% under targeted application in 2015 using nearly 60 million less gallons of water and saving \$393,585.

See below for how facilities are performing. The higher the percentage, the more energy that is being saved in that facility.

TOP FIVE ENERGY SAVERS



Administration Building.....	17%
Lone Tree Golf Course and Hotel	16%
Sheridan Recreation Center.....	13%
Goodson Recreation Center.....	12%
South Suburban Golf Course	8%



KICKOFF TO THE FUTURE

In the second half of 2015, Rob Hanna joined South Suburban as the head coach (aka Executive Director). Rob brings experience, passion and vision. In 2016, he will be coordinating a new Strategic, Master and Financial Planning Process that will lead the park and recreation district into future seasons. As always, we will be inviting and encouraging public input.

Highlights of improvements planned for 2016:

- Lone Tree Entertainment District Park
- High Line Canal Bridges
- South Suburban Ice Arena and Golf Course Improvements
- Goodson Pool Roof Replacement
- deKoevend Tot Lot Playground Upgrade
- Highlands 460 and Forest Park Natural Area Trail
- Lee Gulch Trail Bridge Replacement and Crusher Fine Trail
- Little's Creek Park and Playground Trail at Broadway
- Two New Shelters at Cornerstone Park
- South Platte Park River Enhancements
- Goodson Center Weight Room Upgrades
- Family Sports Center Repaint Interior and Flooring
- Multiple Deferred Maintenance Projects

