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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Waukegan Park District to Host Free Movies in the Parks

**Waukegan, Illinois (June 8, 2022)** – The Waukegan Park District will host five free movies in the parks at various neighborhood parks and the Waukegan Municipal Beach. Every movie in the lineup is family-friendly and free popcorn will be available, while supplies last.

The movies will be shown on the following dates at sunset:

- Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Diversity Park, 4499 W. Hill Avenue
- Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Yeoman Park, 1535 Grand Avenue
- Friday, July 1, 2022 at Country Lane Park, 3353 N. Country Lane
- Friday, July 15, 2022 at Victory Park, 1325 North Avenue
- Friday, August 5, 2022 at Waukegan Municipal Beach, 201 E. Seahorse Drive\*

\*The movie on Friday, August 5, 2022 is being shown as part of the 2022 Touch a Truck/Waukegan Night Out, hosted by the City of Waukegan and the Waukegan Park District.

The Waukegan Park District's Arts Park van will host free arts and crafts before each movie. Participants will have the opportunity to create an arts 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.

Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks, blankets, chairs, picnic gear, and insect repellent to enjoy the movies in the parks. In case of inclement weather, the screening of movies will be postponed to a new date. More information, including the movie lineup, is available at [waukeganparks.org/movies](http://waukeganparks.org/movies).

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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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