

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Public Meeting about Field House Sports and Fitness Center Pool

April 9, 2015

6:30pm

**Field House Sports and Fitness Center
800 N. Baldwin Avenue, Waukegan**

Waukegan, IL (March 25, 2015) – The Waukegan Park District invites the public to attend an update on the indoor pool planned for the Field House Sports and Fitness Center. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Field House Sports and Fitness Center. Planned is a review of schematic drawings. This meeting follows up on the public input meeting on February of 2014. More than 100 people attended the February meeting providing the District with their ideas and preferences regarding future aquatics programs at the District. That input was used in the development of the PARC Grant Application. Since then, the District incorporated the ideas generated from the public into the design. The conceptual design that will be presented on Thursday incorporates not only the public input, but the recommendations of staff, architects, engineers, contractors and operators of pools across the region. For more information, please call 847-782-3300.

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, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. 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, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 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 District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains 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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