

History

FREE HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

For your organization, group, social event, or classroom.

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- Introduction to Studying & Learning About Local History*
- Native American History of the Waukegan Area*
- French Explorers – Marquette and Jolliet*
- The French Fur Trade*
- Early Settlers of Little Fort*
- The Growing Town of Little Fort*
- Waukegan and the Underground Railroad
- Abraham Lincoln Goes to Waukegan
- The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan
- Waukegan's Famous Civil War Drummer Boys*
- A Growing Waukegan*
- The Making of Waukegan: Immigration and Industry
- Haunted Waukegan*
- Lake Michigan History and Local Shipwrecks*
- Waukegan's African American History
- Influential Women of Waukegan's Past
- Prominent Events and Visitors to Waukegan
- Waukegan and the Motion Picture Industry
- Ray Bradbury: Waukegan's Influence on a Visionary
- Jack Benny: From Waukegan to Hollywood
- Jane Addams: Remembering Waukegan's Bowen Country Club
- Play Ball: Baseball in Waukegan
- *Titanic*: A Fateful Ticket to Waukegan
- Lake County's First Public Execution
- History of the Waukegan Schools*
- A Day in the Life of a Student* (corresponds with the year your school opened)
- "What-Cha-Ma-Call-It" History Trunk* (hands on program)

*for school groups only (all other programs are for both school and adult groups)

All programs are available to all grade levels and include age appropriate activities and content. Program length is generally 45 minutes. Programs include numerous historical pictures, maps, and hands-on artifacts while some also involve interactive activities. Programs presented in the schools are based on the Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science. Programs can be given for multiple classrooms on the same day. Programs can be scheduled to be given on a weekly basis.

For more information and to schedule a FREE program, please call or email.

WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Are you interested in becoming involved in the Waukegan Historical Society? Volunteers are essential and the Waukegan History Museum and the J.L. Raymond Research Library need your help. If you are interested in any aspect of our museum, research library, or special events, please do not hesitate to contact Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer, at 847-336-1859.

TEACHERS—Book now to schedule historical programs and guided tours of Waukegan and the Waukegan History Museum. All programs and tours are free! Please contact Museum Supervisor Ty Rohrer at 847-336-1859 to learn more.



SWEETHEART MINE
WORLD WAR I LOVE LETTERS

Follow the story of two couples before, during, and after WWI. Homer Dahringer and Ruth Besley start their courtship while attending Waukegan High School. Homer joined an Army flying squadron in WWI. Elizabeth Tarver, growing up in Waukegan in a prominent African American family, started correspondence with Westley Dyer, who served as a corporal in the Army.

WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING EXHIBIT



SAVE THE DATE

Oakwood Cemetery Walk

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Tour of Homes

Sunday, October 1, 2017

GUIDED WALKING TOURS

Walking tours are facilitated by Waukegan History Museum staff. For all walking tours, please dress accordingly with comfortable walking shoes and also bring something to drink. Tours may be cancelled in case of rain or other inclement weather. Preregistration required.

Waukegan's Diversity #30703410 Family

People have come from all over the world to make Waukegan their home. Hear the stories of our early citizens on this tour while visiting their graves in Oakwood Cemetery. Participants will first gather at Lilac Cottage in Bowen Park to board a shuttle bus to Oakwood Cemetery. Shuttle leaves promptly at 10am.

LC SA 6/10 10am Reg by 6/3 FREE -1A

Roosevelt Park #30703410 Family

Learn the history of one of the Waukegan Park District's oldest parks on this guided tour. Featured stories to include the Quintette Springs, the forming of the Park District, and the surrounding area. This tour includes stairs and hills. Tour will start at the playground on S. McAlister Avenue.

RP SA 6/24 10am Reg by 6/17 FREE -2A

Statues, Sculpture & Art #30703410 Family

Learn the history of the various works of art in the downtown area. Tour starts at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Washington Park at the corner of Washington and West Streets.

VMP SA 7/15 5pm Reg by 7/8 FREE -3A

Belvidere Park #30703410 Family

While walking the grounds of Belvidere Park on this guided tour, you will learn the history of the park as well as the changes that have occurred over the years in the surrounding neighborhood. Tour will start outside of the Belvidere Rec Center.

BRC SA 7/29 10am Reg by 7/22 FREE -4A

Ray Bradbury's Green Town #30703410 Family

Walk the streets of author Ray Bradbury's "Green Town" on this guided tour of downtown. The places, people, and events from Bradbury's fictional Green Town (Waukegan) books will be highlighted. The tour starts at Ray Bradbury Park at 41 North Park Avenue. A shuttle bus will return participants back to Bradbury Park at the conclusion of the Tour.

RBP SA 8/19 10am Reg by 8/12 FREE -5A

Historic Homes of Sheridan Road #30703410 Family

Discover the history of some of the homes located up and down Waukegan's beautiful Sheridan Road. Tour starts outside of the Douglas House in Upton Park-732 N. Genesee Street.

DH SA 8/26 10am Reg by 8/19 FREE -6A



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