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Buffalo Grove Park District Board Appointment

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - The Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners is excited to announce that Hetal Wallace has been selected to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner Adriane Johnson. Wallace will fill the remainder of the Johnson's term until April 2023.

Wallace has bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, and has been involved in a variety of Buffalo Grove Park District programs, including the Studio 83 dance program, the Hurricanes Swim Team, and theater productions at the Community Arts Center with Big Deal productions.

Wallace said, "A park district and its programs are important to bring us together, and finding your home in a new community. I have relied on the old saying, it takes a village to raise children. The Buffalo Grove Park District is that village that is helping me raise my children. Every adult involved with the programs at the Community Arts Center or the Hurricanes Swim Team becomes someone my family and I can rely on for navigating the difficulties of putting down roots in a new community. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve through the Board of Commissioners, and learn more about our growing community." She added, "The value of a good park district is measured by how much it enriches the lives of its community members; and, I have been nothing but grateful for what Buffalo Grove Park District has offered. A seat at the table where the decisions of how these programs run would be a great learning and growing opportunity."

Buffalo Grove Park District Park Board President Scott Jacobson said, "We interviewed several candidates for the Commissioner vacancy left by Adriane Johnson's resignation from the Park District Board that was due to her appointment to the Illinois Senate. It was difficult to lose Adriane from our Board, but we knew she would be a great Senator serving the interests of a larger constituency in her district. So to say the least, the new Commissioner would have some big shoes to fill. As each candidate we interviewed was impressive, Hetal Wallace stood out. Her passion for both the Park District and the Village of Buffalo Grove, as well as her volunteer work with several Park District programs made her the ideal candidate to fill the shoes. We are excited about working with Hetal, and believe with her added leadership the Park District will continue providing the residents of Buffalo Grove with outstanding service for all."

Wallace was interviewed by the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners on June 8, and 3 other qualified candidates were also interviewed that day. The Board developed an open and transparent selection process. All candidates provided the Board with an application, showing their experiences, along with statements on their interest in the position. Wallace's experience and past participation in Park District programs made her the best choice to fill the remaining 9 months of the term.

The Board was impressed with the quality of all of the candidates, and has invited them to participate in other volunteer opportunities.

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