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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Celebrates Halloween Season with Spooky Programs and Events**

**Waukegan, Illinois (September 27, 2021)** – The Waukegan Park District is celebrating the Halloween season with in-person and virtual programs during October. The spooky programming includes free and low-cost programs for children and adults.

The following Halloween-themed programs will be offered in October:

- DIY Dreamcatcher on Friday, October 1 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Read with Me on Saturday, October 2 from 10:30am to 11:15am (Virtual)
- Halloween Decorations on Friday, October 8 from 6pm to 7pm
- Bejeweled Pumpkin on Saturday, October 9 from 10am to 11:30am
- The Legend of the Trash Monster on Friday, October 15 from 6pm to 7pm (Virtual)
- Family Swim Night on Saturday, October 16 from 4pm to 6pm
- Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 22 from 5:30pm to 9pm
- Spooky Party Treats on Friday, October 22 from 6pm to 7pm
- Zombie Walk on Saturday, October 23 from 9am to 10am
- Haunted Waukegan Guided Walking Tour on Thursday, October 28 from 6pm to 8pm
- Haunted Waukegan Guided Walking Tour on Saturday, October 30 from 6pm to 8pm

The celebration of the Halloween season will culminate with the 2021 Halloween Trick or Treat Trail on Saturday, October 30 from 1pm to 3pm at Bowen Park, located at 1800 N. Sheridan Road. The event will feature an enchanted trail with professionally costumed characters. Children will receive a special treat at the end of the trail, while supplies last. The 2021 Halloween Trick or Treat Trail is free and pre-registration is not required to attend.

More details about the Waukegan Park District's 2021 Halloween Happenings, including registration and fees, are available at [waukeganparks.org/halloween](http://waukeganparks.org/halloween).

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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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