

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Magical Christmas Memories Are Sure To Be Made!

Waukegan, IL (November 15, 2017) Join the Waukegan Park District for Christmas with the Clauses on Saturday, December 9 at the Jane Addams Center.

Families with children over the age of two meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf. Children receive a personal present from Santa, make a Christmas craft, eat a delicious chocolate chip cookie, and sip hot chocolate or milk. The atmosphere is festive with music, decorations, and jolly elves, sure to create a Christmas memory that lasts a lifetime. There are two seatings to choose from: 10:30am and 1:30pm. Fees are: \$7 for resident children/ \$9 per non-resident child and \$3 for resident adult/\$4 non-resident adult. Please don't forget your camera.

Parents drop off a wrapped present for each child participant at the Belvidere Recreation at 412 S. Lewis Avenue by December 7, 2017.

Christmas with the Clauses is a popular program; please register early! Registration closes when full or by December 1. For more information on Christmas with the Clauses, please call (847) 360-4700. Register on-line at www.waukeganparks.org or in person at the Belvidere Recreation Center, Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, or Jack Benny Center for the Arts.

Please remember to bring presents to the Belvidere Recreation Center. Santa will pick up all the presents from there before meeting children at the Jane Addams Center on December 9.

About the 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, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. 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, and

the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 230 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), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains 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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