

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan History Museum to Reopen on Monday, July 20

Waukegan, Illinois (July 17, 2020) – The Waukegan History Museum will be reopening on Monday, July 20. In accordance with guidelines of Phase Four of the Restore Illinois plan, all visitors will be required to wear a face covering at all times. To ensure that safe social distancing is practiced, the Waukegan History Museum will require visitors to reserve a time slot online via Eventbrite at waukeganhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com. Time slot are listed on Eventbrite and will be limited to one hour with a limit of five individuals per time slot and a maximum of four groups per day. It is recommended that reservations be made at least twenty-four hours in advance. Tickets and admission to the Waukegan History Museum are free.

To safeguard the safety of staff and visitors, all visits will be self-guided. Information binders in each room have been removed. However, visitors are encouraged to download the Waukegan Park District app to access the Waukegan History Museum Companion which features information about each room and artifact details. The self-guided tour on the app is available in English and Spanish, and another alternative is handouts which are available for visitors to take with them. Please note the second floor of the Waukegan History Museum is not wheelchair accessible.

The John L. Raymond Research Library will also reopen for research time, which can be reserved by emailing info@waukeganhistorical.org or by filling out a “Contact Us” request at waukeganhistorical.org.

The Waukegan History Museum is operated by the Waukegan Park District and Waukegan Historical Society and is the repository for all of Waukegan’s rich history. For more information, contact Ty Rohrer at haines@waukeganparks.org or Bryan Escobar at bescobar@waukeganparks.org.

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, splash pads, 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 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, 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 has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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