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# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Commissioner Election Process Begins**

**Waukegan, Illinois (September 20, 2022)** – There will be one (1) park board commissioner position on the ballot for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election. This is for a six (6) year term and the commissioner up for re-election is Janet E. Kilkelly.

The Commissioners meet at 4:30pm the second Tuesday of each month for a Board of Commissioners meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month for a Committee of the Whole meeting at the Waukegan Park District's Administrative Center, located at 1324 Golf Road.

Park Commissioners serve a term of six years without compensation. Filing for candidacy requires collecting signatures of registered voters who reside within park district boundaries on the petitions for nomination, completing and filling a statement of economic interests, and filing a statement of candidacy.

Candidates seeking election as a Waukegan Park District Commissioner may begin circulating the petitions on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Nomination papers are available by contacting Sally Sandine at [sally@waukeganparks.org](mailto:sally@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4721. Candidates file their packets at the Waukegan Park District's Administrative Center during normal business hours beginning on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 9am and ending on Friday, December 19, 2022 at 5pm.

For more information, contact Jay Lerner at [jlerner@waukeganparks.org](mailto:jlerner@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4721.

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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 the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award for receiving the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The WPD was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013, and was named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

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