

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Sing the “Hallelujah” Chorus at the Joseph A. Favero Memorial “Do It Yourself” *Messiah* and Carol Sing Along

Waukegan, IL (November 29, 2016) The Waukegan Park District Cultural Arts

Department has been presenting the Joseph A. Favero Memorial “Do It Yourself” *Messiah*

and Carol Sing-Along since December 2007. This year the annual event will take place on

December 17, 2016, 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Waukegan, 128 N. Martin

Luther King, Jr. Avenue, in downtown Waukegan. Tickets may be purchased five ways:

- In person at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL
- Online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2579626
- By calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006
- On the Waukegan Park District website www.waukeganparks.org under program registration
- At the event

Adult tickets are \$15 each with tickets for students 18 years and younger being free. There

is a service fee with Brown Paper Tickets. Scores are \$10 each and will be available for

purchase the evening of the event or in advance at the Jack Benny Center. Anyone that is

interested in becoming a member of the Waukegan Concert Chorus, please call 847-360-

4744 or email cfreeman@waukeganparks.org.

Joseph A. Favero served the community as a Waukegan Park District commissioner beginning in 1977 and was the sitting president at the time of his death in April of 2006. Mr. Favero, a music teacher with the Waukegan Public Schools, sang with the Waukegan Concert Chorus and played trombone with the Waukegan Municipal

Band. Mr. Favero once said, "I've always felt that people who have done good things should be remembered" when he was speaking of others. The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners and staff named this event in his honor as a way of remembering his love of music and years of service to our community.

The Messiah was composed in 1741 by George Frederic Handel, and was intended to be an Easter oratorio for orchestra, chorus and soloists. The music, however, has become more associated with the Christmas holiday season. The orchestra, chorus, four soloists and the conductor fill the stage while the audience fills the house. Audience members may be seated according to voice range and everyone has the opportunity to sing along with the chorus. The front half of the church accommodates those wanting to sing along with the choruses.

The Cultural Arts Department of the Waukegan Park District continues to look for sponsors for this event. If your group or business is interested in sponsoring a portion of this event please call Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 847-360-4744. The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus are proudly sponsored by the Waukegan Park District and its Cultural Arts Department; a grant is provided by the Illinois Arts Council, a State of Illinois agency.

Additional information and photographs of past concerts may be obtained from:

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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 230 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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