

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

**River Road Bike Path Ribbon Cutting and Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, November 1, 2014
10am-11am Rain or Shine
Trailhead at River Road and Trenton Court**

Waukegan, IL (October 29, 2014) – The Waukegan Park District and the Libertyville Township invite the public to celebrate the opening of the new River Road Bike Path and Trail. Festivities are scheduled for 10am at the trailhead, located at River Road and Trenton Court. Walking and biking to the event are encouraged since there is limited parking. The celebration includes a ribbon cutting, one mile fun run/ walk, no pre-registration required, prizes and giveaways, warm cider and snacks. The new trail was a cooperative project between the Waukegan Park District, the path's builder and the Libertyville Township its manager. The walking/biking trail will offer connections to surrounding River Road residential neighborhoods and entry to the Lake County Forest Preserve's Independence Grove and its trails.

About 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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