
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District to Host 2021 Fishing Derby

Waukegan, Illinois (April 29, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District invites families to participate in the 2021 Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 5 from 8am to 10am at Bevier Park, located at 2255 Yorkhouse Road. The 2021 Fishing Derby will be the first in-person special event held by the Waukegan Park District since the pandemic began.

Participants will have the chance to win prizes in a friendly competition for the largest fish caught in their age group. Competitions will be held for the following age groups: 4 years or younger, 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, 13 to 16 years, and 17 years or older.

To allow for social distancing among participants and staff, the 2021 Fishing Derby will be capped at 200 participants. Face masks that cover the nose and mouth will be required to be worn by all participants.

Preregistration is required. Registration will not be processed on-site the day of the event. More details, including registration and fees, are available at waukeganparks.org/fishingderby. For more information, contact Shelby McDonald at smcdonald@waukeganparks.org or (847) 782-3628.

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

ten 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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