

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District ArtsPark Begins This Week

WAUKEGAN, IL (June 7, 2016) The Waukegan Park District ArtsPark kick off was at Washington Park at 10am on Monday, June 6. If you missed the first ArtsPark, don't despair! There are a total of 81 events taking place this summer in local neighborhood and community parks. Last summer there were 47 ArtsParks and almost 1,100 participants.

ArtsParks are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am and 6pm. ArtsPark is also available at 7pm on Tuesday nights at the City of Waukegan's Stiner Pavilion at the lakefront. The Waukegan Band Foundation Concerts begin on June 14 and run through August 9. During the early evening events on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, children will be invited to participate in games as well as the art project. For a complete listing of Arts Park dates, times and locations, please visit: Jack Benny Center for the Arts Facebook page or the website at: www.waukeganparks.org. ArtsPark is a free outreach program sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division. For more information, please call 847-360-4740 or visit: www.waukeganparks.org

Photos of Monday's event are below:





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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