
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Haunted Waukegan Free Historic Guided Walking Tour

WAUKEGAN, IL (October 18, 2017) The Waukegan History Museum of the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society will give the free guided walking tour *Haunted Waukegan* on Friday, October 20, 2017 and Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:00pm. Pre-registration is required for the walking tour. Registration is available online at www.waukeganparks.org, or in person at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts-39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park, the Belvidere Recreation Center-412 S. Lewis Avenue in Belvidere Park, and the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center at Hinkston Park-800 Baldwin Avenue.

On the walking tour, led by Museum Supervisor Ty Rohrer, participants will learn haunted and strange stories of Waukegan's past, while walking the streets of the historic district and downtown.

This free guided walking tour is appropriate for families and children and starts at the Waukegan Park District's Douglas House in Upton Park at 732 N. Genesee Street, Waukegan, IL 60085. On-street parking is available on Genesee Street, Sheridan Road, and County Street.

The tour will cover three miles and will last two hours. Please dress according to weather with comfortable walking shoes and bring something to drink; tours may be cancelled if there is rain or other inclement weather.

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

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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