

## 2022 REVIEW



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Parks Foundation is more than the fundraising arm of our Parks Department—as a group, we take great pride in watching our parks grow, improve and be a wonderful asset for our community. I often joke in our Foundation meetings about taking credit for all the things that have been accomplished by the Parks Department and our Foundation during my tenure as President, but the reality is that the best (maybe the only) thing I do is get out of the way of the people doing the work. We are fortunate as a community to have such dedicated leadership, employees, and volunteers to support the many initiatives brought to the table each year.

Here are just a handful of projects that were completed during 2022:

- Major renovation of the wedding walk at Ogden Gardens
- Replacement of the walking bridge and upgraded parking areas at Rogers Lakewood
- Addition of 4 more miles at Creekside Trails
- Creation and installation of Butterfly Meadows Story Walk in partnership with Porter County Public Library System & the opening featuring Kristina Cherep, a local author
- Re-launched Bike Share program, with local sponsors, with 36 bikes and 11 stations
- Increased holiday lighting and installed a new 38-foot Christmas tree with 26,000 lights at Central Park Plaza, thanks to partners
- Improvement of the pickleball courts at Bicentennial and Kirchhoff Parks
- Addition of new piers and kayak launches at Rogers Lakewood Park
- New dugouts at Fairgrounds Park with partners

Creekside and Forest Park Golf Courses continued to flourish, allowing us to invest in cart paths, fencing, parking lots, and exterior and interior clubhouse improvements. Additionally, our City and Parks Department launched the Valpo for All Generations campaign to improve the Valpo Parks system to better serve the citizens of our community. This launch included:

- Formed private/public partnerships of \$1.2 million to build a Skatepark in 2023
- Purchased 248 acres to build Phase 1 of the Valpo Sports & Recreation Campus that will begin construction in 2023 and be completed in the fall of 2024
- Negotiated the acquisition of property and began fundraising for the new Adult Center for Enrichment to be constructed in 2024

All I can say is WOW! The plate is full, and the work continues.

For all the reasons above, I would be remiss if I did not mention that our Parks Department was recognized by the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association as the Outstanding Agency of the Year in 2022! So with that, I will step aside and let the work continue by the outstanding staff, volunteers and members of this Foundation. Thank you again for all your support in making our Parks System what it is today!

*Jim Cunningham*

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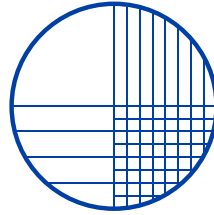
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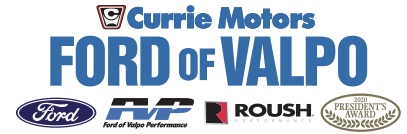
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# event recaps

## Party in the Park



Party in the Park was rocking on June 10th, 2022 with Trivia Night emceed by Andy Urschel and Karl Berner at Central Park Plaza under the Urschel Pavilion. The event included premium food, a cash bar featuring a signature drink from Journeyman Distillery, live music by Chris & Lou, and more, thanks to our event sponsors.

## Creekside Classic



This unique golf outing gives kids an opportunity to play in a real shotgun start, best ball outing! 2022 was an amazing year for the Creekside Classic with a record 43 hole sponsors. The July 21st event sold out with 27 foursomes and included golf, a youth skills competition, lunch, swag bags and more.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR 2023!



Friday, June 9, 2023

William E. Urschel Pavilion

Celebrate with Valpo Parks at this annual fundraiser



Thursday, July 20, 2023

Creekside Golf Course

Juniors & Adults golfing together for a good cause



Thursday, October 5, 2023

Location TBD

Honoring those who love and care for our community



Saturday, November 11, 2023

Ice Rink at Central Park Plaza

Be the first to experience the ice this season



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## Friends & Legends



"Celebrating Friends & Legends" reception is held each year to honor those who lend support and volunteer to aid in the mission of the Foundation. On October 6, 2022, the Art & Irene Malasto Legends Award was presented to Julia Hess to give recognition and appreciation of her leadership and support to Valpo Parks. Julia was the Valpo Parks Foundation Board of Directors President from 2003 to 2004, and Chair of Party in the Park for many years helping raise money on behalf of the Foundation.

The Legendary Friend Award honoree was Northwest Health. Many past CEOs and Leadership team members have provided exceptional leadership to the Valpo Parks Foundation over the years. In addition, Northwest Health has provided financial support to a variety of projects and programs all helping create opportunities for the community.

The Community Champion Award was presented to Dena and Matt Whaling to honor their leadership and stewardship in the community and dedication to the mission of the Valparaiso Skatepark project.

## First Skate



Valpo Parks Foundation skated into the ice season on November 12, 2022 with more than 400 savvy skaters first on the ice at Central Park Plaza. Each attendee received admission, skate rental, food, hot cocoa and cookies, all with a DJ playing music! This SOLD-OUT event was sponsored by Indiana Beverage and Northwest Health.

If you missed out this year and would like to get tickets for 2023, sign up for any future emails at [www.ValpoParksFoundation.org](http://www.ValpoParksFoundation.org).

# Your Support Helped Us...



## The Board Gets On Board

2022 brought new strategies for the Parks Foundation. At the 2022 Party in the Park on June 10th, Tim VerSchure announced that the Foundation Board would match the first \$50,000 in donations for the “Get on Board” fundraising campaign for the new Valparaiso Skatepark. The response was enthusiastic and matching donations were raised within 2 months. Additionally, Board members made personal pledges and donations totaling \$189,220 to the Valparaiso for All Generations Campaign. The first phase of the Skatepark is fully funded, but the Parks Department and Foundation are looking for an additional \$350,000 to fund Phase 2 ahead of a Spring 2023 Groundbreaking. If you’d like to “Get on Board” this exciting project and see plans for this well-designed park, visit our website at [bit.ly/NextGenerationSkatepark](http://bit.ly/NextGenerationSkatepark).



## Sports Complex Sets Phase 1 Plans

In October, Valpo Parks hosted an Open House for the new Valpo Sports and Recreation Campus just east of Hwy 49. The new complex will sit on 248 acres stretching from Vale Park Road on the south up to 500 North. Phase 1 of the Complex comes in at \$30 million and will feature 4 multi-sport AstroTurf fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and other ball sports, generous parking, pickleball courts, open green space, public restrooms, and an inclusive playground. AstroTurf fields have an expected utility of around 20 years and dramatically increase the availability of field use despite weather and foot traffic. Due to the uniform surface, AstroTurf also makes the fields inclusive for athletes who use wheelchairs and mobility devices. Future phases will include nature trails, additional fields, and an indoor facility. Donations are welcome as we work toward a Summer 2023 Groundbreaking ahead of a Fall 2024 Opening.

# 2022 FUNDRAISING

VALPARAISO SKATEPARK  
\$417,251



FOUNDATION PARTNERS  
\$79,000



LEGACY PARKS  
\$150,000

VALPO FOR ALL GENERATIONS  
\$33,260

ADULT CENTER FOR ENRICHMENT  
\$100,625







# WAYS to give



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## valpo for all generations

Valpo Parks is happy to continue to enhance parks across all generations!

We're calling this initiative **Valpo for All Generations**.

The idea is to serve residents and visitors of all ages – for this generation and those who come after us.

**legacy parks**

**adult center for enrichment**

**valpo skatepark**

**valpo sports & recreation campus**







The Valpo Parks are reflective of the community's vibrancy and are a visible **symbol** of the quality of life in Valparaiso. The Valpo Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, exists to **support** the Valpo Parks Department. The Foundation often serves as a catalyst to bring projects to fruition, capturing the spirit and character of residents working side-by-side to make our community even **stronger**.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Because of your generosity, our treasured park system and its programs will continue to be responsive to community needs. Each gift, no matter the size, will help ensure that our parks will be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities for generations to come.

*Thank you!*

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