

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Child Safety Day at the Waukegan Park District

Waukegan, IL (October 5, 2015) A family that prepares together stays safe together.

The annual Child Safety Day takes place at the Belvidere Recreation Center from 1-3pm on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Ever wonder what a police trained K9 looks for when confronting suspects, or even what the inside of a fire truck looks? Is your family prepared for an emergency situation? Learn what to do if your child is missing. Get all these tips and more at the Waukegan Park District Child Safety Day. Meet with local firefighters and police personnel, get an ID made for your child, plan your evacuation if an emergency should arise, and take our Home Safety Challenge. The event is free; however, there is a \$5 charge for a child's identification card. For more information, call 847-360-4700 or visit the Waukegan Park District website at www.waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 725 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, 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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