

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Mike Trigg Wins Tenth District Leadership Award

**Waukegan, IL (August 12, 2016)** The Waukegan Park District is proud to announce that Superintendent of Parks Mike Trigg has been honored with a Tenth District Leadership Award in the Friend of the Environment category.

The leadership awards are about recognizing everyday heroes that make our community an amazing place to live, work and play. They promote the public good and civic service by recognizing leaders in our community. There were more than 200 nominees, and thousands of votes selecting the winners.

The Friend of the Environment Award is given to someone who has worked diligently to keep our air, water and habitat clean for future generations. This individual works to improve our environment and encourages others to join the cause. This is a perfect fit for Mike Trigg.

Mike led the WPD sustainability assessment using the IPRA Environmental Report Card. His "Green Team" develops, leads, and monitors WPD sustainable practices and partners with other agencies to further environmental stewardship. An annual recycling event with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County collects between 30,000-40,000 pounds of household recyclables.

Each year, he mentors a high school student for the Center for Conservation and Leadership, an environmental stewardship certificate program. Mike is a recognized leader in his profession having received local, regional and national awards; a number of his projects have been recognized regionally for their beneficial impact on Waukegan's environment. Waukegan Park District President George Bridges stated, "The Park Board of Commissioners and staff are very proud of this recognition; this honor acknowledges Mike's outstanding leadership, service and contributions to the Waukegan Park District and our community."



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

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 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, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 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 Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains 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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