
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Halloweenfest – A Spooktacular Occasion!

Saturday, October 26, 3 – 7 pm at Bowen Park

Waukegan, IL (October 21, 2013) Halloweenfest, the scariest 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 event is a fun, safe venue for children and youth and loaded with games, treats and activities that will delight the whole family; below are some of the favorites:

- Toyland Enchanted Walk for ages 3-8 (3-5pm)
- Magic Shows sure to amaze and entertain all (4-7pm)
- Storytelling at the bonfire (4-7pm)
- Greet a Ghoul for fun, possibly scary, chills (3-7pm)
- Gigantic Maze and Joust where children can burn off energy and test their skills (3-7pm)
- Children's Games that offer challenges and prizes (3-7pm)
- Music that fills the air with excitement (3-7pm)
- Train Rides through the park to refresh and relax (3-7pm)
- Pumpkin Moonwalk for jumping and bouncing (3-7pm)
- Haunted House with six spine tingling rooms of fear (3-7pm)
- **Zombie Zumba (4-6pm)**

This year's new event, Greet a Ghoul, replaces the Haunted Walk and the whole event is one hour shorter, ending at 7pm. Costumes are encouraged and add to the festivities.

Food will be available for purchase at the event from the following vendors: Fast Eddies, Grub N Go, Popcorn Headz, and CherDan Events. Other vendors include: Cricket

Communications, Whatz Your Bag, and much more! Halloweenfest is fun for the entire family and admission is free!

Special thanks to ULINE, First Midwest Bank and Great Lakes Credit Union for their generous support of Halloweenfest. The Waukegan Park District is grateful to all of its sponsors 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 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 sustains 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.