

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Recognizes Employees

Waukegan, IL (January 18, 2017) – Top honors were awarded to two Waukegan Park District employees at the recent employee recognition luncheon.

Sam Stevens, Recreation Supervisor for Fitness and Aquatics Programs and Services received the 2016 Commissioners Award for his leadership in planning, opening and operating the new indoor pool at the Field House Sports and Fitness Center. Board President, George Bridges congratulated Stevens noting his attention to detail, commitment to excellence and willingness and ability to get the job done under tight timelines. Stevens has worked for the District since 2007.



Pictured Left to Right are: Commissioners Janet Kilkelly, Patricia Foley, President George Bridges, 2016 Commissioners Award winner Sam Stevens, and Commissioners Marc Jones and Bill Sarocka.

The 2016 Employee of the Year is Sally Sandine, Executive Assistant to Executive Director, Greg Petry. Her primary responsibilities are providing administrative support for the Board of Commissioners, Executive Director and park district attorney. Greg Petry credited

Ms. Sandine's organizational skills as the driving force in the District's 2016 Distinguished Agency State Accreditation and spoke of her outstanding proofreading skills. Bridges noted her internal and external customer service as exemplary and recognized her remarkable commitment to excellence. Ms. Sandine has worked for the Waukegan Park District since 2006.



Pictured Left to Right are: President George Bridges, Sally Sandine, 2016 Employee of the Year, Claudia Freeman, Superintendent of Cultural Arts, Jay Lerner, Superintendent of Recreation, Mike Trigg, Superintendent of Parks, Jim Glogovsky, Superintendent of Finance and Greg Petry, Executive Director.

In addition, eight employees were recognized for their years of service at the Waukegan

Park District:

Ervin Jacobs	30 Years
Evaristo Duran	15 Years
Julie Schneider	15 Years
Joseph Georges	10 Years
Sally Sandine	10 Years
Ty Rohrer	10 Years
Maria Owens	10 Years
Elizabeth Fallon	10 Years

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), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and 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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