

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian, Libertyville, Yorkville and Oak Park Churches to Clean Up Yeoman Park

Waukegan, IL (April 19, 2017) . . . The Waukegan Park District is pleased that Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church, along with three other churches from Libertyville, Yorkville, and Oak Park, are helping clean up Yeoman Park as a Jr. High Mission Weekend on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The 30-40 youth volunteers will spend from 9:30am – 3:30pm at Yeoman Park removing trash and other debris from the park. Scott MacLean, Superintendent of Parks stated, "It is exciting that these youth are helping clean up the park. This type of environmental stewardship is refreshing and makes a real difference in the quality of water traveling into Lake Michigan. The Waukegan Park District is grateful for their help and enthusiasm."

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, Fitness and Aquatics 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 230 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), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and 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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