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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District to Hold Bevier Park Renovation Public Input Meeting**

**Waukegan, Illinois (July 23, 2021)** – The Waukegan Park District is seeking input from the community regarding the planned renovation of Bevier Park, located at 2255 Yorkhouse Road. With improvements anticipated in the next few years, a public input meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4 from 4pm to 6pm at Bevier Park. In the case of inclement weather, the public input meeting will be held indoors at the Nature’s Classroom in Bevier Center.

Construction at the property where Bevier Park is located began in 1969 with the development of a pond and continued in 1971 with improvements totaling \$125,000, eventually becoming an official park in 1973. Today, Bevier Park consists of 30.4 acres with a Nature’s Classroom, Henry Pfau Callahan Disc Golf Course, a picnic shelter, playground, walking path, baseball field, basketball courts (2), pickleball courts (6), tennis courts (2), and a pond where the Waukegan Park District’s fishing derby is held annually. Bevier Park is named after Bevier Butts, who served as Director of the Recreation Department for the City of Waukegan for 26 years.

For more information, contact Tim Girmscheid, Manager of Planning Services, at [tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org](mailto:tgirmscheid@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4755.

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### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 53 properties and more than 742 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, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan’s Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, 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. We offer something for everyone!

The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District employs 64 full-time and nearly

200 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the District's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The Waukegan Park District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2021.

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