

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Indoor Pool at Hinkston Park Groundbreaking

**Waukegan, IL (October 27, 2015)** – The Waukegan Park District held a groundbreaking ceremony for the indoor pool addition to the Field House Sports and Fitness Center at Hinkston Park on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. On hand to celebrate with the Waukegan Park District Commissioners and staff were residents, community leaders and dignitaries including State of Illinois Senator Terry Link who offered his congratulations to the district and Waukegan Mayor Wayne Motley who championed the project as a past park district commissioner. Kim Needham, Assistant CEO of Vista Health System, spoke on behalf of CEO Barbara Martin and Vista; she described how the project will provide rehabilitation services for Vista patients. The construction team was introduced: Ed and Paul Stuckey from Stuckey Construction, Doug Holzrichter and Andy Ouper from Williams Architects, the owner's representative Jim Johnson and Jerry Aulisio from the AT Group and Harlan Doland from McClure Engineering. Also introduced was the Waukegan Park District team: Mike Trigg, Superintendent of Parks, Jay Lerner, Superintendent of Recreation, Errick Beverly, Manager of Sports and Fitness, Quincy Bejster, Recreation Supervisor Field House Sports and Fitness Center and Sam Stevens, Fitness and Aquatics Supervisor. More than 100 people were not deterred by the threatening rain and attended the festivities complete with cake and hot cider.

### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 725 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are

managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 full-time 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 national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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Groundbreaking Ceremony: L To R-Mark Jones, Commissioner, Janet Kilkelly, Treasurer, Senator Terry Link, Patricia Foley, President, Bill Sarocka, Commissioner and Waukegan Fire Chief George Bridges, Vice President, and Greg Petry, Executive Director



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