WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Opening SplashZone for the Season

Waukegan, Illinois (**April 27, 2022**) – The Waukegan Park District will be opening SplashZone for the season on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Located at 412 S. Lewis Avenue in Corrine J. Rose Park, the state-of-the-art water park includes a multi-generational water playground with six slides and numerous play features.

New this year, season passes will be available for children, adults, and families. Season passholders will be able to enjoy unlimited entry to the SplashZone. Season passes will be sold at the following rates:

- Child Season Pass (Resident): \$45 (Early Bird Special)/\$55 (Regular Price)
- Child Season Pass (Nonresident): \$60 (Early Bird Special)/\$70 (Regular Price)
- Adult Season Pass (Resident): \$55 (Early Bird Special)/\$65 (Regular Price)
- Adult Season Pass (Nonresident): \$70 (Early Bird Special)/\$80 (Regular Price)
- Family Season Pass (Resident): \$160 (Early Bird Special)/\$180 (Regular Price)
- Family Season Pass (Nonresident): \$180 (Early Bird Special)/\$200 (Regular Price)

To qualify for the resident fee, individuals must show proof of residency within the boundaries of the Waukegan Park District. Proof of residency can be provided with government-issued identification card (i.e., state identification card or driver's license), foreign government identification card issued in the United States (i.e., consular identification cards) or a current bill (within the last ninety days), including utility, credit card, phone, and mortgage bills. Residency for children can be verified with an identification card from Waukegan Public Schools or parent/guardian's proof of residency.

The early bird special is available until Friday, May 20, 2022. Season passes must be purchased at the Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center, located at 800 N. Baldwin Avenue. More information, including hours of operation, admission, and rental options, is available at waukeganparks.org/splashzone.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the Waukegan Park District (WPD) 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 WPD include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, 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 need populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Arts and cultural activities are provided by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

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 WPD employs 64 full-time and about 235 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 WPD has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eleven consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the WPD's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The WPD 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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