

What is the difference between and parks and recreation department and a park district? And which is Mahomet?

Although a parks and recreation department and park district perform the same function and serve the same general service area, how each is funded is very different. Mahomet operates as Parks and Recreation Department within the organization of the Village of Mahomet Municipality. As such, we rely more heavily upon participant fees and donations from the community for our recreation department operations. Tax revenue collected in support of parks is received from only those that reside within the corporate limits of the Village of Mahomet. On the other hand, a Park District is a separate taxing body which receives tax dollars to support and fund programs. Often, Park Districts are better able to fund facilities and operations because of their ability to collect taxes and collect taxes from the broader service area, including those that live outside the Village of Mahomet corporate boundaries of which approximately 30% of our participants reside. A complete listing of taxing bodies can be found on your property tax bill.

How do you know if you're a Resident or Non-Resident of the Village of Mahomet?

Resident is defined as anyone living within the corporate boundaries' limits of the Village of Mahomet. Village of Mahomet residents, via property, utility, and other taxes, make financial contributions to the operation of the park and recreation department beyond normal user fees for programs. A "Fair-Share" policy has been adopted to apportion an equalizing user fee to our non-resident participants, so they contribute to the overall financing of the park and recreation system. Residents will have a "resident discount" fee on recreation program fees.

A Mahomet address or being in the Mahomet-Seymour School District does not automatically make you a Village of Mahomet resident. There are many unincorporated areas of Champaign County with Mahomet addresses. The quickest way to determine your residency status is to check your property tax bill or you can check the Champaign County website for tax inquiries at <https://champaignil.devnetwedge.com/>. Residents will have the "Mahomet Village" tax listed on their County tax bill.