

2025 IAPD Best of the Best Award Winners

Top Journalist

Urbana Park District for *Chambana Moms*

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Small Business

Forest Preserve District of Kane County for Fister Quarries Group, Batavia, IL

Sycamore Park District for Weaver Construction, Inc.

Wilmette Park District for Go Green Wilmette

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Mid-Sized Business

Naperville Park District for Wintrust Naperville Bank & Trust

Waukegan Park District for American Place Casino

West Chicago Park District for Buck Services, Inc.

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Large Business

Lake County Forest Preserves for North Shore Gas/Peoples Gas

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Bolingbrook Park District with Valley View Community Unit School District 365U

Carol Stream Park District with the Village of Carol Stream

Park District of Forest Park with the Village of Forest Park

Palatine Park District with the Village of Palatine

Prospect Heights Park District with the City of Prospect Heights Natural Resources Commission

Partnership

Buffalo Grove Park District with the Northwest Special Recreation Association PURSUIT Program

Fox Valley Special Recreation Association with Aurora University

Lake County Forest Preserves with the Lake Plain Coalition

Waukegan Park District with the Waukegan Historical Society

Arts in the Park

Bloomington Park District

Northbrook Park District

Park District of Oak Park

Rockford Park District

Best Green Practices

Glencoe Park District

Glenview Park District

Northbrook Park District

Park District of Oak Park

Outstanding Citizen Volunteer of the Year

Arlington Heights Park District for Frank Lesniak

Hoffman Estates Park District for Dave Negrete

Oswegoland Park District for Roger Matile

Waukegan Park District for Harry E. Came

Winnetka Park District for Mike DeBartolo