

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Summer Youth Green Team Employment Program No Longer Accepting Applications**

**Waukegan, IL (June 1, 2016)** ...As of June 1, the Waukegan Park District will no longer accept applications for the Summer Youth Green Team Employment Program for ages 14-18. "Youth and parents have recognized what a great opportunity working in this program is for a high school student and for a first job," according to Scott MacLean, Manager of Park Maintenance. "We have received more than 80 applications for the 14 available positions. Candidates will be interviewed in the order of the date their application was submitted."

George Bridges, President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners said, "I am excited to see so many Waukegan youth are interested in working at the park district. It is a great program that will assist park staff in maintaining our parks this summer. Those hired for the positions will work in park and landscape maintenance, playground maintenance, natural area management, and various park improvement projects."

For more information, please call the Waukegan Park District Parks Department at 847-360-4725.

#### **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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