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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan: Then & Now Photograph Exhibit**

**WAUKEGAN, IL** (June 30, 2014) The Waukegan History Museum, of the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society, has a new temporary exhibit titled "Waukegan: Then & Now." This photography exhibit analyzes twelve historic sites in Waukegan and shows the changes, if any that have occurred over the years.

The self-guided exhibit showcases historic images of Waukegan from the archives of the Waukegan Historical Society while comparing photographs of what is in the same location today. Highlights include the old Lakefront Park, historic residences, the Lake County Courthouse, and the building that preceded the construction of the Genesee Theater.

The exhibit will close September 30, 2014. Entrance to the Waukegan History Museum as well as the exhibit "Waukegan: Then & Now" is free. The exhibit is also available in Spanish.

The Waukegan History Museum is located at 1917 N. Sheridan Road in Bowen Park. The museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am-4:00pm and Saturdays from 1:00-4:00pm. Admission is free.

For more information please call the Waukegan History Museum at 847-336-1859.

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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.