
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

**Waukegan Park District to Hold Wayne Motley Tribute
October 24, 2013
Bonnie Brook Clubhouse
5:30-6:30pm**

Waukegan, IL (October 21, 2013) The Waukegan Park District will be hosting a reception to thank Mayor Motley for his 18 years of dedicated service as a park district commissioner. It will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 5:30-6:30pm at Bonnie Brook Clubhouse. The public is invited to join in the celebration. Proceeds from the event will be used to establish the Waukegan Parks Foundation. The cost to attend is \$25 per person. The event program will recognize contributions of \$100 or more as sponsorships. If planning to attend, please RSVP to sally@waukeganparks.org

Motley served in multiple board leadership roles including four terms as president. He resigned when he was elected mayor of Waukegan. During his 18 years as a commissioner, with his leadership and support, the Waukegan Park District experienced unprecedented growth and recognition including the 2013 National Recreation and Park Association Gold Medal.

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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.