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# WAUKEGAN **P**ARK DISTRICT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **PARK COMMISSIONER NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE**

WAUKEGAN, IL. October 7, 2014 - There will be two park commissioner positions on the ballot for the April 7, 2015 election. The six-year positions currently held by Commissioners Terry Duffy and Pat Foley are up for election. Both incumbents are seeking re-election.

Park Commissioners serve a term of six years without compensation. Filing for candidacy requires collecting 134 signatures of registered voters in the park district on the petitions for nomination, completing and filing a statement of economic interest and filing a statement of candidacy.

The Commissioners meet at 4:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month for the Board of Commissioners meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Committee of the Whole meeting at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office.

Candidates seeking election as Waukegan Park District Park Commissioners may pick up nomination papers at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office, 2000 Belvidere, Waukegan, Illinois beginning at 9am on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 and may begin circulating the petitions that same day. The candidates may file their packets at the Corrine J. Rose Administrative Office of the park district between 9 am December 15, 2014 and 5pm on December 22, 2014.

## **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 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, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. 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.