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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## For Immediate Release

### PARK COMMISSIONERS POSITIONS ON BALLOT

WAUKEGAN, IL. September 14, 2020 - There will be two Waukegan Park District Commissioner positions on the ballot for the April 6, 2021 election. The six-year positions currently held by Commissioners Marc Jones and Jacqueline Herrera Giron are both up for election.

Park Commissioners serve a term of six years without compensation. Filing for candidacy requires collecting signatures of registered voters in the park district on the petitions for nomination, completing and filing a statement of economic interest, and filing a statement of candidacy.

The Commissioners meet at 4:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month for the Board of Commissioners meeting, and the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Committee of the Whole meeting at the Administrative Center.

Candidates seeking election as Waukegan Park District Park Commissioners may request additional information or nomination papers by contacting Sally at the Executive Director's office at [sally@waukeganparks.org](mailto:sally@waukeganparks.org). Candidates may begin circulating for signatures on or after September 22, 2020. Once completed, candidates may file their completed packets at the Waukegan Park District Administrative Center, 1324 Golf Road between 9 am and 5 pm each business day from December 14, 2020 through December 21, 2020.

#### **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. Since 2011, the District has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting and in 2019, the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting. 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.