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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### ANOTHER OPENING - ANOTHER SHOW

**WAUKEGAN, IL (June 8, 2016) WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION-** “Music at Washington Park” opens its season at 6 pm on June 10, with local band, Rafael Mendez and the Fabulous House Rockers. Grab a blanket or your lawn chair and come enjoy the music. The concert will take place at Washington Park, which is located at Washington Street, Water Street, and Park Avenue, just steps away from downtown Waukegan. This free concert kicks off the three-week season of music in one of the older parks in Waukegan.

Jazz Wave will play at Washington Park on June 17 and Los Perros Cubanos will round out the season on June 24. Arts Park will be on hand to provide art activities for the children and refreshments will be available for purchase.

For additional information about this Summer Arts in the Parks program and other Cultural Arts activities, please visit Jack Benny Center for the Arts on Facebook or JackBennyCenter on Twitter or call the Jack Benny Center for the Arts 847-360-4740 or stop by the Center in Bowen Park at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Waukegan, IL.

#### **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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