
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Opening SplashZone

Waukegan, Illinois (May 21, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District will officially open SplashZone at Corrine J. Rose Park (formerly Belvidere Park) to the public on Saturday, May 29 at 11am. Located at 412 S. Lewis Avenue, the new state-of-the-art water park will include a multi-generational water playground with six slides and numerous play features.

Jacqueline Herrera Giron, President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners, stated, “With colorful slides and amenities, SplashZone will be the perfect place for families in our community to play while cooling off on hot summer days. We are proud to provide an exceptional water park attraction at no cost to Waukegan Park District residents during its inaugural year.”

Jay Lerner, Executive Director of the Waukegan Park District, stated, “The iconic water play structure with a dump bucket and full-size waterslides will provide a safe and immersive water play experience for children of all ages. We are looking forward to welcoming our community to SplashZone!”

More details, including hours of operation, admission, and rental information, are available at waukeganparks.org/splashzone.

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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