
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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**Three of Waukegan Park District's finest supporters honored at the
Illinois Association of Park Districts "Best of the Best" Awards Gala September 14**

Waukegan, Illinois (August 30, 2007) – Three local Waukegan Park District supporters will be honored with distinguished awards at a “Best of the Best” Awards Gala, hosted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) on September 14th in Wheaton, IL. Caryn Clothier will be recognized with a First Place - Good Sportsmanship Award, Great Lakes Credit Union (GLCU) will be honored with Third Place - Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Business Category, and Susan Smock will receive a Third Place award for Outstanding Citizen Volunteer of the Year.

“On behalf of the Park District Board of Commissioners and Staff, we would like to thank the award recipients for their dedication and service to our organization,” states Terry Duffy, President of the Board of Commissioners for the Waukegan Park District. “Their support and commitment to our organization is greatly appreciated.” Caryn Clothier has been involved with girls’ softball in Waukegan for the past thirty-five years, as founder of the Waukegan Girls Softball Association, coach and league officer. GLCU has been a major sponsor of the district’s annual Halloweenfest for the past five years. Susan Smock has provided over 450+ volunteer hours from Jan – Aug of 2007 for the park district and the Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County.

The Illinois Association of Park Districts’ Awards and Recognition program is designed to thank those individuals and businesses for their time and talents to help strengthen and further the park, recreation and conservation mission. The recipients are being acknowledged and honored for going above and beyond to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

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.

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