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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### *American Independence Festivities sure to entertain*

Come “*Celebrate America!*” at the American Independence Festivities on Sunday, July 1. The American Independence Parade will be held along Sheridan Road in Waukegan. The parade kicks off at 1pm and follows Sheridan Road north to Jack Benny Drive. Parade entertainment includes marching bands, drill teams, silly clowns, colorful floats, and more.

The American Independence Festival immediately follows the parade. The festival runs from 2:30-5pm in Bowen Park. The festival features a petting zoo, pony rides, children’s games and crafts, a skate exop, food vendors, and music from the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Wild Blue.

The Annual Bike Decorating contest, for children ages 4-10, will take place prior to the parade. Children who wish to enter their bike in the competition should arrive at Upton Park, 732 N. Genesee in Waukegan by 11:45am for judging. The Grand prize winner will receive a new bicycle compliments of Midwest Bicycle and Billiards on Grand Ave. Prizes will also be awarded in Originality, Theme (Celebrate America!), and Use of Color. Gift bags will be given to all participants. For more information please call (847) 360-4700.

### *About The Waukegan Park District*

The Waukegan Park District, encompassing 46 neighborhood and community parks with 719 acres of land, serves the culturally-diverse community of Waukegan through its traditional and non-traditional parks-sports programming for the entire family as well as leisure programming for senior adults. Park District programming also encompasses professional music, dance, theatre and visual arts instruction through the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, cultural enrichment through the Waukegan Symphony and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Opera and Theatre Companies, and other quality educational, historical and craft programs through the Bowen Heritage Circle.