

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Summer 2014 Outdoor Special Use Permits and Pavilion Rentals Beginning March 3, 2014

Waukegan, IL (February 27, 2014) ...The Waukegan Park District has sites that are ideal for all your outdoor get-togethers. Park Use Permits help the District accommodate groups and ensure guests have a pleasant, safe, and enjoyable park experience. Beginning on Monday, March 3rd, Park Use Permit and Pavilion Rental Applications will be available for the upcoming season. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.

Applications can be downloaded from the website (www.waukeganparks.org) and must be completed for Pavilion Rentals and Green Space Permits. Applications need to be made in person at the Belvidere Recreation Center, 412 South Lewis Avenue during regular business hours (Monday thru Friday, 9am-4:30pm). Proof of residency and identification are required and rental fees as well as security deposits must accompany the completed application. For more information, please call 847-360-4700 or visit the website (www.waukeganparks.org) to review the 2014 Waukegan Park District Park Use Permit Guide & Application.



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.

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