

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Naming of Corrine J. Rose Park**

**May 22, 2018**

**Park Entrance**

**412 S. Lewis Avenue**

**5:30pm**

**Waukegan, IL (May 15, 2018)** – The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners voted to change the name of Belvidere Park to Corrine J. Rose Park in honor of the District's first woman executive director. On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 5:30pm the new park entrance sign off Lewis Avenue will be unveiled with family and friends present. The public is invited to attend.

Rose, who passed away in 2002, started her career at the district in 1965 as a bookkeeper, was promoted to business manager and then to executive director. She served two six-year terms as a board commissioner. The Administration Building in Belvidere Park was named for Rose when she retired from the Board in 1986.

The name change coincides with the redevelopment of the outdoor pool, playground and park. Work will begin in late summer with a planned opening of the new facilities in summer 2019.

### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 736 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's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, 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 62 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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