

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Roll on over to “Touch A Truck”

Waukegan, IL (July 29, 2015) The Waukegan Park District’s first “Touch a Truck” event is scheduled for Friday, August 7, from 5 to 7pm at Belvidere Park, 412 S. Lewis Ave, in Waukegan.

Children will love the hands on experience of climbing into different vehicles. "Touch a Truck" enables children and adults to get up close and explore public service, fire, police, and construction trucks -- all in one place. Children will be allowed to touch, climb on and ask questions about their favorite trucks. Accompanying personnel will talk with attendees about their equipment and how these machines help us and our community.

Trucks already confirmed to be present at the event:

- Fire Truck, Bomb Truck with Rover, and Safe House-Waukegan Fire Department
- Police Sub-Station, Squad Car, and Police Bicycle-Waukegan Police Department
- Recycling Truck-Advanced Disposal
- Snow Plow-Waukegan Public Works
- Tow Truck-Whitmore’s Towing
- Mini Excavator-Burris Equipment
- Mini Steam Roller-Premium Paving
- Backhoe-Waukegan Park District
- Dump Truck-Waukegan Park District
- Polar Bear Ice Cream Truck
- Ana’s Eats and Treats Food Truck

In addition, several other activities will be provided:

- Meet and greet transformer characters Optimus Prime and Bumblebee
- Monster Truck Bounce House
- Mini remote controlled monster trucks
- Experience the Fire Department’s Safe House
- Little Truckers Truck Stop for preschoolers (Truck Pushing Course)

The event is free. Food will be available for purchase from onsite vendors that include Ana's Eats and Treats and the Polar Bear Ice Cream Truck. A special thank you to Great Lakes Credit Union and Waukegan Tire for helping sponsor the "Touch a Truck" event.

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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