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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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**Hop on Down the Bunny Trail at the Waukegan Park District's NEW Eggstravaganza Trail  
Arrive Early – Don't Be Late!**

**Waukegan, IL (April 3, 2014)** The Waukegan Park District will host its **new and improved Eggstravaganza Trail** in Belvidere Park on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Instead of the traditional egg hunt, families will leisurely follow a trail and be greeted by mama, papa, sister, and brother bunny along the way. The Easter Bunny will greet children at the end of the trail. At each bunny location, children ages 2-8 will receive eggs filled with trinkets and treats. Angela Minichiello, Event Coordinator, states "The traditional egg hunt done in the past was more of a stampede of children that lasted a few seconds. The new trail should be an enjoyable walk in the park, more family-friendly, safer and all of the children will receive eggs as long as supplies last."

**Arrive Early - Don't be late!** This will be a very popular community event. The trail will open promptly at 2:00 p.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Line up for the trail will begin at 1:30 p.m. No registration is necessary for this event. Bring a basket for eggs and your camera for family photos before and after walking the trail. Note there is no photo station with the Easter Bunny this year in order to keep trail traffic flowing smoothly. Admission and parking are free.



## **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 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 57 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 Districts' (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.