
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces 2022 Arts Park Season

Waukegan, Illinois (June 1, 2022) – The Waukegan Park District’s Arts Park van will be on the road bringing free arts and crafts to parks and events in Waukegan. Participants will have the opportunity to create an art or craft project while they watch guest artists create their own art.

The arts programming provided by the Arts Park van is supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. The mission of the Illinois Arts Council Agency is to build a strong, creative, and connected Illinois through the arts.

According to the National Recreation & Park Association, like traditional sports programs, the arts also foster positive growth for all ages. Arts help youth build self-confidence, improve self-expression, enhance problem solving, encourage innovation, and build community.

The Arts Park van will be at parks on the following dates from 5:30pm to 6:30pm:

- Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Bevier Park, 2255 W. Yorkhouse Road
- Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Graham Park, 3935 Bertrand Lane
- Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Arbor Park, 1151 Pleasant Hill Gate
- Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Country Lane Park, 3353 Country Lane
- Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Bedrosian Park, 201 W. Liberty Street
- Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Bowen Park, 1800 N. Sheridan Road
- Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Eugene P. King, 301 South Avenue
- Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Clearview Park, 1523 N. McAree Street
- Thursday, July 28, 2022 at Upton Park, 732 N. Genesee Street
- Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Country Lane Park, 3353 N. Country Lane
- Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Victory Park, 1325 North Avenue

In addition to parks, the Arts Park van will also travel to events throughout Waukegan. Preregistration is not required. More information, including all the dates and locations, is available at waukeganparks.org/artspark.

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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 66 full-time and 290 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 in 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, 2021 and 2022.

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