
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Celebrating Earth Day with Park Cleanups

Waukegan, Illinois (April 16, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District will be celebrating Earth Day with cleanups at Roosevelt and Washington Parks on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 8am to 2pm. Volunteers must check-in at the Veterans Memorial Plaza, located at the southwest corner of Washington and West Streets in downtown Waukegan.

The park cleanups will target the ravines that are part of the Waukegan River Watershed. Many Waukegan parks, including Roosevelt Park and Washington Park, are connected via the Waukegan River Watershed through ravines with streams that flow into Lake Michigan.

Gloves, supplies, and lunch will be provided by the Waukegan Park District. All volunteers are required to submit a completed volunteer agreement form. More details, including registration and the volunteer agreement form, are available at waukeganparks.org/earthday. For more information, contact Quincy Bejster at qbejster@waukeganparks.org or (847) 360-4724.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 740 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 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 employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace. Accreditation is maintained 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). 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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