

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Waukegan Park District Announces Family Lotería Nights

**Waukegan, Illinois (August 13, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District invites local families to participate in the free Family Lotería Nights on Friday, August 28; Friday, September 4; and Friday, September 11 from 6pm to 7pm at the Jane Addams Center located at 95 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Lotería is a Bingo-style game that is widely popular in Latinx families. Although the words on the cards are in Spanish, being fluent in Spanish is not a requirement to compete.

The rules of Lotería are similar to the rules of Bingo. A designated card announcer randomly draws colorfully illustrated cards like “*La Estrella*” or “*La Palma*.” Participants mark spots on their card, traditionally with a raw bean, and attempt to meet the requirements to win (four corners, entire card, etc.) before all other participants. A shout of “*¡lotería!*” or “*¡buenas!*” affirms victory for a participant, ending the round.

Registration for Family Lotería Nights is now open. More information, including dates and the registration link, is available at [waukeganparks.org/loteria](http://waukeganparks.org/loteria). To ensure the safety of staff and participants, face masks will be required and social distancing will be enforced. If you have any questions, you can contact Javi Martinez at [jmartinez@waukeganparks.org](mailto:jmartinez@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4706.

### 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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