

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

CELEBRATE NATURE AND LIVING GREEN IN BOWEN PARK WITH LIVE GREEN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Waukegan, IL (May 16, 2017)... The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 5th Annual Live Green Family Festival on Saturday, May 20, from 1-3 pm at Bowen Park.

The Live Green Family Festival incorporates interactive environmental activities including: nature walks, gardening, opening Geodes, S'mores over a campfire, Archery demonstrations, Garden Gnome children's craft, and nature Bingo with prizes. There will be an outdoor camping exhibit. Bring your old eyeglasses, small batteries, and shoes to recycle at the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) recycling information booth. Educational activities which are sure to be fun for all ages, will be provided by local environmental organizations such as the Lake County Forest Preserve, Waukegan Harbor Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) and Heller Nature Center. GreenTown is giving away Milkweed seeds to plant. (Milkweed is necessary in the lifecycle of Monarch Butterflies.) Pick up a Live Green Family Festival tote bag from the Waukegan Park District information table.

The Live Green Family Festival takes place outdoors, so participants should dress for the weather and are urged to wear long pants and comfortable shoes for walking and exploring. This free family event is sponsored by the following generous organizations: Hey and Associates, Advanced Disposal, and Vista Health System. Community partners support the event by providing information booths, craft projects, and interactive activities. Some of these partners include the Waukegan Harbor Citizen's Advisory Group, SWALCO Recycling, Heller Nature Center, Citizen Utility Board, North Shore Gas, GreenTown, First Student Transportation, League of Women's Voters, and more.

This event will connect children and adults with nature on a personal level. It is the intent of the Waukegan Park District to ensure that everyone who attends the Live Green Family Festival walks away with a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world. For more information about the event, or if you would like to volunteer, please call (847) 360-4700.



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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