
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Historic Guided Walking Tour Waukegan and Movies

Waukegan, IL (August 13, 2014) The Waukegan History Museum of the Waukegan Park District along with the Waukegan Historical Society has a free guided walking tour titled "Waukegan and the Movies" coming up this August. There are two upcoming dates for this tour, Friday, August 15 at 4:30 pm (ID #4439) and Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 am (ID #4440).

Waukegan has played an important role in the history of the motion picture industry. Sites related to the making of movies, theaters, and movie stars will be featured on this guided tour led by Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer. The tour will start at the Waukegan Park District's Visual Arts Center, 533 Grand Avenue in Powell Park. The tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours and will include nearly two miles of walking.

For all walking tours, please dress accordingly with comfortable shoes and bring something to drink. Tours will be cancelled if it is raining or other inclement weather.

To register for these free guided walking tours, call the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740. Location of the Jack Benny Center is 39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Register online at www.waukeganparks.org. Pre-registration is required.

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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 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.