

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Wins Award for Budget Presentation

Waukegan, IL (November 4, 2015) – The Waukegan Park District announces that it has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2015 budget. To receive the award, the District had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well the District’s budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, communication device and operations guide. Budget documents must meet criteria in all four categories. This award reflects the commitment of the commissioners and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement. Waukegan Park District President Patricia Foley stated, “Jim Glogovsky, Superintendent of Finance and Administration does an outstanding job developing the Waukegan Park District Budget and making it an understandable working document for commissioners, staff and the public. This award recognizes Jim’s leadership and dedication to excellence”.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada is an international professional organization of more than 18,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and finance practitioners. The GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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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