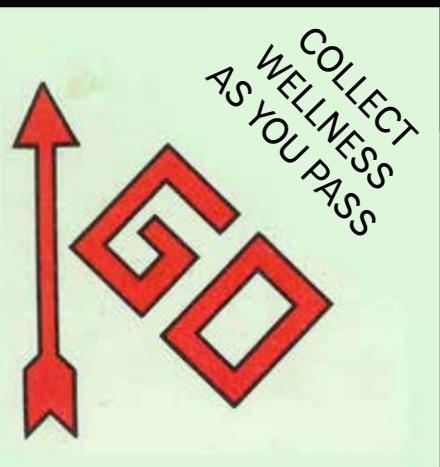




2013/14 Annual Report



COMMUNITY HEALTH



WE HAVE THE
MONOPOLY
ON FUN

PARKS



TRAILS

Get on board, and we'll help you quickly win the game of living well. South Suburban park places, trails, open space, recreation facilities and programs offer the best game plan for acquiring your most valuable real estate — good health. So pick your token, whether it's golf, tennis, biking, yoga, softball, art or walking the dog and go play. Go directly to play, and collect the wealth of fitness and fun.

And now it's time to use your chance card and keep learning about how we care for over 135,000 residents living in Littleton, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Lone Tree, Bow Mar, Centennial west of I-25 and portions of Jefferson, Douglas and Arapahoe counties. Please enjoy our annual report featuring highlights from 2013.

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OPEN SPACE

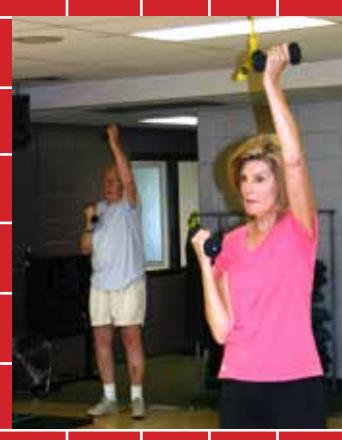


WIN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Use the tactics of regular exercise and reach your mission of increased flexibility, steady balance and strong bones. We offer indoor and outdoor fitness training classes, and every month you'll find free orientations for using weights and cardio equipment. From low-impact *Walk and Tone* to high energy *Boot Camp*, there's always something to float your fancy.

We'll also help you combat temporary setbacks. Survivors of breast cancer, arthritis, stroke, and people with disabilities benefit from our specialized programs developed to chart a new course toward feeling good, again.

In 2013, the monthly participation at each recreation center was:
Buck, 20,000, Goodson 40,000,
Lone Tree 30,000, Sheridan 10,000



The Clue: Pickle ball

The Answer: The fastest growing game in America and currently a main attraction at all our recreation centers. Pickleball is clever because it's like tennis, similar to ping pong and even a little like badminton and is played with a Wiffle ball and a racquet. And naturally, it was our older characters who solved the mystery of why Pickleball is so popular; it's low impact and easier on the joints. It's also suited for the usual suspects: people of all ages and abilities.

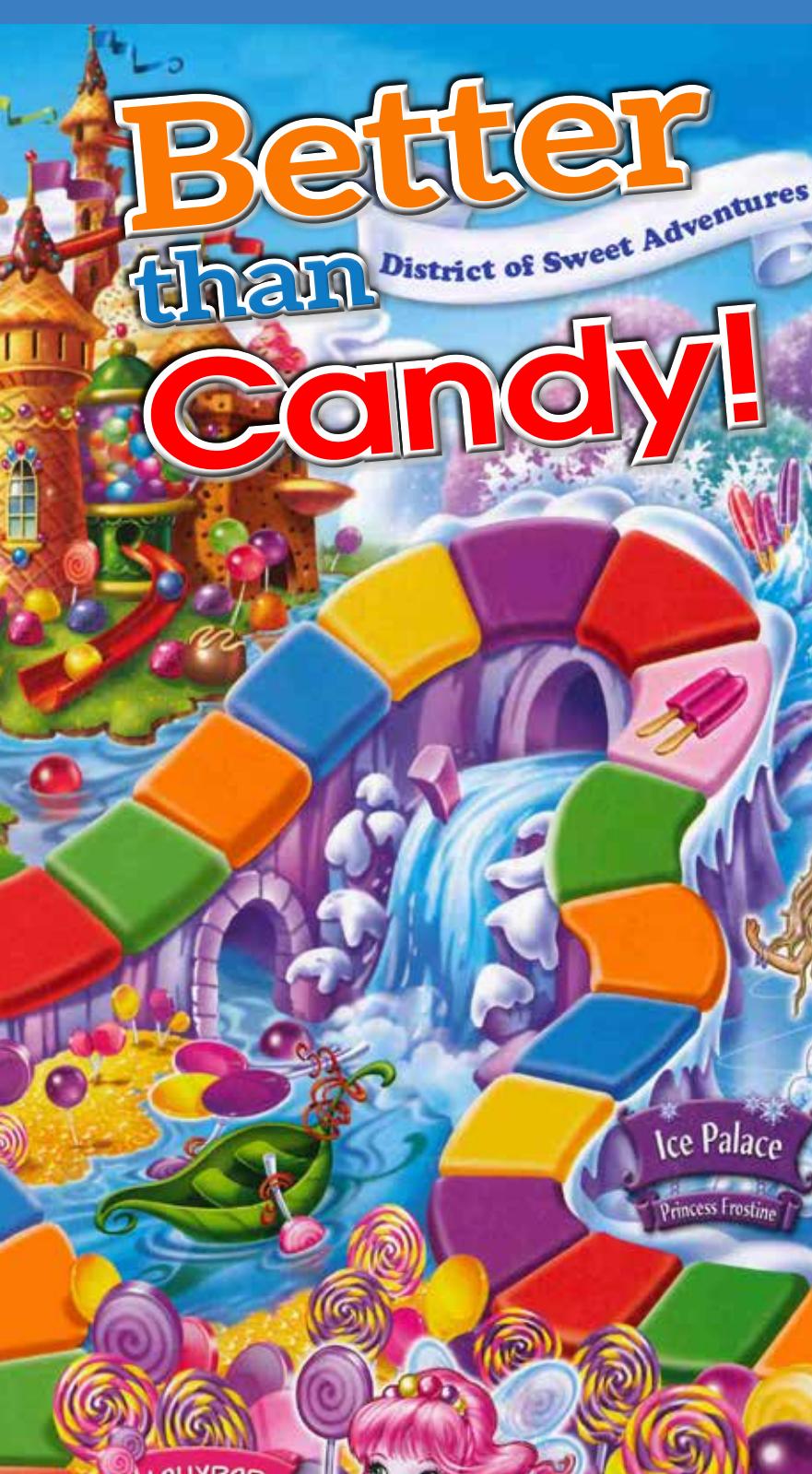
Wouldn't it be exciting to be accused of being in great shape? Come sleuth out Pickleball at Sheridan, Lone Tree, Buck and Goodson Recreation Centers.

Other popular active adult programs offered by South Suburban include: 5K-10K races, dance, fitness, golf leagues, weight training, racquetball and sports leagues (softball, basketball, volleyball).



Better than Candy!

District of Sweet Adventures



Our affordable programs help children discover whether it's dance, painting, basketball, baseball or skateboarding that makes them smile.

And when they land on the right combination, we'll always have what's needed: well-organized programs, positive role models and a price that's really sweet.

Check out these exciting youth programs:

- Astronomy
- BMX
- Zumba Kids
- Jewelry Making
- LEGO & Engineering
- Kangoo Jump
- Swimming
- Kitchen Kids
- Tiny Tennis
- Pee-wee Golf
- Tumble Bugs
- Lacrosse
- Mighty Mites Hockey
- Creepy Critters
- Movie Nights
- Theatre
- Archery
- Horseback Riding
- Camps





PiCtURe yourself laughing

Pencil in some creative time and feel your brain expand. Flexing your mind is just as important as exercising your muscles. Paint, draw, snap some photos or learn to knit. Take pottery, play the guitar or make a mosaic. South Suburban offers a variety of arts and enrichment classes for pint-sized Picassos to those who know their Renoir from their Van Gogh.

Art, fitness, nature, friendship: the clues to a rich, full life are right in front of you as a resident of South Suburban Park and Recreation District.

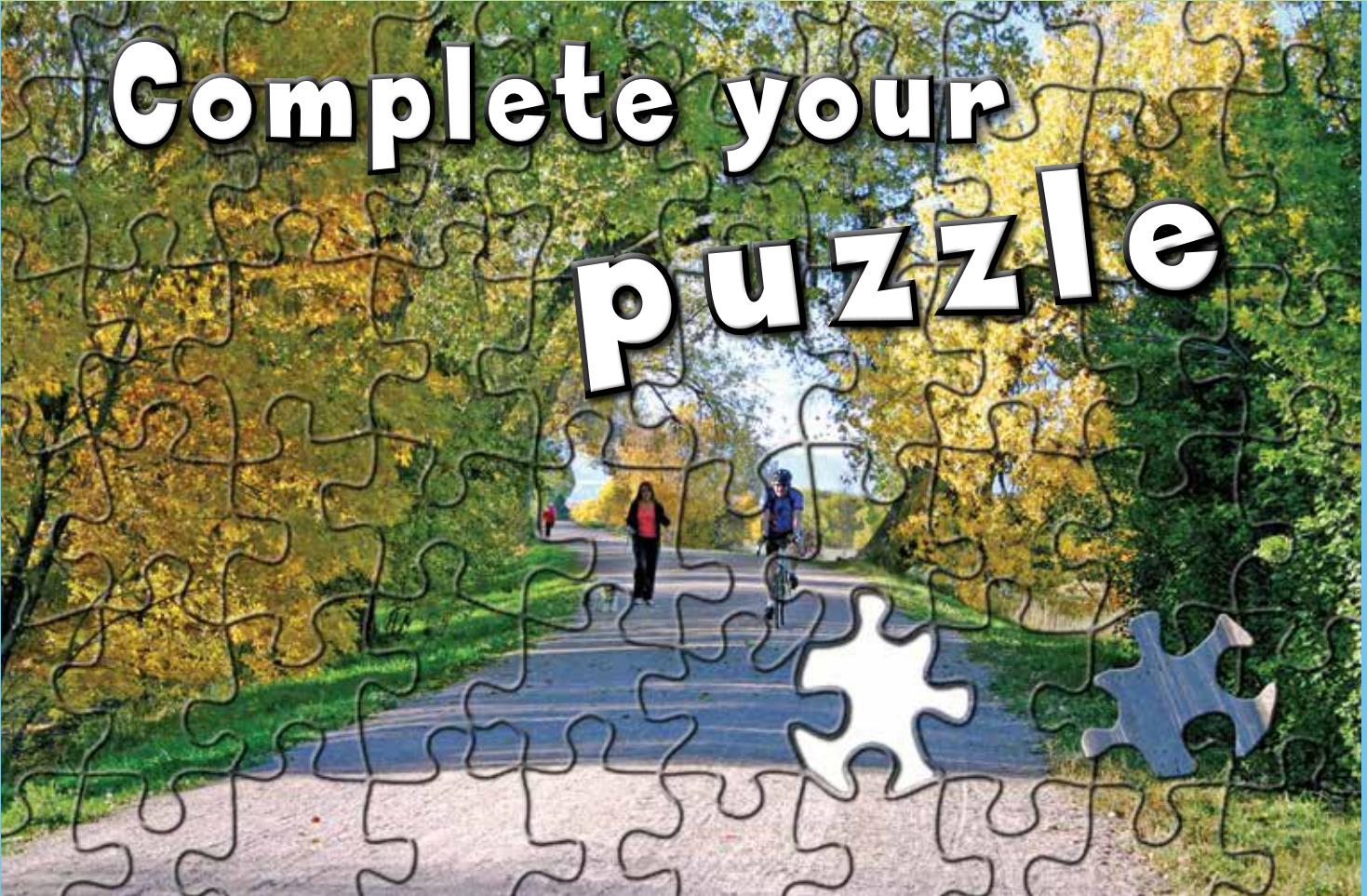


Climb to new Heights

Playgrounds offer simple challenges to grow a child's imagination as well as their physical strength. And just like children, playgrounds and parks come in all shapes and sizes. South Suburban's Cornerstone Park at Bellevue and Windermere features a variety of colorful choices, including mini-golf, a splash pad, skate park, multi-purpose athletic fields, and a horseshoe and shuffleboard area. In 2013, an additional playground and shade shelter were added to the ballfield complex on the north side of the park along with more ballfield improvements. What got this park to the top rung of success was using input from youth and adults to create a place for all generations to enjoy.

Take an adventure and explore all 100 parks and playgrounds.





Complete your puzzle

It's possible with over 3,800 acres of natural open space and 100 miles of trails right around the corner from where you live. South Suburban staff manages your open space and trails, as well as your parks and playgrounds. In fact, we've been doing it for over 50 years. Acquiring more open space, planning and building trails, planting and caring for trees, controlling noxious weeds, mowing and watering and most of all ... making this one less thing you need to worry about.

The future of the High Line Canal and adjacent trail and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail continue to be priorities. Multiple agencies, including South Suburban are working to enhance these community assets. Improvements were also made to Willow Creek Trail from Quebec St. through Willow Spring Open Space. Centennial Link Phase 2 Trail from Colorado Blvd. to Lois Lenski Elementary School was completed in partnership with the City of Centennial. In Littleton, Phase 1 of the Littleton Community Trail was completed.

It's a BIG OPERATION



Each \$55 is spent this way:



\$26

Capital
Outlay &
Maintenance

\$18

Parks,
Trails,
Open
Space

\$5

Subsidy &
Overhead for
fee-based
programs

\$5

Administration

\$1

Hudson
Gardens

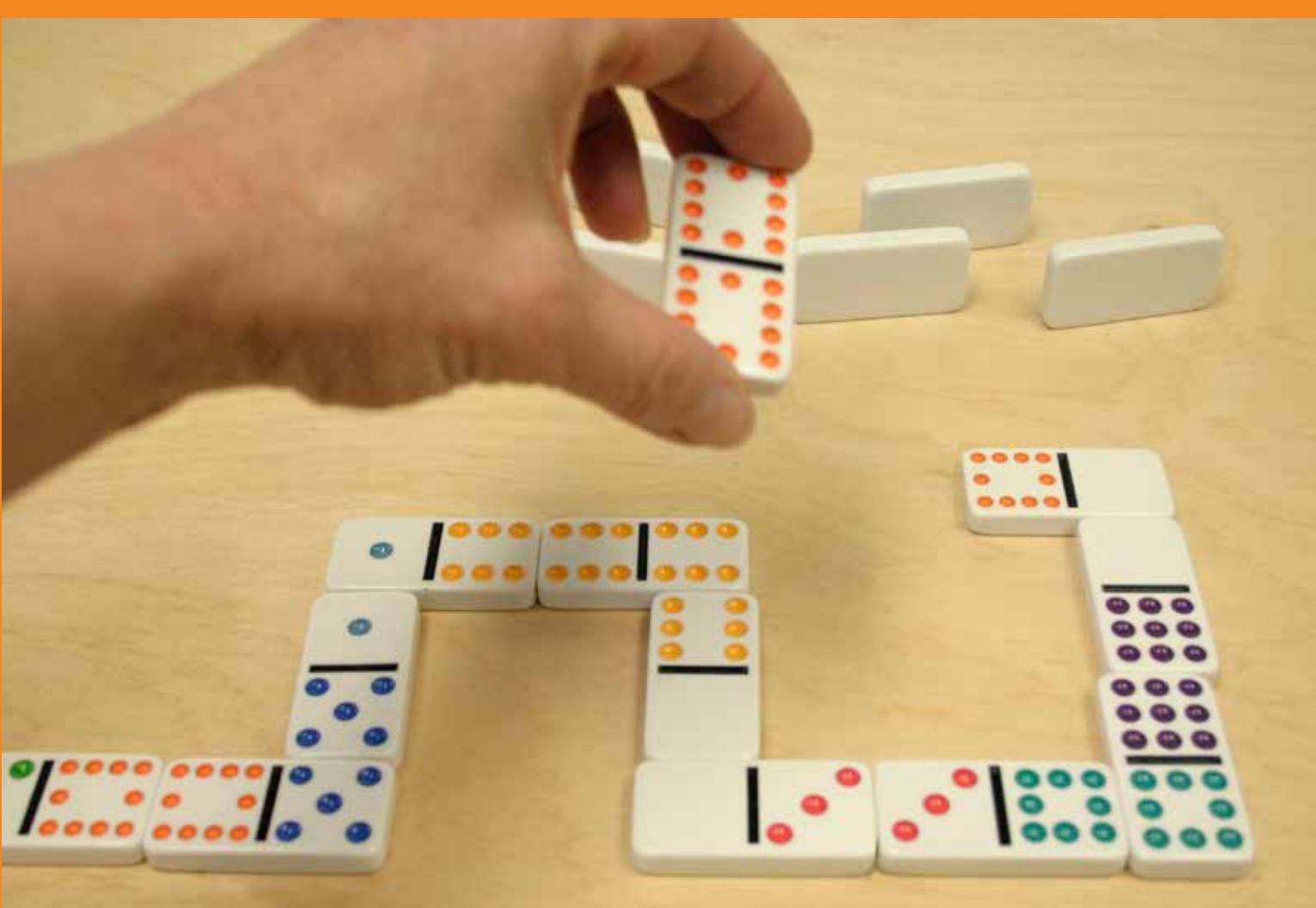
And it takes a steady hand to balance revenues to expenses. Dexterity is critical with older South Suburban facilities such as recreation centers needing new roofs and locker rooms, and parks that need water saving irrigation systems.

South Suburban works to find additional ways to reduce water consumption to meet conservation goals, and to try to cut the increasing costs for water. At the same time, skill is used to meet the community's expectations for green parks and well maintained athletic fields.

An energy audit also got the green light and may identify recommendations to remove and replace heating and cooling systems with more efficient options. These types of "surgeries" typically have high upfront costs but pay for themselves with energy savings.

Maintaining what we already provide is as vital as adding new opportunities to meet demands for recreation.

How are my property taxes spent? For each \$100,000 of home value, a homeowner pays \$55 annually to South Suburban.

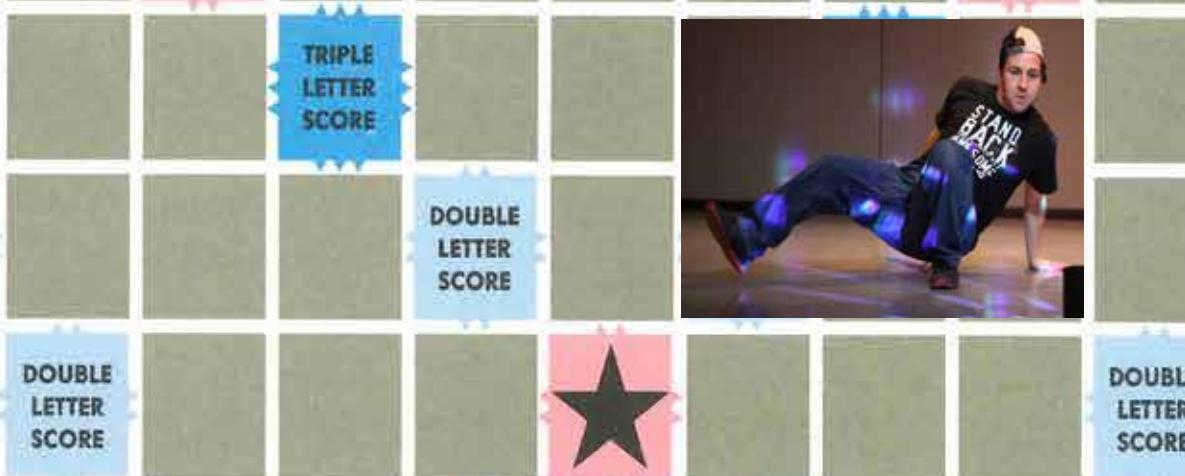


Our next move...

Most recently, the Board of Directors appointed a citizens committee to update the District's Gold Medal Long-Range Plan. The committee studied District operations, facility and program needs along with recreation trends, and presented its recommendations for the next three to five years to the Board.

Strategies for 2014, highlights of projects:

- Centennial Link Trail Phase 3
- Littleton Community Trail Phases 2 & 3
- Energy Performance Contracting
- Irrigation efficiency upgrades to Arapaho, Homestead and Writers Vista Parks
- Creekside Experience Development
- Lee Gulch Overlook Development
- Walnut Hills Tennis Court Renovations
- Willow Creek Park Playground, Bridge and Trail Renovations



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