
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Halloweenfest Delivers Family Fun

Note: New Time!

Saturday, October 28, 1 – 5 pm at Bowen Park

Waukegan, IL (October 24, 2017) Halloweenfest, the most ghoulish event of the year, is hosted by the Waukegan Park District at Bowen Park, located on the corner of Sheridan Road and Greenwood Avenue. This year's event begins at 1pm and lasts until 5pm, a new time. Halloweenfest is a fun, safe venue for children and youth and this popular Halloween tradition is packed with games, treats and activities that will delight the whole family; below are some of the favorites:

- Trick or Treat Trail for kids (1-5pm)
- I Spy Wagon Ride through the park (1-5pm)
- Meet Princess Anna from 1-3pm, Princess Elena from 2-4pm, and Darth Vader from 3-5pm
- Children's Games that offer challenges and prizes (1-5pm)
- A family Juggling Show sure to amaze and entertain all (2-5pm)
- Storytelling at the campfire (2-5pm)
- Inflatable Zip Line, Pumpkin and Dragon's Den inflatables and the Wind Jammer swing ride (1-5pm)
- Music that fills the air with excitement (1-5pm)
- Haunted School Bus to add a scare (3-7pm)
- Zombie Zumba Dance Zone (2-5pm)

Bring the entire family, enjoy the fun costumes, games and activities. Admission is free!

Costumes are encouraged and add to the festivities. Dogs attending the event must be kept on a leash, be friendly, and display vaccination tags. Food will be available for purchase at the event from the following vendors: Fast Eddies, Grub N Go, Leaping Lizards Funnel Cake, and Concert Call Popcorn. Other vendors include: Cricket

Wireless, First Student Bus Company, Home Improvement Network, Passanante's Home Food Service, Community Action Head Start, and iDentity Orthodontics.

Special thanks to ULINE for their generous support of Halloweenfest. The Waukegan Park District is grateful to all of its sponsors and volunteers for their outstanding support and partnership in making this year's Halloweenfest an exciting event for all ages. For more information, please contact the Waukegan Park District at (847) 360-4700.

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, an outdoor swimming pool, 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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