## WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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## Waukegan Park District Collecting Card Designs for Waukegan-inspired Lotería

**Waukegan, Illinois (October 30, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District is putting out a call to local artists and community members to submit creative card designs to help make a Waukeganinspired Lotería game using local history and landmarks or notable Waukeganites. Participants can submit their card designs from Monday, November 2 to Friday, November 20 at waukeganparks.org/loteria. Designs must be 2.5" by 3.5" and submitted as pdf, jpeg, or png files.

Lotería is a Bingo-style game that is widely popular in Latinx families. 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 "*jloteria!*" or "*jbuenas!*" affirms victory for a participant, ending the round.

The final version of Waukegan Lotería using submitted card designs will be played on Friday, December 11 from 6pm to 7pm at the Jane Addams Center located at 95 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park.

For more information, contact Debra at dcarl@waukeganparks.org or (847) 360-4740.

## 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 awardwinning 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. TJA/10/26/20

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