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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Historic Guided Walking Tour Historic Homes of Sheridan Road**

**WAUKEGAN, IL** (July 20, 2016) The Waukegan History Museum of the Waukegan Historical Society and the Waukegan Park District has a free guided walking tour titled "Historic Homes of Sheridan Road" coming up this Saturday, July 23, at 10AM. Pre-registration is required.

Discover the history of some of Waukegan's finest and most elegant homes located on beautiful Sheridan Road on this guided walking tour led by Cultural Arts- Arts and History Specialist, Bryan Escobar. The tour will begin outside of the Waukegan Park District's historic Douglas House in Upton Park, located at 732 N. Genesee Street, Waukegan. The tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours and it is recommended that participants park on North Genesee Street or in the Upton Park parking lot.

Please dress accordingly to weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring something to drink. The tour will be cancelled if raining or other inclement weather.

To register for this free guided walking tour, please call the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740 before July 22nd. The Jack Benny Center is located at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Register online at [www.waukeganparks.org](http://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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