

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4 at Bevier Pond

WAUKEGAN, IL (May 23, 2016) The Waukegan Park District Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the pond in Bevier Park from 8-10:30am. The Waukegan Park District has been granted a “free fishing day” as declared by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources; therefore, no state fishing licenses are required for the event at Bevier Pond. Prior to the Derby, Bevier is stocked with several hundred pounds of catfish. Great prizes are awarded according to age categories for the largest fish caught. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as the event has become increasingly popular as a family outing. Check in begins at 7am for pre-registered participants and day of event registration begins at 7:30am. The cost varies based on age. For more information, please call 847-782-3300 or visit:

www.waukeganparks.org

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 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 and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. 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, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 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 District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains 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.

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