

THERE'S MORE TO **LOVE** AT TINLEY PARK - PARK DISTRICT



June 2025

We have big news this month! Read up on the latest below!

From our Board of Commissioners:

Lisa O'Donovan, Bernie O' Boyle, Marie Ryan, Ashley Rubino,
and Lisa Butler

BIG NEWS!



\$18 MILLION
MORE STATE FUNDS
TO FINISH CLEANUP!



\$18 Million More State Funds

We have been granted **\$18 million more in state funding** to complete the full environmental cleanup of the former mental health center site. The funding will ensure all 280 acres are cleaned up with what our environmental laws require.

Several factors contributed to the need for increased funding, including that cost estimates were prepared during the 2013-2014 timeframe.

In addition, once the cleanup project began last year, our experts were finally able to access all areas of the site, including many areas that have not been accessed for years due to overgrown vegetation and unsafe building conditions. The team was able to better assess the work needed and found the cleanup to be more extensive than initial estimates, in order to complete the abatement and demolition work consistent with environmental laws.

Other factors included inflation and rising construction costs, the continued degradation of the abandoned buildings on site, as well as the need for extensive abatement and additional work to address storm water build up in basements, tunnels and throughout the site.

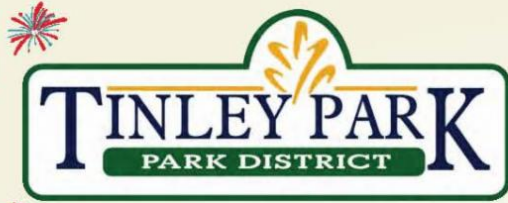
We are grateful to our partners at the state level, including our local legislators Sen. Michael Hastings and Rep. Robert “Bob” Rita, who have ensured this state funding so that we can continue to move diligently and thoroughly to get this eyesore cleaned up after more than a decade!

We have pledged to clean up the site – without asking our residents to foot the bill!



Demolition Continues

The buildings that once made up the Howe Center continue to be demolished, with other buildings on site slated to begin soon after. Abatement work inside buildings also continues. See photos and video of the recent demolition [here](#)!



Independence Day Celebration

LIVE MUSIC ★ FOOD TRUCKS
ENTERTAINMENT ★ GAMES ★ FIREWORKS

At McCarthy Park
starts at 4 pm



Happy Independence Day

A special note from us this month that our beloved fireworks show at McCarthy Park will return next week! Our Commissioners and Park District staff worked with Village officials to bring back the traditional fireworks show and celebratory events on July 4th at McCarthy Park, 16801 S. 80th Ave.

We are thrilled to restore this annual tradition for our community and hope you can join us to celebrate! Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe July 4th!



Stay In The Know

In addition to our newsletter, you can learn more about the cleanup through our community-driven Remediate 280 Committee that convenes monthly to discuss the state-funded cleanup in more detail. Find the schedule on our [website](#).

You can also find a helpful guide of frequently asked questions about the clean-up work on [our website](#).



Stay Informed

Learn more about the cleanup's progress on [our website](#) and through our social media channels: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Remediation Meeting Schedule

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