
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

History of Downtown Waukegan's Monuments Guided Tour in Spanish

WAUKEGAN, IL (July 25, 2014) The Waukegan History Museum of the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society will have their first free guided walking tour conducted in Spanish. The tour is titled "History of Waukegan" with a focus on some of Waukegan's wonderful historic downtown monuments and buildings. The tour will take place on Saturday, August 16 at 10:00 am.

This guided walking tour in Spanish will be led by the Waukegan Park District's Arts and Culture Intern, Maritza Borjon. The tour starts at the Veterans Memorial Plaza which is at the corner of Washington Street and West Street and will last approximately 1.5 hours. It is recommended that participants park on the streets surrounding Washington Park. For all walking tours, please dress accordingly with comfortable walking shoes and also bring something to drink. Tours will be cancelled in the event of rain or other inclement weather.

The tour is open to the public and registration will be taken up to the start of the tour. For more information on this tour, please call the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740.

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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.