

## Historical Waukegan Bus Tour

The Historical Waukegan Bus Tour is set up for the Class of 1973 for Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. If the Class members of 1968 are interested in coming along please respond back to Bev Case ([bevcase1@aol.com](mailto:bevcase1@aol.com)) before Aug. 15. If there is room on their bus? It is necessary to have at least 30 for a bus tour and not more than 35. If the Class of 1968 wants their own bus tour they would have to set up one for the morning of Sept. 23 from 9:00am-11:30am. If only a few want to take part then I suggest that you go along with the Class of 1973 if there are seats left and their reservations MUST be taken by Aug. 1. So we will know then.

Seats are \$20 each and it is a school bus without air conditioning and no handicapped. We do have a great time and stop for a washroom break. Bring your own water. We have handouts to follow along and we start at Bowen Park in the first entrance past Greenwood Av. with plenty of parking right there. We enjoy going back in time to the wonderful era when we grew up in Waukegan. I have a group of people that have gone on bus tours with me every Fall since 2007.

We talk about the history of Waukegan and all the famous people that came from Waukegan and the stories behind the scenes. We go past the old downtown and talk about the stores you remember. We take a trip past the site of the Little Fort which was Waukegan's early name, the homes of the notable Waukeganites such as Edward Amet who invented the motion picture camera called the Magniscope, past Vincent Price's Grandfather who invented baking powder, and the home of Elisha Ferry who was an early Mayor of Waukegan who invited Abraham Lincoln to spend the night at his house. The bed that Lincoln slept in is in the Waukegan Haines House Museum. Many fun facts and stories of early Waukegan along with the movies made here and North School teacher, John Baggett whose classroom was chosen the best in the nation plus one of the youngest boys age 12 in the Civil War, Orien Howe and his story. The Wkgn. Historical Society is restoring the Carnegie Library project we will drive by and the College of Lake County just built their Lakeshore Campus on N. Sheridan Rd. We will see Ray Bradbury's home and go by the sculpture built in his honor and the Jack Benny plaza with his statue.

There is plenty to learn about in Waukegan's past and I'm hoping that many of you will take advantage of learning a lot more about Waukegan than you ever knew.....JOIN US!

Hugs,

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