

2023 REVIEW



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023 was truly remarkable for Valpo Parks and Valpo Parks Foundation! The completion of the first phase of Flounder & Friends Skatepark stands out as a shining example. Today, the park is a vibrant hub, buzzing with activity every day. The park has become a magnet for people of all ages and backgrounds. It's a place where skaters and riders learn from each other, build friendships, and most importantly, have fun! The energy spills over, drawing spectators from the pathways and softball fields who find themselves captivated by the action.

Five years ago, could anyone have imagined Valparaiso as a destination for mountain bikers and skaters? These high-quality investments in our parks wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of Valparaiso families and businesses. The Parks Department and Foundation are stewards of these projects but make no mistake—these wouldn't cross the finish line without YOU, our amazing community! Your support is truly humbling and a testament to what we can achieve together.

Looking ahead, exciting things are in store: reinventing the Banta Activity Center, expanding the Skatepark, adding to our pathways, and revitalizing our legacy parks. Your continued support is essential in turning these projects into reality. Consider a charitable donation to the Valpo Parks Foundation or volunteer your time—there's always a way to get involved!

Last year brought well-deserved recognition to John Seibert with his retirement after 30+ years of service as Parks Director. We're excited to welcome Kevin Nuppau, our new Parks Director, who has seamlessly blended honoring past traditions with fresh ideas and initiatives. We also extend our gratitude to Helene Pierce (former Administrative Assistant) and Valpo Parks Foundation Board members Matt Vessely and Erin Urschel for their years of dedication.

Spring is just around the corner! We challenge you to explore a new park, discover a new activity, or join an event. Visit valpoparks.org to discover the wealth of programs and resources available. We hope to see you at the park soon!

Tim VerSchure

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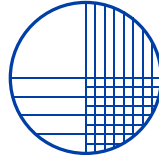
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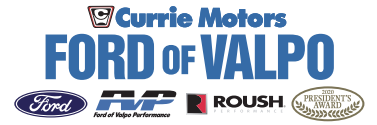
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event recaps

Party in the Park



Party in the Park featured a Skatepark theme as we continued our fundraising efforts toward the Flounder & Friends Skatepark in 2023. Guests enjoyed delicious food from Wireman's BBQ, a cash bar, and tried their hand at Skateboarding trivia.

Creekside Classic



This unique golf outing gives youth golfers the opportunity to play in a real shotgun start, best-ball outing. In 2023 the Creekside Classic boasted a record 44 hole sponsors and featured 26 foursomes comprised of 2 adults and 2 youth. In addition to golfing, participants enjoyed a youth skills competition, lunch, prizes, and more!

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2024!



Friday, June 7, 2024

William E. Urschel Pavilion

Celebrate with Valpo Parks at this annual fundraiser



Thursday, July 18, 2024

Creekside Golf Course

Juniors & Adults golfing together for a good cause



Thursday, October 3, 2024

Butterfield Pavilion

Honoring those who love and care for our community



Saturday, November 16, 2024

Ice Rink at Central Park Plaza

Be the first to experience the ice this season

event recaps

Friends & Legends



The 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 5th, 2023, attendees enjoyed dinner from Martinis as they watched the presentation of the following awards:

John Seibert received the Art & Irene Malasto Award to recognize his leadership and support to Valpo Parks. John was the Park Director for 34 years and continues to contribute to Valpo Parks in his retirement.

Matt Evans received the Community Champion Award to honor his leadership and stewardship in the community and his immense dedication to seeing the Flounder & Friends Skatepark come to fruition.

Tim Warner received the Legendary Friend Award for his continued dedication to the mission of Valpo Parks. As a past President of the Valpo Parks Board, he has contributed to a number of park projects and initiatives over his years of service. Tim's financial expertise has helped guide Board decision making, and through his work at Centier Bank, has been a great partner to the Parks.

First Skate



Valpo Parks Foundation skated into the ice season on November 11, 2023 with a sold out event! More than 300 skaters had the chance to be first on the ice the 23-24 season, and received admission, skate rental, pizza and dessert at First Skate.

Sign up to receive email updates about our 2024 events at www.ValpoParksFoundation.org!

Your Support Helped Us...



Flounder & Friends Takes Flight: A Dream Realized at Valpo Parks

Valpo Parks Foundation and the community erupted in cheers as 2023 saw the grand opening of Flounder & Friends Skatepark at Fairgrounds Park! This incredible \$2.6 million project wouldn't have been possible without the heroic generosity of hundreds of donors, who contributed over \$1.2 million to bring this dream to life.

Since its debut in November 2023, the park has become a vibrant hub of activity. People of all ages and abilities are shredding, scooting, and soaking up the fun. It's a testament to the power of community and a reminder that together, we can make amazing things happen!



Hit the Range All Year Round! Improvements to the Heated Tee Area Coming Soon

Exciting news for golfers! Thanks to a lead gift from Richard and Nancy Bender, Creekside Golf Course and Training Center is getting a brand new outdoor covered golf hitting center. This fantastic addition will allow golfers of all levels to practice and improve their skills year-round, no matter the weather.

The state-of-the-art facility will feature twelve hitting stalls spread across six bays, overhead heaters and fans, and exciting amenities to make your visit productive! This spacious design ensures ample practice space while staying warm and dry during colder months. The project is on track for completion by fall 2024, so get ready to tee it up all season long!

2023 FUNDRAISING

FOUNDATION PARTNERS
\$99,500



VALPARAISO SKATEPARK
\$597,265



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\$50,000





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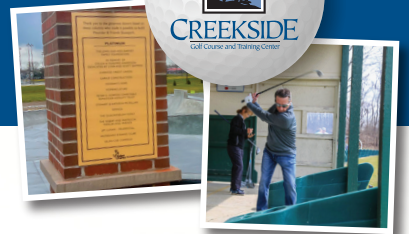
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Heated Tee Area

After 25 years, we are excited to develop the next generation experience at Creekside Golf Course and Training Center! The improved heated tee area will have 12 spacious hitting stations, a covered all-weather practice environment, and lounge seating to relax and optimize your practice sessions. Join us in shaping the future of our golf community!



For all sponsorship opportunities, contact Lisa Kusbel, Valpo Parks Foundation, at lkusbel@valpo.us.



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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