

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Receives the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Waukegan, IL (September 24, 2014)... The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the Waukegan Park District has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

This award represents a significant achievement by the District and reflects the commitment of the Board of Commissioners and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive this prestigious award, the District had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the District's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. To receive the award, budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and meet the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories. This is the fourth consecutive year the award has been received by the Waukegan Park District.

The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America. The Association serves over 18,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.



Jim Glogovsky, Superintendent of Finance for the Waukegan Park District. He is the individual recognized as being primarily responsible for having achieved the Government Finance Officers Association award.

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.

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