
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Celebrate the Art of Poetry and Spoken Word

(Waukegan, IL November 6, 2013) — WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION – The Jack Benny Center for the Arts celebrates poetry by hosting spoken word classes, open mike poetry readings, and participating in National Poetry Month each year in April. Show your support of poetry and spoken word by listening to artists, taking a class, or sharing your work.

Instructor and Spoken Word artist Nina Nicole will provide tips and tricks for writing and rhyming. The goal of spoken word is to express yourself on paper and then at the microphone. Classes are on Wednesday nights and pre-registration is required. The youth class for ages 8-13 is free and runs from November 13 to January 15 from 6:30-7:15pm no class on December 25 or January 1 the class ID is #3661. The adult class is \$40 for residents of the park district and \$45 for non-residents and runs from November 13 to January 8 from 7:30-8:15pm with no class December 25 or January 1 the class ID is #3663. Both classes are held at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Dr, Waukegan, IL.

The district hosts an open microphone poetry event on the Second Sunday of the month the group meets at 4pm at Lilac Cottage 1911 N Sheridan Rd, Waukegan, IL. Perform your poetry or just come enjoy an afternoon of poetry.

For further information please call Debra Carl, Cultural Arts Specialist at the Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts 847-360-4740. Register in person at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive – Bowen Park, Waukegan, IL or online at www.waukeganparks.org. Partial sponsorship of the Cultural Arts programs is through a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the State of Illinois.

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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.