

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Waukegan Park District Announces Parky's Fun Club Beginning Monday, August 17**

**Waukegan, Illinois (August 7, 2020)** – The Waukegan Park District is excited to announce a new all-day child care program to support local families with children in remote instruction: Parky's Fun Club. Open to students from first to fifth grade, Parky's Fun Club will feature fun and safe activities, crafts, and games on weekdays from 7am to 6pm, with each session lasting a week, beginning on Monday, August 17.

Parky's Fun Club will follow the Waukegan Public Schools' academic calendar and four stage school reopening plan. The school district is currently in stage one with remote instruction for all students. As the school district progresses through stages, offerings will be revised to better accommodate participants and the academic schedule.

Staff will be available to assist participants with accessing virtual instruction from their classroom teachers. Students requiring special needs and/or accommodations must notify the Waukegan Park District in advance to determine if a successful plan can be implemented.

To ensure the safety of all participants, Parky's Fun Club will adhere to the guidelines set by Restore Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Department of Children and Family Services. Precautions include increased sanitation practices, face coverings when necessary, and social distancing.

Registration for Parky's Fun Club is now open. More information, including dates, fees, and registration materials are available at [waukeganparks.org/funclub](http://waukeganparks.org/funclub). If you have any questions, you can contact Javi Martinez at [jmartinez@waukeganparks.org](mailto:jmartinez@waukeganparks.org) or (847) 360-4706.

#### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 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, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, 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. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association

(IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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