
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Valentine Activities at the Waukegan Park District

Waukegan, IL (February 5, 2016)...The Waukegan Park District has Valentine activities for everyone.

The **Annual Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County Valentine Dance** takes place on February 12 at the Belvidere Recreation Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration for this event is through a Special Recreation Association. The event draws individuals with special needs and disabilities from Waukegan, Lindenhurst, Round Lake, and Zion. Other Chicagoland Special Recreation Associations are also invited to attend.

The **Bonnie Brook Valentine Dinner Buffet** will be served on Saturday, February 13 from 5-8pm with live entertainment by Sipos and Young. Featured are all you can eat carved prime rib and filet tenderloin. Other favorites included BBQ ribs, peel and eat shrimp, baked Atlantic salmon and more as well as appetizers, soup and salad bar and dessert table. The cost per person is: \$22.95 for adults, \$9 for ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Reservations are needed; please call 847-360-4730, option 3.

Dance the night away at the annual **Mother Son Sweetheart Dance** on Friday, February 19 and/or the annual **Father/Daughter Date Night** on Saturday February 20. Both events are for parents and children 13 and under. They each take place at the Belvidere Recreation Center, 412 South Lewis Avenue, from 7-9:30pm. The cost per person is \$15 for residents and \$18 for non-residents and includes dinner, live DJ and complimentary photograph. Pre-Registration is required and payment is due at time of registration. For more information or to register, please call (847)360-4700 or visit our website at www.waukeganparks.org

Attached are photos from the 2015 Father/Daughter Date night and Mother/Son Sweetheart Dance. Below are links to You Tube videos of last year's events.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEcZpeZHUTU> 2015 Mother Son Sweetheart Dance Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LG0t667ci8> 2015 Father Daughter Date Night Video

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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