

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Arts District and Waukegan Animals Getting Saved Make it Easy to “Leave Only Paw Prints”

Waukegan, IL (July 29, 2016). . . The Waukegan Park District was the beneficiary of the combined efforts of two local not for profits, Waukegan Arts District and Waukegan Animals Getting Saved (WAGS), who donated two dog waste stations to be installed at Bowen Park and a year’s supply of waste bags. At the July 26 Board of Commissioners Special Meeting, Waukegan Arts District President Aimee Emery-Ortiz and Vice President Jennifer Moore discussed how the waste stations and bags supported the “Waukegan War on Litter”; the campaign’s goals include park beautification, community awareness/education to “leave only paw prints” and showcase Waukegan as a pet friendly city to help stimulate tourism. In 2017, the groups intend to donate two more stations for other parks and supply enough bags for five years. The Board of Commissioners thanked the Waukegan Arts District and WAGS for their donation and praised the groups’ “War on Litter” efforts and campaign goals. For more information about the War on Litter and Leave Only Paw Prints, please visit the following:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/RoadsterRaffle2017

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WaukeganAnimalsGettingSaved/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WaukeganArtsDistrict/>

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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