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For Immediate Release:

From Fish Fries to Warbler Walks, Summer Activities Kick Off *Enjoy Summer's Favorite Activities Beginning Memorial Day Weekend*

Milwaukee, WI (May 13, 2014) —Popular summer activities in the Milwaukee County Parks will get under way Memorial Day weekend. Activities are as varied as swimming at the Family Aquatic Centers, to taking in a Friday family fish fry, to going on a warbler walk.

Cool Waters & David F. Schulz Aquatic Centers

Prior to opening for the summer, Milwaukee County Parks will offer “Early Bird” discounts of 10% on season passes, May 20–23, from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. The discount will continue to be available during open pool hours May 24–June 1.

Cool Waters Family Aquatic Park in Greenfield Park, 2028 S. 124 St., and David F. Schulz Aquatic Center in Lincoln Park, 1301 E. Hampton Ave., will open for the official summer swimming season, Sat., May 24. Hours at Cool Waters are Mon.–Thurs., 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; and Fri., Sat., Sun. and Holidays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Hours at Lincoln Park include a special swim session for children age 7 and under and their adult caregivers. The “Tot Time” is Mon.–Fri., 10 a.m.–noon. Open Swim at Lincoln Park is Mon.–Thurs., noon–8 p.m., and Fri., Sat., Sun./Holidays, noon–6 p.m. For details on the aquatic parks, call the Aquatics Hotline at (414) 257-8098 or visit countyparks.com.

Friday Fish Fries at Golf Clubhouses

The popular Parks Friday Fish Fry returns to Grant and Whitnall Golf Clubhouses, Fri., May 23. The fish fry includes baked or fried cod with French fries or parsley buttered potatoes, cole slaw, rye bread, and a cookie. The fish fry is served at Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave., from 4–8 p.m. and at Whitnall, 6751 S 92 St., from 4–9 p.m. Reservations are accepted at Grant at (414) 762-4817. Fish fries will be served every Friday through Labor Day Weekend. For details on the Friday Fish Fries, call Concessions at (414) 257-8067 or visit countyparks.com.

Nite-Glow Golf Tees-Off on Friday Nights

Golfers can kick off the holiday weekend with a round of Nite-Glow Golf. This after-dark event is a

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veritable light show—only tees, flag sticks, and holes are illuminated, as glow-in-the-dark golf balls fly through the air. Rounds on May 23 will be offered at Hansen Park, 9800 W. Underwood Creek Parkway, and Warnimont Park, 5400 S. Lake Drive. Lake Park, 3233 E. Kenwood Blvd., will also be a venue in the rotating schedule this summer. For a full schedule or more information about Nite-Glow Golf, call the Golf Office at (414) 257-8024 or visit milwaukeecountygolfcourses.com.

Birding in Lincoln Park

Three expert birders will lead a bird hike through Lincoln Park, Sat., May 24, from 8-9:30 a.m. Participants should meet at the Blatz Pavilion at 1301 W. Hampton Ave. Participants will discover how recent cleanup and restoration efforts have affected which migratory birds come to visit. Leading the hikes will be Charles Hanger, editor of BirdWatching Magazine; Marilyn Bontly, of the Schlitz Audubon Bird Club; and Carl Schwartz, of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and Bird City Wisconsin. All levels of birders are welcomed—no prior expertise is needed. Participants are asked to bring binoculars. A limited number of binoculars will be available for the program on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is organized through the partnership of the Milwaukee Audubon Society and the University of Wisconsin Extension. For more information, contact Gail Overholt at (414) 256-4632 or gail.overholt@ces.uwex.edu.

Warbler Walk in Lake Park

The public is invited to enjoy a free, morning walk in search of spring's migratory warblers, Sat., May 24, from 8:30-10 a.m., in Lake Park. Recreational birders will lead a walk to the best birding spots in the park. Participants should meet near the Warming House at 2975 N. Lake Park Road. Beginning birders are especially welcome. Discussions of diverse environmental issues are encouraged. For more information, visit http://home.roadrunner.com/~phunter1/lakeparkbirds.html#Upcoming_Birding_Events.

Annual Family Kite Festival in Veterans Park

The 27th annual Family Kite Festival in Veterans Park, 1300 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, will be held Sat., May 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., May 25 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The festival and parking are free. The Grand Launch of 500 kites will take place at noon and kite performances will occur throughout the day. For more information, call (414) 273-5483 or visit giftofwings.com.

Lawn Bowling Open House in Lake Park

Members of Lake Park Lawn Bowls Association will give the public a friendly introduction to the game of lawn bowling, Sun., May 25, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lake Park's lawn bowling courts are located at 3131 E. Newberry Blvd. Members will give demonstrations on the hour, followed by organized games. Participants are asked to wear soft, flat-soled shoes. All other equipment is provided. The game is not appropriate for children under age 12. Refreshments will be provided. For more information about the association, visit the milwaukeeelawnbowls.com or contact Anna Witt via email at admin@milwaukeeelawnbowls.com.

For other events in the Milwaukee County Parks, call (414) 257-PARK (7275) or visit countyparks.com

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