

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces Summer 2021 Arts Park Season

Waukegan, Illinois (June 16, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District’s Arts Park van will be on the road in July bringing arts and crafts to four neighborhood parks and ArtWauk in Downtown Waukegan. Art materials were donated by the Lake County Audubon Society, through a partnership with *Sharing Our Shore*, a beach stewardship program.

The Arts Park van will be at four parks on the following dates from 10am to 11am:

- Wednesday, July 7 at King Park, 301 South Avenue
- Wednesday, July 14 at Ben Diamond Park, 2413 Sunset Avenue
- Wednesday, July 21 at Arbor Park, 1151 S Pleasant Hill Gate
- Wednesday, July 28 at Country Lane Park, 3353 Country Lane

ArtWauk on Saturday, July 17 will also be a destination for the Arts Park van. More details are available at waukeganparks.org/artspark.

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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