

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Make Your Way to Belvidere Park for a Hoppin' Good Time at WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT'S EGGSTRAVAGANZA TRAIL

**Saturday, April 15, 2017
1-3pm
(Trail line up begins at 1:30pm)**

Waukegan, IL (April 4, 2017) The Waukegan Park District will host its annual Eggstravaganza Trail in Belvidere Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 1-3pm. The Trail portion of the event is from 2-3pm and encourages families to get outdoors together and walk while meeting and greeting Easter characters along the way. Children ages 2-13, will receive goodies at each character station. Line up for the trail begins at 1:30pm. The event includes community vendors, a petting zoo, bounce house and entertainment throughout the trail such as stilt walkers, balloon artists and a unicycle rider. New this year are fun facts about the history of the Waukegan Park District and a scavenger hunt for gold colored eggs-challenge yourself to find all 50!

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Bring your camera and take a few moments to snap a photo with the Easter Bunny. The photo station will be monitored and organized by Waukegan Park District staff to ensure all families who want to take a photo are able to do so.

Arrive Early - Don't be late! This will be a very popular community event that begins at 1pm. Line up for the trail begins at 1:30pm. The trail opens promptly at 2:00pm and closes at 3:00pm. Bunny characters will be available to meet participants and pose for

photos until 3:30pm. Bring a basket for eggs and your camera for photos! Admission and parking are free and there is no need to register. Special thanks to our Eggstravaganza Trail sponsors, Advanced Disposal and Jelly Belly, for making Eggstravaganza Trail a hoppin' good time.

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, Fitness and Aquatics 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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