

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## Press Release

### Photography Contest

#### *Land of Lincoln Views*

**Waukegan, IL (November 6, 2018)**... In celebration of the Bicentennial of Illinois statehood as well as the Waukegan Historical Society's pop-up exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times," the Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts invites amateur and professional photographers to share images that they feel best represent the State of Illinois. Participants will be able to win two awards, "Best in Show" and "People's Choice". Images must be of an Illinois location. Nostalgic images of the past may be submitted. We only ask that the image be taken by the submitting participant.

#### **Contest Rules:**

- Photographs should be framed and ready-to-hang with a wire on the back. Frames can be up to 11" x 14" including matting.
- To maintain anonymity for voting purposes, participants should not put their name on the front of the photograph. Names will be added to the display during the awards presentation, and they will remain for the final week of public viewing.
- Photographs with nudity or offensive images will not be allowed.
- Completed entries are due to the Jack Benny Center for the Arts by 4:00pm on December 1, 2018. Photographs will remain on display December 3, 2018 through January 26, 2019. *Please pick-up your photographs by February 2, 2019.*
- Participants are allowed to submit two (2) photographs. You may price and sell your photos if you choose and 100% of the sale price goes to the photographer. Photos must remain up for the duration of the show.
- Each submitted photograph must have a title, location of where the image was taken, date taken, as well as a description on how image fits the theme.
- Participants should have a local connection to Waukegan, or live within 50 miles of the City.
- There is no fee to participate.

#### **Judging Guidelines:**

##### *Best in Show (\$200 Prize)*

Local artists, historians, and supporters of the Waukegan Park District Recreation/Cultural Arts will judge this award. They will judge on adherence/appropriateness to the theme, uniqueness, visual appeal, and originality. The winner will be announced January 19, 2019.

### *People's Choice (\$50 Prize)*

Each visitor to the Jack Benny Center for the Arts will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite photo. Each visitor will receive a ticket to place in the ballot box. Visitors will be allowed to vote multiple times, however, only once per day. The entry with the most tickets on January 19, 2019 will be named the winner.

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

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 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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## Photography Contest Entry Form

### *Land of Lincoln Views*

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not reside in Waukegan, nor live within 50 miles of the City, please provide a brief description as to your connection to Waukegan.

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Photograph Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Location where Photograph Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Photograph Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle:* For Sale/ Not For Sale    Sale Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Photograph Description: How do you believe that this image represents Illinois? (Up to 50 words)

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**Photo Release:**

By signing this document, I agree to allow the Waukegan Park District's Jack Benny Center for the Arts to display my photograph(s) for the duration of the exhibition, *Land of Lincoln Views*. Finally, by signing this document, I affirm that I have permission from any human subjects depicted to display said photograph(s) in the various outlets described in this document.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepted by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please drop off completed form with submitted photograph(s) to the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL 60087 in Bowen Park.**

**Please direct any questions or comments to:**

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