WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Waukegan Park District facilities closing at noon on Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Waukegan, IL (March 5, 2013)...Waukegan Park District is closing all facilities and canceling all programs at noon today due to the severe winter storm in progress. District officials stated patron and employee safety is the highest priority and encouraged people to limit travel on the snow covered and icy roads if possible.

The Special Board Meeting scheduled for 4pm today was also canceled due to the severe weather. Agenda items will be covered in the upcoming board meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Rehearsals for the Waukegan Concert Chorus at First Presbyterian Church, the Bowen Park Theatre Company and the Highly Improvables are canceled as well. For more information, please visit the website: www.waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. The District operates 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, 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 and special populations are included.

Many special events are offered throughout the year, many are complimentary. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. The award-winning District employs 54 full-time staff 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. In 2012, the district was named a Gold Medal Finalist.