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The Lake in the Hills Parks & Recreation Department recently invested \$48,000 implementing several new preschool programs in the village. The department greenlit the expansion project after reviewing growing waitlists and increased inquiries made into the program, as well as conducting a community-wide survey regarding community wishes.

According to Recreation Supervisor Trudy Wakeman, the expansions have contributed to a \$15,470 increase in revenue from parks and recreation and a 30% increase in enrollment over the last year. Wakeman trains the staff and stays in tune with everything that goes on within all of the village preschools.

"Our survey results showed that more weekend classes were wanted. So we now offer Saturday programs to fill this need. Obviously, we're doing something right. We provide a quality program and people keep registering for it," said Wakeman.

The regular preschool program was expanded from one location at Indian Trail Beach House at 228 Indian Trail to two more, Labahn Hain House at 149 Hilltop Avenue and Village Hall at 600 Harvest Gate. Most of the construction took place in April.

Accredited preschool staff have developed new classes, targeting the intellectual growth of youngsters from three to six years old. These exciting new classes stimulate learning through the use of crafts, stories, songs and social interactions.

"We were able to expand multi-age classes at two different price points to meet needs economically," stated Wakeman.

"Whether parents are looking to introduce their child to preschool or enhance their child's preschool experience, there are programs that fit schedule and budget," Wakeman finished.

For more information on available programs, contact the Lake in the Hills Parks & Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.