

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Make Your Way to Belvidere Park for Fiesta Friday!

Waukegan, IL (July 27, 2016). . . The Waukegan Park District will host a new event,

Fiesta Friday, on Friday, August 5, 2016, in Belvidere Park from 6:30-8:30pm.

Participants will be able to dance, sing karaoke, play games, win prizes, compete in a hot pepper eating contest, create a variety of crafts and even enjoy a live band at this fresh and exciting free event. The entire family will have a great time; there is something for everyone. A food vendor will be onsite and food is available for purchase including tacos and other goodies. Grub and Go will present a salsa making demonstration with tastings. In addition to live music by Contrabanda and dance showcase, families will be able to show off their own dance skills and even participate in a short dance lesson.

Don't be late, the band begins promptly at 6:30 pm and plays through until the end of the event at 8:30pm.

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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