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Buffalo Grove Park District's Statewide Involvement and Recognition

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - For many years, the Buffalo Grove Park District has been seen as a leader in parks and recreation by many professionals in the field. The agency's staff and Board of Commissioners have been consistently recognized throughout the years by the industry's state and national associations for their leadership, innovation and excellent performance. This year has been no different, with many members of the Buffalo Grove Park District's staff being recognized for stepping up to serve in leadership positions with the state association.

With multiple staff members serving on multiple committees, the Buffalo Grove Park District is having a significant positive impact on the field of parks and recreation throughout Illinois. The District's Executive Director, Ryan Risinger, is the co-chair of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)/Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Joint Distinguished Park and Recreation Accreditation Committee. Director of Business Services and Human Resources, John Short is the co-chair of the IPRA Administration and Finance Section's Conference and Education Committee. Director of Recreation and Facilities, Erika Strojinc is chair of the IPRA Membership Council, and the Membership Council Representative on the IPRA Board of Directors. Superintendent of Communications and Marketing, Mike Terson is the co-chair of the IPRA Communications and Marketing Section's Sponsorship Committee. Fitness Center General Manager, Joe Zimmermann is the Director of the IPRA Facility Management Section. Recreation Manager, Diana Clayson is the co-chair of the IPRA Recreation Section's Early Childhood Committee. Recreation Supervisor, Megan Baird is the co-chair of the IPRA Recreation Section's Athletics Committee. Recreation Supervisor, Jessi Hersman is the co-chair of the IPRA Recreation Section's Cultural Arts Committee. Aquatics Facilities Supervisor, Jenn Foreman is the Secretary of the IPRA Facility Management Section, and co-chair of the Facility Management Section's Aquatics Committee.

Other staff members who were recognized at the state level include Raupp Museum Curator, Debbie Fandrei, who is the Secretary of the Illinois Association of Museums Board of Directors, and Superintendent of Communications and Marketing, Mike Terson, who had a photograph take third place in the sports category of the IAPD Give Us Your Best Shot Photo Contest.

In addition to staff involvement within the state associations, Park Board Commissioner Tracy Bragg has been appointed to serve on the IAPD Honors and Resolutions Committee, and the IAPD Program Committee.

Park District Executive Director Ryan Risinger said, "I am very proud of not just the great work we are doing at the state level, but how many people at our agency are seen as leaders in our field. The Buffalo Grove Park District continues to have an excellent reputation throughout the State of Illinois, with our people in many leadership positions. We are being leaders in our field; and, we are bringing back good ideas and best practices that benefit the community we serve."

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