

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Waukegan Park District Gets “Greener”!

Waukegan, IL (August 16, 2010) In an effort to become more eco-friendly, the Waukegan Park District has started a recycling program for used ink cartridges. We will be collecting any used ink cartridges in two locations: The Belvidere Recreation Center at 412 S. Lewis Ave and the Field House Sports and Fitness Center at 800 N. Baldwin Ave. Any county business, church, or school is invited to use this recycling program. We will accept toner cartridges, but no tanks or tubes. As for ink jets and laser toners, we will be recycling brand name cartridges only (i.e. HP, Epson, Canon, Dell, and Lexmark).

Watch for more recycling possibilities with the Waukegan Park District in the near future. Call the Belvidere Recreation at 847-360-4700 for more details. Proceeds from this recycling program will be used to help sponsor park district programs and events during the year.

Why recycle ink cartridges? According to current statistics, only 5% of empty printer cartridges are being recycled - this means that **95%** of these items are simply discarded and end up in landfill sites. Plastics used in printer cartridges can take over ten centuries to decompose, that is over 1,000 years. Let the Waukegan Park District help you go “Greener” too!

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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