

# hylandhills



PARKS  
RECREATION  
and *FUN!*

2022  
annual  
report



# Message from the Executive Director

The Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District is pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report. Throughout 2022, our team of dedicated professionals continued to deliver high quality programs and services to residents. Connecting people through recreational opportunities remained the primary focus, and we accomplished many great initiatives that will continue to enrich and expand our programs and facilities into the future.

A major accomplishment is the ground-breaking for the new Hyland Hills Sports Center at Carroll Butts Park. After extensive public input and design sessions, the District moved forward with its plan to renovate the old existing facility and expand the space to further provide new amenities for the community. Featured in this facility will be a new gymnastics center, gymnasiums, fitness area, multi-use rooms, indoor walking track and more. We look forward to adding this newly updated District asset to the Hyland Hills portfolio later this year.

We are also pleased with the continued development of Clear Creek Valley Park. This park received further improvements in 2022 with the addition of more pickleball and sand volleyball courts, where the demand was great for these popular amenities. We also added new programming opportunities there, such as concerts in the park, youth camps and crafty events for all ages. Additionally, Hyland Hills was also recently awarded a grant from our partners at Adams County Open Space allowing us to add more picnic shelters around the park.

Our team continues to work hard and will accomplish great things in 2023. We are excited about the unveiling of a new District logo and rebranding as well as the opening of our new restaurant, The Cottonwood Lodge at the Greg Mastriona Golf Courses at Hyland Hills. The District's Strategic Plan is currently being developed and will take most of the year to compile, but it will prove to be a valuable tool for the next several years. And, of course, the new Sports Center facility will be a great addition to the community.

We appreciate the leadership and support of our Board of Directors to further our mission of providing *"first-class parks, open spaces, facilities and recreation programs that enrich and promote a healthy lifestyle, create memorable experiences, and build relationships between the District and its community while valuing equity and inclusion."*

We strive to continue doing our best to keep current on ever-changing trends in recreation as we keep our promise to responsibly manage the District's resources. Our team truly cares about the future and sustainability of parks and recreation in our District and will continue to strive for not only providing excellence now, but to leave lasting legacies for our residents and visitors alike for many years to come. I look forward to great things for all of us in 2023.

Yvonne Fischbach  
Executive Director  
Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District



# WHO WE ARE

## Vision Statement

The vision of Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District is to provide an improved quality of life to residents and the surrounding community through its recreation programs, local parks and entertainment facilities.

## Mission Statement

Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District provides first-class parks, open spaces, facilities, and recreation programs that enrich and promote a healthy lifestyle, create memorable experiences, and build relationships between the District and its community while valuing equity and inclusion.

The Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District, established in 1955, has the honor of being one of the first park and recreation districts in the State of Colorado. Today, Hyland Hills serves nearly 130,000 residents in a 24 square mile area located in southwest Adams County and including: areas of Westminster and Arvada located in Adams County; parts of Northglenn, Thornton and unincorporated Adams County; and the City of Federal Heights.

## A team of dedicated and caring staff.



## HHPRD Leadership Team

Yvonne Fischbach, Executive Director  
Skyler Beck, Deputy Director of Administration  
Allen Brown, Deputy Director of Enterprises  
Bob Owens, Deputy Director of Enterprises

## Employee Stats

91 full-time employees  
1441 part-time employees



## Board of Directors

A five-member board of directors is responsible for establishing board policies and overseeing high-level decisions that affect the Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District. Board members are elected at large and serve four-year terms. Current Board of Directors include:

Jenn Flaum, President  
Warren Blair, Vice President  
Chris Dittman, Secretary  
Margaret Gutierrez, Treasurer  
Don Ciancio II, Past President

# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



FIT Attendance:  
**126,023**



Park Shelter Reservations:  
**305**

Pickleball Court Reservations:  
**579**

Baseball/Softball Tournament Reservations:  
**37**

Total Ticket Sales:  
**201,585**



Social Media:  
Impressions -  
**11,700,000**

Engagements -  
**706,581**



Swim Lessons:  
**938**

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PARKS & RECREATION 2022

STATS

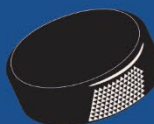
Gymnastics Program Participants: **2,676**



Rounds of Golf Played:  
**165,307**

Junior Golf Participants: **294**

Hockey  
Participants:



Skating  
Participants:

Adult - **4,832**  
Youth - **615**

Learn to Skate - **1,738**  
Public Skate - **31,838**



**Ice Centre**



# WATER WORLD

**HYLAND HILLS WATER WORLD** is one of the nation's largest family water parks boasting over 50 thrilling attractions on 70 beautiful acres. Opened in 1979, community-owned **WATER WORLD**, which has hosted more than **14 MILLION GUESTS**, has been named one of the best water parks in the world by the Travel Channel and TOP TEN in USA Today. The park features a variety of unique and themed innovative water attraction experiences, including **VOYAGE TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH** and **LOST RIVER OF THE PHARAOH'S**. We are proud to be Colorado's "Water Coaster Capital" featuring both **MILE HIGH FLYER** and **ROARING FORKS**.

**3 MILES**  
**Of Water Riding**  
**Services!**  
**Miles & Miles Of**  
**FUN!!**

**Employed Over**  
**1,000**  
**Seasonal Team Members!**

**Sold Over**  
**9.5 Miles**  
**Of Sliced Pizza**  
**In 2022!!**

**LARGEST**  
**Employer Of**  
**Youth In**  
**Adams County!**



# Water World

We were pleased to again host the **CPRA COLORADO STATE LIFEGUARD GAMES** on July 10th. This is a long tradition but one that was put on hold in both 2020 & 2021. We hosted over **250 LIFEGUARDS** from around the state who competed to show their pride, professionalism and skills at **THUNDER BAY WAVE POOL**.



# Recreation Program Highlights

Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District serves a diverse and vibrant community. This requires recreational programs and sports activities that are varied and interesting for the many different types of people, of all ages, and who live in the District. Therefore, the Hyland Hills staff puts together hundreds of year-round activity options for residents to choose from. A 32-page Activities Guide is printed two-times per year and mailed to resident's homes detailing program dates, times, location, etc. Here are a few samples of popular programs featured in 2022:

## **Youth and Adult Sports**

Athletics and sports remain a key element in programming for the Hyland Hills community. The District offers hundreds of programs throughout the year including baseball, softball, flag football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, sport camps, pickleball, volleyball and much more.



### **Fitness Programs**

The District helps residents achieve their health and fitness goals by offering a variety of great programs throughout the District and specifically at FIT by Hyland Hills. In 2022, we introduced a new outdoor workout arena there, which was highly anticipated and is now being heavily used!

A popular fitness regimen is circuit training and Women's Wine Down Wednesdays, offers a great circuit workout, conversation, and a nice glass of wine for the ladies at the end of a challenging 30-minute session.

Residents of all ages enjoy our many healthy living programs including Silver Sneakers programs, which are designed to help older people get into an active lifestyle with various activities that promote stability, yoga, fitness and more!



### **Learn to Swim Program**

The Be-A-Fish Learn to Swim Program is offered in conjunction with the Hyland Hills Foundation. We believe all kids should learn this life-saving skill. Free swim lessons for 439 youngsters were provided by the Hyland Hills Foundation in 2022. To date, more than 15,000 youngsters have taken advantage of the program.





## Clear Creek Valley Park Events

Free summer concerts were featured at Clear Creek Valley Park, where the high-tech amphitheater boomed out FREE funk, pop, country and old school music, dancing, lawn chairs, blankets and food trucks are the order of the day! The summer concert series leads up to PARKFEST, the biggest summer concert of all and a signature event for Hyland Hills. The event offers a larger festival atmosphere with music, food, beverages, fun, face painting, balloons, and community resource information booths. PARKFEST is the District's annual gift to the community and a big hit with Residents.





### **Adventure Golf & Raceway Programming**

Adventure Golf & Raceway adds a lot to the District's portfolio and continued to do so in 2022. The three highly imaginative miniature golf courses, go-kart track, bumper cars and ropes course remain popular attractions for guests from near and far. In addition to normal fun family-friendly offerings, the facility also hosted special events there in 2022. The Halloween Spooktacular drew 500+ guests, and the annual Holiday Lights event, with its spectacular lighting displays, brought in thousands of visitors to enjoy a different kind of great holiday fun.



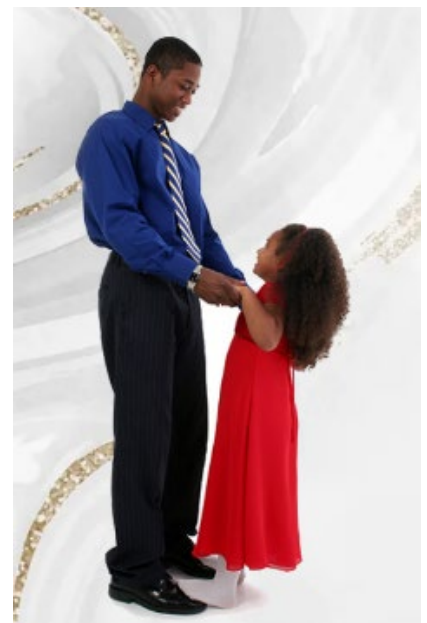
### **Junior Golf Program**

Our Greg Mastriona Golf Courses at Hyland Hills is home to the popular Junior Golf Program. 295 juniors ages 7-17 participated in the program in 2022. Participants learned from a golf professional during one of the eight 5-day program sessions.



### **Daddy-Daughter Dance**

Dads and daughters enjoyed the annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Carl Park Community Center. This heart-warming annual event allows dads the opportunity to spend a memorable and wonderful evening with their daughter enjoying music, finger foods, and going home with a professional photo.





### **Christmas Events**

A visit from the Original Dickens Carolers and a visit from Santa Claus was another fun holiday event. The Original Dickens Carolers put on a great performance and Santa came out about 30 minutes into the show while the Carolers sang a variety of Christmas songs.

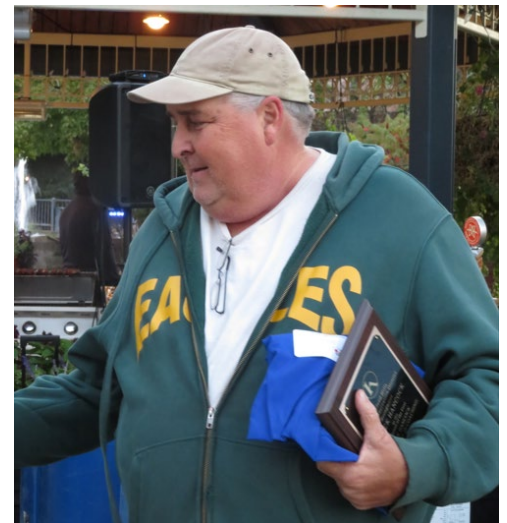


### **Ice Centre Programming**

The Ice Centre at the Promenade bustled with activity this year with excellent hockey league participation, figure skating and an impressive learn-to-skate program that is consistently growing with sell-out sessions. Over 1,700 kids participated in the Learn-to-Skate program. In addition, over 31,000 people enjoyed our public skate sessions in 2022.

### **Coaches Banquet**

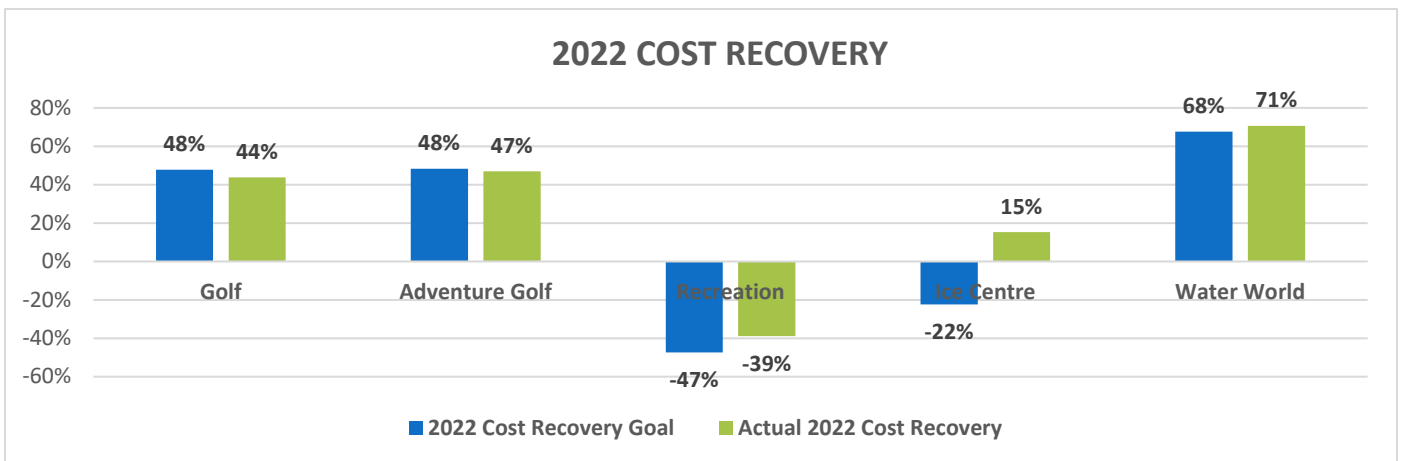
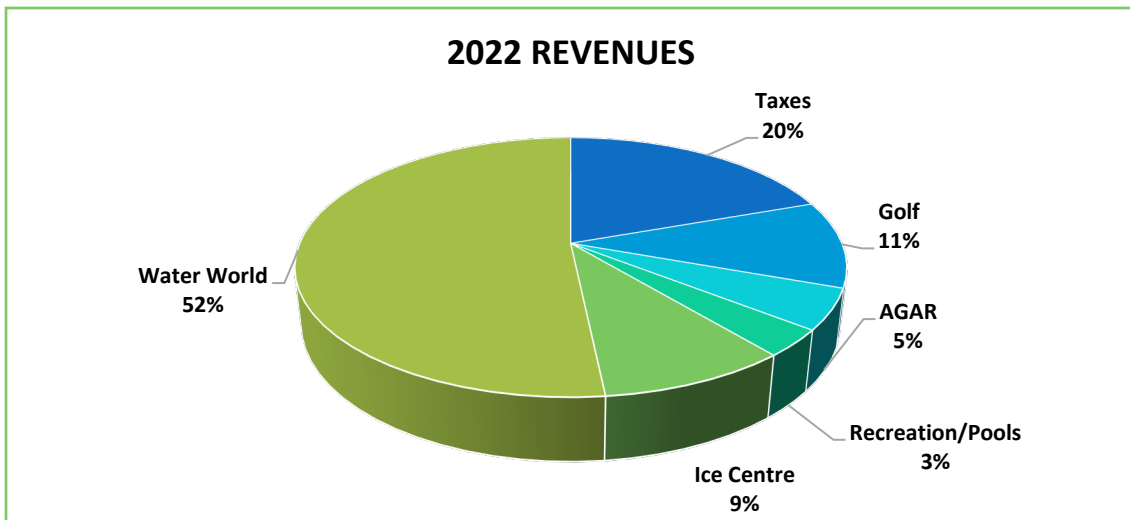
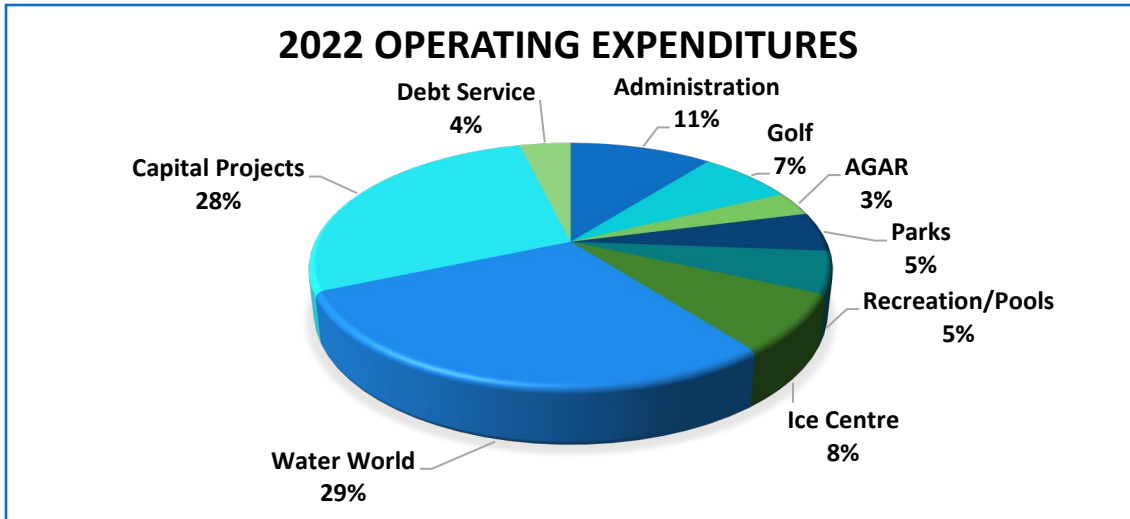
Finally, the District finds ways to annually say thank you to our amazing volunteer coaches and citizen advocates. Coach volunteers were honored in October with a special night of fun at Adventure Golf & Raceway.





# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Financial accountability has long been the standard for the District. The District's financial policies are aligned with the State's and Special District Association's procurement and investment standards. The District worked proactively in 2022 to contain costs while increasing program offerings, participation and facility use.





# Capital Projects Summary – Mill Levy

**Hyland Hills Sports Center.** The renovation project of the new Hyland Hills Sport Center started in June of 2022. The total cost of the project is \$13,084,886. The facility is planned to open later in 2023. The Hyland Hills Sports Center facility will include 49,500 square feet that includes a gymnastics center, gymnasium, walking track, tumbling room, fitness room, 3 multi-use rooms and exterior patio. 63% of the space will be programmable.

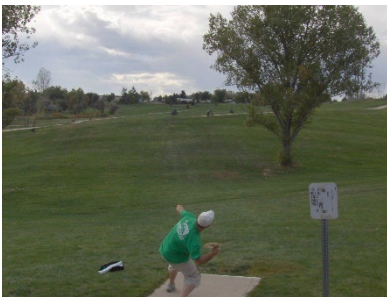


**Waddell Park Project.** This project was completed in 2022 under an Open Space Grant from Adams County of \$404,100. The total project was \$834,664 with Hyland Hills contributing \$430,564. Improvements included redoing the park and ballfield irrigation system, improving the internal ballfield drainage system and renovating the infield grading and warning track areas within the ballfields. The District also replaced the playground and converted some manicured turf areas to native grasses to reduce water consumption.

**Clear Creek Valley Improvements.** In 2022, park improvements were completed using an Open Space Grant of \$285,000 from Adams County. The total project cost was \$502,196 with Hyland Hills contributing \$217,196. Improvements included four new pickle ball courts which were fenced and lighted to match the four courts constructed in 2019. Also included were four additional sand volleyball courts built adjacent to two existing courts. The entire area was landscaped with park grass to complete the project.



**Sherrelwood Park Improvements.** This project is funded through the Open Space Grant from Adams County of \$450,000 and another \$100,000 from Del West Developers. The total project cost is estimated to be \$800,000 with Hyland Hills contributing \$250,000. Improvements include a hillside play space and rentable shelter. The goal is to have this project complete by Fall of 2023.



**Camenisch Park - Disc Golf Improvements.** The District worked in partnership with the local Disc Golf group to fund \$11,070 to make improvements to the tee boxes for the disc golf course located the Bad Lands Disc Golf Course. The course will also get new signage in 2023.

**Berkeley Pond Improvements.** The 2020 Master Plan called for improvements to the pond at Berkeley Hills Park. It was determined there were no water storage rights associated with the pond. According to State of Colorado regulations, storm water collected in the pond may not be impounded for more than 72-hours. A community meeting was held for input. Based on suggestions from the community and other factors, the pond is being redesigned to be an attractive feature for the neighborhood

and still release all storm water within the 72-hour window. Conceptual design is complete and includes water wise landscaping, rock retaining walls, new seating areas, a swing bench, new walkways and a new sidewalk along 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Sports Complex Improvements.** The planning and design process is funded through the Open Space Mini Grant from Adams County of \$25,000. The total planning and design process is estimated to be \$50,00 with Hyland Hills contributing \$25,000. Improvements include a design to improve grading and irrigation as well as overall condition of the playing fields. Other improvements include ADA enhancements, design of future shelters and playground area where the existing batting cages were previously located and to increase parking. The goal is to have a full plan and design to be able to request an Open Space Grant from Adams County during the Spring of 2023 grant cycle.



**FIT Interior Painting.** In 2023, FIT by Hyland Hills completed phase I of adding expansion joints and painting over half of the fitness facility. Staff plans to complete the rest of the facility in 2023 in a similar fashion.





# Parks Maintenance



**19** Parks

**375** acres  
of land

**23** Baseball &  
Softball Fields

**26** Playgrounds

**25** Shade Shelters

**12** Multi-Purpose  
Sports Fields

# 2023 Projects: The Year Ahead

## **Sports Center**

In 2019, the District began to design a new facility utilizing a portion of the old sports building that existed on the same site. The District aims to renovate and expand the facility to better serve the community. The new facility will offer amazing amenities such as a new gymnastics center, multi-purpose gyms, fitness area and multi-purpose meeting rooms. Construction began in June 2022 and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2023.



## **Board Election**

The Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. The next regular special district election will be held on May 2, 2023. The seats currently held by Board Members Flaum and Dittman will be up for election. Any eligible elector of the special district who desires to be a candidate for the office must file a self-nomination and acceptance letter with the designated election official. Self-nomination and acceptance letters must be filed no less than 67 days before the election date. Updates to the election process shall be shared on the District's website.

## **Strategic Plan**

Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District has launched a process to implement a Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan aims to provide a clear vision, goals, strategy and work plan for the future of the District. It is a comprehensive tool that establishes a road map with infrastructure and programming priorities to achieve over the next 10+ years. The District's programs and facilities will be analyzed in depth to determine whether the District is meeting the community's recreational needs. Aging infrastructure at parks and facilities will also be evaluated. A high level of innovative, engaging public involvement throughout the entire project is expected to inform recommendations. Updates to the Strategic Plan can be found through the District's website.

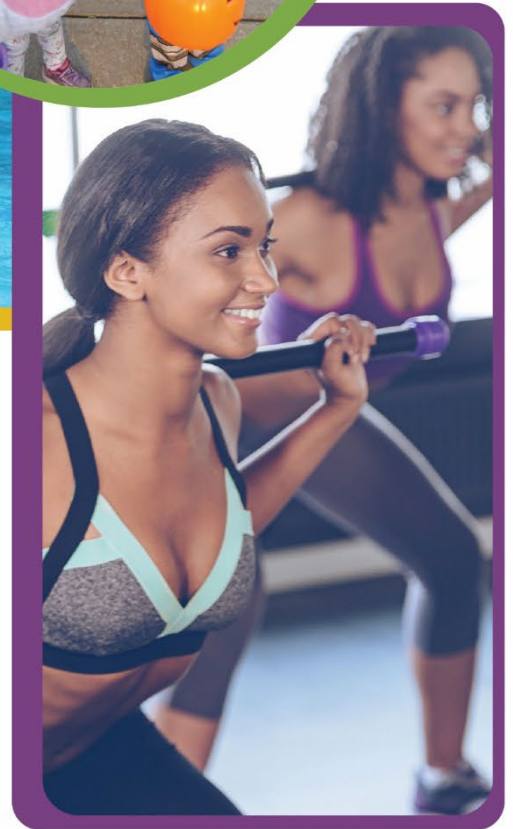
## **Rebranding**

After more than twenty years, Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District is planning to roll out a new logo and rebrand in 2023. A new logo concept has been approved by the Board of Directors and will begin to appear on all Hyland Hills facilities, vehicles, and written District communication pieces. This will be an ongoing process due to the large number of facilities in the Hyland Hills family, and the rollout will take an expected amount of time over the next year and beyond.





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