
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Celebrates Holiday Season with Festive Programs and Events

Waukegan, Illinois (November 29, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District is celebrating the holiday season with several programs and events. The programming includes free and low-cost programs for children and adults.

The following festive programs and events will be offered during the holiday season:

- Winter Wonder Walk on Saturday, December 4 from 4pm to 5pm (Free)
- Waukegan History Museum Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 7 from 5pm to 8pm (Free)
- Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 10 from 5:30pm to 9pm
- Holiday Pajama Party on Friday, December 10 from 6pm to 8pm
- Joseph A. Favero Memorial "Do-It-Yourself" Messiah & Carol Sing-Along on Friday, December 10 from 7pm to 9pm
- Waukegan History Museum After Dark Special Holiday Tour on Monday, December 13 from 6pm to 7pm (Free)
- Waukegan History Museum After Dark Special Holiday Tour on Thursday, December 16 from 6pm to 7pm (Free)
- Decorate a Wood Ornament on Friday, December 17 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Toddler Ornament Creations on Saturday, December 18 from 10:30am to 11:15am (Free)
- Swimming with Santa Family Swim Night on Saturday, December 18 from 4pm to 6pm
- Christmas Dance & Fitness Party on Wednesday, December 22 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Waukegan Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, January 1 from 10am to 11am

More details about the Waukegan Park District's 2021 Holiday Happenings, including registration and fees, are available at waukeganparks.org/holidays.

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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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