

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Fire vs Gurnee Fire Charity Hockey Game

Waukegan, IL (April 18, 2017)...The Waukegan Park District is proud to present a new and exciting event, the Waukegan Fire vs Gurnee Fire Charity Hockey Game. It will take place Saturday, April 22 at 6:15pm at the RecPlex Ice Arena in Pleasant Prairie WI. The proceeds raised from the charity game will benefit Lake County Habitat for Humanity, with funds supporting a Waukegan family.

Pre-game tickets are on sale until April 20 through the Waukegan Park District at the Belvidere Recreation Center, at 412 S. Lewis Avenue, and at the Field House Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics Center, 800 Baldwin Avenue, in Waukegan. Pre-game tickets are \$7 per person, for those three years and older. After April 20, tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event for \$10 per person ages three years and older, children under three are free. Tickets must be presented at the door on the night of the event.

During the game, Chuck a Puck will be played for various prizes such as Great America passes, Blackhawk tickets, a three month family gold membership pass to the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center and more. There will also be exciting raffle prizes. Pucks may be purchased for \$3 each and raffle tickets are \$1 each. The concession stand will be open and food can be purchased.

Jennifer Dumas, Waukegan Park District Recreation Supervisor and Charity Game Coordinator, says the charity game is a great example of the community working together to make a difference. Thanks to each Firefighter from Waukegan and Gurnee for taking part in this new event and making a great contribution to a worthy cause. We would like to extend a special thank you to RecPlex Ice Arena for their support in helping to ensure the Charity Hockey Game could not only be played, but played in a state of the art facility. Also, thank you to the many businesses that have donated prizes, making the event even more exciting and providing the opportunity for additional funds to be raised! Hockey Game

partners include Waukegan Park District, Waukegan Firefighters, Gurnee Firefighters, and Lake County Habitat for Humanity. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more event information, visit www.waukeganparks.org or call (847) 360-4700. For information about Habitat for Humanity Lake County, please call (847) 623-1020 or visit info@habitatlc.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, 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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