
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces Winners of 2021 Fishing Derby

Waukegan, Illinois (June 5, 2021) – Over 200 individuals participated in the Waukegan Park District’s 2021 Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 5 from 8am to 10am at Bevier Park, located at 2255 Yorkhouse Road. Participants had the chance to win prizes in a friendly competition for the largest and smallest fish caught overall and the largest fish caught in their age group.

Competitions were held for the following age groups: 4 years or younger, 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, 13 to 16 years, and 17 years or older. The winners and the size of their fish are below:

4 years and younger

1. Lucka Paracon, 16.75"
2. Lucka Paracon, 9"
2. Benjamin Solano, 9"

5 to 8 years

1. E’lijah Bryant, 19"
1. Taylor Ravajo, 19"
2. Marcellous Tatum, 18"

9 to 12 years

1. Jake Frias, 22"
2. Isaiah Williams, 19"
3. Willie Colvin III, 18.5"

13 to 16 years

1. Romel Martin, 19"
2. Osvaldo Olivares, 18"
2. Janet Velasquez, 18"

17 years and older

1. Joshua LaBarbera, 23.5"
2. Willie Colvin, 19.5"
3. John Bass, 18"

Largest Fish: Joshua LaBarbera, 23.5"

Smallest Fish: Andrew Maeder, 4"

The 2021 Fishing Derby was the first in-person special event held by the Waukegan Park District since the pandemic began.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 740 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’s Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, 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 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 employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace. Accreditation is maintained 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). The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years. The District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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