
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

2025 Large Special Events (Projected Attendance: 1,000+)

The Waukegan Park District hosts five large special events throughout the year: Eggstravaganza Trail, American Independence Parade, Touch a Truck/Waukegan National Night Out, Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine Arts & Music Festival, and Halloween Trick or Treat Trail. All large special events are free and preregistration is not required to attend.

Eggstravaganza Trail on Saturday, April 19, 2025

The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 26th Eggstravaganza Trail on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 9am to 11am at Corrine J. Rose Park, located at 412 S. Lewis Avenue. Children and their families will have the opportunity to hop along the bunny trail and collect eggs from the Easter Bunny and friends, while supplies last. Vendors and free entertainment, including pony rides, a petting zoo, and hands-on bubble stations, are available from 9am to 11am. The bunny trail is open from 10am to 11am.

American Independence Parade on Sunday, June 29, 2025

The Waukegan Park District will present the American Independence Parade on Sunday, June 29, 2025 beginning at 1pm, and traveling north on Sheridan Road from Franklin Street to Jack Benny Drive. The parade theme and the Grand Marshal are to be determined.

Touch a Truck/Waukegan National Night Out on Friday, August 8, 2025

The Waukegan Park District and Waukegan Police Department are partnering to host the Touch a Truck and Waukegan Night Out on Friday, August 8, 2025 from 5pm to 8pm at the Waukegan Municipal Beach, located at 201 E. Seahorse Drive. Attendees of all ages will have the opportunity to see, touch, and explore trucks, police vehicles, machines, and more. Following the event, the Waukegan Park District hosts a free movie at the Stiner Pavilion. The movie is family-friendly and free popcorn will be available, while supplies last.

Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, August 16, 2025

The Waukegan Park District is hosting the 25th Annual Ray Bradbury's Dandelion Wine Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 11am to 4:51pm at Bowen Park, located 1800 N. Sheridan Road. The festival celebrates Ray Bradbury with arts and music. Art vendors, including painters, sculptors, and photographers, will have their art for sale.

Halloween Trick or Treat Trail on Saturday, October 25, 2025

The Waukegan Park District will host the Halloween Trick or Treat Trail on Saturday, October 25, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm at Bowen Park, located at 1800 N. Sheridan Road. The event features an enchanted trail with professionally costumed characters. Children will receive candy throughout the trail, while supplies last.