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BAREFOOT BAY RECOGNIZED BY AQUATICS INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE

Mundelein Family Aquatics Center selected as one of 12 finalists for Best of Aquatics awards

Mundelein, Illinois — Barefoot Bay Family Aquatic Center is one of 12 “Best of Aquatics” finalists in Aquatics International Magazine’s (www.aquaticsintl.com) 2015 awards. Nominated in the Lifeguard Management category, the Mundelein Park & Recreation aquatic facility was honored for “creativity, dedication to the field of aquatics and demonstrating excellence in the category.”

Barefoot Bay employs 100 lifeguards for the summer season. They received the prestigious **Five Star Award** twice this summer by Starfish Aquatics Institute (<http://www.starfishaquatics.org>) following performance audits of lifeguards and management staff. Mundelein Park & Recreation District’s Aquatic Supervisor Mike Gerton was excited to learn about the lifeguard management earning Aquatic International’s honor. He said, “this accolade is not only a testament to being able to provide a safe and

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enjoyable facility for our patrons, but also offer an exciting work atmosphere for our current and future staff.”

Over 53,000 people visited the new England-themed, six-acre family water retreat this past season. Barefoot Bay offers four bodies of water including a 7,500 square foot combined leisure and lap swimming pool, a 1,100 square foot diving well, 2,290 square foot enclosed wading pool for toddlers, a 12,900 square foot slide, plunge pool and lazy river. More information about Barefoot Bay and the many other wonderful facilities at Mundelein Park & Recreation District can be found at www.mundeleinparks.org.

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