

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Groundbreaking Ceremony Scheduled for Waukegan Park District Indoor Pool at Hinkston Park

Waukegan, IL (October 20, 2015) – The Waukegan Park District announces that a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the indoor pool at Hinkston Park will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 3:30pm on the north side of the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, 800 N Baldwin Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

The Board of Commissioners, at their October 20th Board Meeting, approved the first set of bids including the initial earth work, parking lot construction, and purchase of precast concrete. Actual construction will begin late October to early November. A slowdown and stop is planned for a couple of months during the winter. It will pick up sometime around February when the precast concrete panels are ready for installation with the cranes. Momentum will continue next spring through the summer. The projected opening is mid-September to early October. 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 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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