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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Waukegan Park District Employees Recognized at Annual Employee Recognition Reception!**

The Annual Employee Recognition Reception, which recognizes the accomplishments of district employees in several categories essential to the district, was recently held at the Ramada Inn of Waukegan. All of the success the park district has achieved this past year is directly attributed to the hard work and effort put forth by employees and staff of the district.

The **Board of Commissioners Award** went to Nancy Vaseloff who, until retiring last week, had worked as the Parks Department Secretary for over twenty years.

“Nancy has consistently had the best interest of park patrons in mind and consistently provided each one exceptional customer service” said Commissioner Bill Durkin Jr. “Nancy was also instrumental in creating the employee newsletter, *The Parkvine* which “created a sense of family among employees and gave them a source of recognition” continued Durkin.

The **Employee of the Year Award** went to Laura Pendergrass, Recreation Supervisor at the Field House at Hinkston Park. “Laura has been a key player in providing superior service and knowledge at the new Field House” says Superintendent of Recreation, Alicia Mentell. “Thanks to Laura, our facility is running smoothly and exceeding expectations” Mentell continued to say.

Also recognized at the reception were all of the 2006 Employees of the Month as well as the 5, 10 and 20 Year Service awards. Over 120 food items were collected by district employees and donated to Public Action to Deliver Shelter.

### 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.