
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

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Park District Celebrates Re-Opening and Dedication of Bedrosian Park

WAUKEGAN, IL (July 1, 2010) --- Neighborhood families and children filled the park at almost capacity to celebrate the grand opening of Bedrosian Park. The Park District Board and other dignitaries were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony. At the enthusiastic request of the children present, the splash pad was opened first. Three children from the crowd were selected to push the buttons and start the water. “So I can play here every day now, right?” a young boy asked a park district employee as the ribbon was cut on the new playground.

Upon acquiring the Barwell Dental Clinic property at 201 N. Liberty, the Waukegan Park District began construction last fall to triple the size of the park. The very popular basketball court received a much appreciated resurfacing, and the former playground was outfitted with new outdoor fitness stations. The expansion includes a new playground, picnic area, sports court and splash pad. The park also features a 250 foot mural, designed and painted on a retaining wall by Ted Injasulian, a Waukegan High School art teacher. The mural’s design represents the park district’s mission. The park landscape is planted

with species native to Illinois. The Bedrosian Park Expansion is a direct result of the efforts of Senator Terry Link and the late Representative Eddie Washington to obtain state assistance for the project. With their help and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, an OSLASD Grant of nearly \$300,000 helped to finance the project. Bedrosian Park provides the abundant youth and families in the surrounding neighborhood with a safe outdoor space to play and enjoy.



Wayne Motley, Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners President cuts the ribbon



Children playing on the splash pad



Children enjoying the new playground equipment

About The Waukegan Park District

Established December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook Golf Course and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Course. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports courts and fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, the Waukegan Skate Park and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, the Bowen Park Opera Company and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-seven authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, 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 IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.