

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Waukegan Park District Holds Local Vendor Fair

**Waukegan, IL (August 7, 2018)** – The Waukegan Park District is holding a Vendor Bridging Fair on Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center. Over 100 local vendors have been invited to participate in this annual event that is designed to connect/bridge local vendors and contractors with the Waukegan Park District, other governmental agencies and the public. Vendors are encouraged to participate in the fair including: landscapers, building and construction companies, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, architects, equipment rental agencies, caterers, printers, promotions vendors, special events and more. There is room for 100 vendor booths. Vendors or trades personnel interested in participating should contact Tim Girmscheid at [tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org](mailto:tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org). There is no vendor fee. Vendors will be supplied a table and chairs. Vendors are encouraged to bring promotional materials and displays of their services.

Vendors will meet with Waukegan Park District staff and each other from 9:30-10:30 am. The public is invited to attend from 10:30-12pm and from 12-12:30pm the Waukegan Park District staff will discuss how vendors can prepare themselves to win contracts with the District. Included in the presentation will be laws that govern the district regarding contracts and the quoting, bidding and selection process.

The public is invited to attend the Vendor Bridging Fair from 10:30am-12pm. It will be a great place to meet professionals who can assist with home improvements.

For more information about the Vendor Bridging Fair, please contact Tim Girmscheid at 847-360-4755 or [tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org](mailto:tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org)

### **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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