

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

THEODORA “TEDDY” ANDERSON PROMOTED TO SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Waukegan, IL (June 28, 2018) – Theodora “Teddy” Anderson has been promoted to Superintendent of Community Relations, effective Tuesday, June 27, 2018. Teddy has worked at the Waukegan Park District since 2008, initially hired as the Manager of Community Relations.

Teddy’s efforts as the Manager of Community Relations have led to important partnerships between the Waukegan Park District and key community leaders and organizations. Teddy led the Waukegan Park District’s Community Engagement Project to enhance community by bringing leaders together from the faith community, not-for-profit organizations, government and institutions, businesses, and media to establish new communication channels, identify needs, and discuss general strategies for action including possible collaborations.

In addition to her role at the Waukegan Park District, Teddy serves as a commissioner on the City of Waukegan’s Planning and Zoning Commission, founder and ex officio member of the Waukegan Parks Foundation, member of the Rotary Club of Waukegan, member of the Latino Coalition of Lake County, and co-founder and member of the Waukegan Arts Council, among other organizations.

Waukegan Park District President Marc Jones congratulated Teddy Anderson saying, “The Waukegan Park District’s strong partnerships are a result of Teddy’s leadership and dedication to our great city. As a Waukegan resident, Teddy has a true awareness of the community and fully understands that we live in a multicultural city. She does a masterful job of having the pulse of everyone’s specific interests and is able to collaborate with various organizations so the Waukegan Park District is able to meet the needs of our community. During her tenure, Teddy has demonstrated time and time again that she’s multi-talented, creative, loyal, and a great team player. Congratulations Teddy, well deserved!”

Waukegan Park District Executive Director Jay Lerner stated, “Teddy’s contributions to the Waukegan Park District over the years have been countless and this promotion is well deserved. Please join me in congratulating her.”

For more information, please contact Jay Lerner, Executive Director at 847-360-4721 or jlerner@waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 736 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan’s Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 62 full-time and over 230 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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