
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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K 9 Trace & Pace Fundraiser Scheduled.

Waukegan, IL (August 6, 2010) ... The Waukegan Park District and Beach Park Animal Hospital are teaming up to raise funds for Rescue Pets and the Callahan-Franklin Dog Exercise Area. They will be holding a new event, the K9 Trace & Pace fundraiser on September 18, at Bevier Park from noon to 3pm. The event will include pet microchipping on location (pre-registration is required), various pet related vendors and information centers, raffles and goodie bags. The event entrance fee is \$18, which includes the cost of microchipping one pet. Volunteers are needed to help at the event. Vendors are being sought and for those interested in having a booth at the event, there is a \$50 vendor fee. All proceeds from entrance and vendor fees will support Rescue Pets and upgrades to the Callahan-Franklin Dog Exercise Area.

The K9 Trace and Pace event will raise funds for the Callahan-Franklin Park and Dog Exercise Area on Western Avenue, which is scheduled to receive a playground upgrade. Residents have expressed interest in including permanent outdoor dog agility equipment in the dog exercise area. Purchase of the dog agility equipment requires raising the necessary funds through sponsorship, donations and special events such as K9 Trace and Pace. Sponsorship opportunities for K9 Trace and Pace are also available with nominal increments ranging from the Chihuahua level of \$25 to the Great Dane level of \$150. Sponsorship benefits are broken down according to the contribution level. More significant sponsorship opportunities are available for specific

playground pieces as well. For information regarding vendor applications, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer duties, or registering for the K9 Trace & Pace, please call 847/360-4700 before August 20.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball courts, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-one authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.

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