
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners Elects New Officers

Waukegan, Illinois (May 12, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners elected new officers at their meeting on Tuesday, May 11. The newly elected officers are Jacqueline Herrera Giron, President; Janet E. Kilkelly, Vice President; and Jeremiah Johnson, Treasurer. The officers serve a one-year term. Commissioner George Bridges and Commissioner Anton L. Mathews also serve on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner appointments to serve as liaisons to the Advisory Committees and the Waukegan Parks Foundation Board of Directors were also approved for a one-year term. Appointments are: President Jacqueline Herrera Giron, Cultural Arts Advisory Committee; Treasurer Jeremiah Johnson, Golf Advisory Committee; Commissioner Anton L. Mathews, Master Plan Advisory Committee and Waukegan Parks Foundation Board of Directors; Commissioner George Bridges, Recreation Advisory Committee; and Vice President Janet E. Kilkelly, Special Recreation Advisory Committee.

Jacqueline Herrera Giron, President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners, stated, “It is an honor to have been elected to serve as the President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners. With dedicated commissioners and outstanding staff, we will continue being an award-winning park district and delivering on our promise of meeting the needs of our community through excellence, innovation, and creativity.”

Jay Lerner, Executive Director of the Waukegan Park District, stated, “I look forward to working with President Jacqueline Herrera Giron to continue providing our community with exceptional parks, facilities, and recreational opportunities. I would like to thank Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson for his leadership and accomplishments during the past year as President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners.”

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, 2019, and 2021.

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