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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District to Host Free Pop-up Baseball/Softball Clinics**

**Waukegan, Illinois (September 13, 2021)** – The Waukegan Park District will hold four free pop-up baseball/softball clinics at various parks in the community. Open to children from six to twelve years old, the clinics will engage participants in a non-competitive environment to develop skills in the fundamentals of baseball/softball, including pitching, hitting, catching, and fielding. The clinics will also emphasize the importance of attitude, teamwork, confidence, and dedication to succeed in baseball/softball and life.

The pop-up baseball/softball clinics will be held on the following dates from 5pm to 6:30pm:

- Wednesday, September 15 at Ben Diamond Park, 2413 Sunset Avenue
- Wednesday, September 22 at Country Lane Park, 3353 Country Lane
- Wednesday, September 29 at Corrine J. Rose Park, 412 S. Lewis Avenue
- Wednesday, October 6 at Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, 3391 W. Beach Road

The pop-up baseball/softball clinics are free and pre-registration is preferred. More details, including registration, are available at [waukeganparks.org/youthsports](http://waukeganparks.org/youthsports).

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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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