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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Hosting Food for Paws Holiday Food Drive for Local Animals**

**Waukegan, Illinois (November 11, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District is starting the holiday season with the Food for Paws Holiday Food Drive. The annual collection of pet food and supplies supports Waukegan Animals Getting Saved (WAGS). Donations will be accepted from Monday, November 23 to Friday, December 4 at the Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center, located at 800 N. Baldwin Avenue.

WAGS is a local non-profit organization formed to collect donations and supplies for the Waukegan Police Department's Animal Control. The organization's volunteers are passionate about helping the animals of Waukegan. Assistance provided includes basic veterinary care, spay/neutering, adoption assistance, and community education.

The Waukegan Park District is accepting several items, including unopened cans and bags of pet food, food bowls, pet medicine, beds, toys, collars, and leashes. For a full list of items that can be donated, go to [waukeganparks.org/paws](http://waukeganparks.org/paws). All donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact Jen at [jdumas@waukeganaparks.org](mailto:jdumas@waukeganaparks.org) or (847) 360-4705.

### **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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