
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces Winners of 2021 Turkey Trot

Waukegan, Illinois (November 18, 2021) – Over 50 individuals participated in the Waukegan Park District’s 2021 Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 13 from 10am to 11am at Waukegan’s Greg Petry SportsPark, located at 3391 W. Beach Road. Participants had the chance to compete in friendly races for a chance to win a turkey while helping others in our community through a canned food drive. Three bins of non-perishable food items, which will be donated to a local food pantry, were filled with donations from participants.

Races were held for the following age groups: 13 to 23 months, 2 to 3 years, 4 to 5 years, 6 to 7 years, 8 to 10 years, 11 to 13 years, 14 to 17 years, 18 to 23 years, 24 to 29 years, 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years, 50 to 59 years, and 60 years and older. The winners are below:

Females

13 to 23 months: Teresa Vasquez
2 to 3 years: No Participants
4 to 5 years: Adriana Martinez
6 to 7 years: Sophia Nava
8 to 10 years: Camryn Lowery
11 to 13 years: Alice Larsen
14 to 17 years: Diedre Lowery
18 to 23 years: Dalia Solano
24 to 29 years: No Participants
30 to 39 years: Sarah Hogan
40 to 49 years: Martha Sostre
50 to 59 years: Eusebia Fermin
60 years and older: Judy Holmes

Males

13 to 23 months: Cree Jackson
2 to 3 years: Bo Lerner
4 to 5 years: Issac Horcher
6 to 7 years: Ezekiel Sostre
8 to 10 years: Bendicion Sostre
11 to 13 years: Jonathan Flores
14 to 17 years: Oscar Vazquez
18 to 23 years: No Participants
24 to 29 years: Victor Solano
30 to 39 years: Melchor Orduna
40 to 49 years: Adrian Orduna
50 to 59 years: Salvador Orduna
60 years and older: Pat O’Keefe

Mark Peters was the winner of the 30-meter wheelchair slalom. There was a wonderful celebration when Cree Jackson received his turkey for winning his race, as he is a stage 4 cancer survivor. Vista Health System was the sponsor of the 2021 Turkey Trot.

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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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