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IPRA President Todd Redenius Resigns Sherry Proud To Serve As Interim President



On July 1, 2011, Todd Redenius resigned as director of Ankeny Parks and Recreation. His resignation was effective July 22. Following this, Todd submitted his resignation as president of IPRA board of directors effective July 7. His time and energy will be directed to pursuing new endeavors in and out of our profession. IPRA board of directors, committee chairs and entire membership are grateful for his passion, enthusiasm, vision and leadership demonstrated during his impressive involvement with the association. Todd's absence will be missed, for sure.

IPRA will take his short-term legacy and move forward based on already begun work. During this transition time, I will assume interim president duties. Rest assured, our organizational by-laws stipulate a clear and concise succession path. Using this path, I will provide a recommendation to our board of directors of their review and approval at an August board meeting yet to be scheduled.

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2011 Fall Workshop Update

Like our Spring Conference, we are heading to the Mighty - Mississippi for another gathering of park and recreation professionals. Clinton Parks and Recreation Department will host professionals as well as citizen-advocates during the Fall Workshop being held Monday, September 19, through Wednesday, September 21. They have planned 17 educational sessions, two offsite institutes, golf outing plus social, in addition to an evening at beautiful Eagle Point Park.

Golfers will tee off at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at Clinton Country Club for 18 holes of best shot. Entry fee of \$50 covers green fees, two beverage tickets, cart and prizes, followed by a scrumptious golf social. Non-golfers are invited to attend the golf social buffet for just \$10.

Twelve educational sessions commence Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. then end at 4:30 p.m. Five educational sessions round-off the Workshop on Wednesday. Ever popular offsite institutes are planned for Monday afternoon. Pick from "Gems of Clinton" or "Diamonds in the Rough". Gregg Obren, Clinton Recreation Director and Fall Workshop Chair, has this to say about the two OSI, "delegates will get an insider's look at a minor league professional baseball team stadium, aquatic center, marina operations, show boat theater, RV park, arboretum,

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We will continue looking ahead through the efforts and support of the association’s full-time staff. My goal is to maintain an open channel of communication with the board, membership and staff to ensure transparency. At the board meeting in June, we established our FY 11/12 operational budget which will enable staff to focus on carrying out the day-to-day operational tasks.

Should at any time you have concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me directly at sproud@ci.coralville.ia.us or 319.248.1750.

Submitted by Sherri Proud, CPRP, Interim IPRA President, and Director, Coralville Parks and Recreation.

2011 Fall Workshop Update

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and much more as motor coaches traverse the city so riders can explore rare gems in our historic community. Delegates will also be surprised to learn Clinton boasted one of the largest number of early 20th Century millionaires”.



To whet your tastebuds, Bruce Beasley, Clinton Recreation Supervisor and education session coordinator has lined up a variety of sessions targeting administration, aquatics, parks, recreation programming, recreation facilities and TR. Here is a quick list of sessions:

To Tree or Not Tree?, Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center, Waz’ Cookin?, Spectacular Landscaping on a Dime, A Matter of Balance, Playground Safety: Surface Specs and Performance, When OSHA Comes Calling, Remembering Outdoor Pools: October to April, Fitness Trends: Let the Party Begin, Gardening with a Disability, Save Youth Sports through Sportsmanship, Geo Cashing: High Tech Treasure Hunt, Going Green in the Workplace, Tourism: A Taste of Local Business, Social Media Marketing: The Next Step, No Child Left Inside and Aquatic CEU Workshop.

Committee members and IPRA staff are diligently working to produce a timely delegate brochure so members/ non-members can begin the registration process.

Online early bird register opens soon, so be sure to bookmark www.iapra.org for more details. An IPRA room block has been set up for the Fall Workshop at Wild Rose Casino and Resort. Rooms are just \$55 per night for single or double. Cut-off date is September 9. Please call 800.457.9975 or go to www.wildroseresorts.com to make reservations.

On a side subject, Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation President Christine Page reminds everyone of the Fall Workshop Fellowship. IFPR will be awarding fellowships valued at up to \$500! Recipients will be awarded complimentary full delegate package and two night hotel stay! Full delegate package includes all educational sessions, Tuesday evening social, OSI, golf outing social (if recipient does not wish to golf) and break snacks. Deadline is August 31. For more information, please visit www.iapra.org.





GOLF OUTING and AUCTION



FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011
Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.

BROWN DEER GOLF CLUB
1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville
For a sneak peak at the course amenities, find us at
www.browndeergolf.org.

Special Thanks to:



**RYDER CUP
FORMAT**

(2 person team)
6 Holes best shot
6 holes alternate shot
6 holes best ball

**ENTRY FEE
\$60 per person**

Includes golf, cart,
cookout, 2 drink tickets,
and prizes.

Auction immediately following with a variety of great items to bid on including golf and travel packages, merchandise, sports and school team items, and more. To donate an item, contact Duane Randall at 319.471.4164 or vprdrandall@vintoniowa.net.

Stay and Play! Room block is being held through July 29 at the Coralville Marriott at a price of \$103 + tax. Call 319.688.4000 to make your room reservation. Players registered for the tournament can stay over and play Brown Deer again on Saturday – 18 holes at \$37.

IOWA FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION, GOLF OUTING

NAME _____ TEAMMATE _____

E-MAIL _____ Questions, call (319) 248-1750

To confirm your tee time and follow up with hotel and local entertainment options for a weekend stay.

OR, Sorry I cannot attend this year, please accept my contribution to be used to support the Foundation's efforts to educate and support parks and recreation professionals in Iowa.

RETURN TO:

Sherri Proud, Board Member
Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation
1506 8th Street, Coralville, IA 52241



BY JULY 27, 2011
Fee payable to: Iowa
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Employment Opportunities

Director of Parks and Recreation—Ankeny

The city of Ankeny is seeking a well-qualified candidate for the position of Parks and Recreation Director. This is a department head position responsible for operations of the city's recreation program, parks division and a number of recreational venues. The position reports to one of two Ankeny Assistant City Managers daily and interacts with the city manager at least weekly. The director is the lead staff person working with the Ankeny Park Board on recreation programming, facility development and new park site planning.

The selected candidate must have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's or master's degree in public or business administration or a bachelor's degree in planning or park and recreation field and have a minimum of five years of extensive, responsible professional parks and recreation experience in a city or county as a senior department manager with working knowledge in public facilities development operations and maintenance, recreational programming, recreational system planning and general administration.



Salary range is \$86,425 to \$95, 283, with an excellent benefits package. Deadline to apply is August 19, 2011. Submit city employment application, cover letter and resume to: City of Ankeny, Human Resources Office, 410 West First Street, Ankeny, IA, 50023. Phone: 515.965.6400; e-mail: dgean@ankenyiowa.gov; web site: www.ankenyiowa.gov. EOE

Director of Parks and Recreation—Belle Plaine

The city of Belle Plaine (population 2,534) is seeking a full-time Parks and Recreation Director. Duties include operating an extensive park system and aquatic center. The position also plans, schedules and oversees a variety of recreational programs.

Open until filled. Contact: Bill Daily, City Administrator, at 319-444-2200.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation—Grinnell



This position assists with the supervision, planning and organization of the parks and recreation department. The ideal candidate would have a diverse background in coaching, grounds maintenance, construction, recreation, horticulture, physical education and related fields along with great communication skills and a degree in a related program. The assistant director will manage full-time and part-time employees and must be available to work irregular hours and weekends.

Salary range is \$33,000 to \$43,000 plus a generous benefits package. Application deadline is August 12, 2011. Call 641.236.2620 for an application. Send application and cover letter to: Kelly Johnson Rose, Parks and Recreation Director, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, IA, 50112.

Swimming Pool Assistant—Iowa City

Under direction, this position assists with the supervision of swimming pool activities and facilities as assigned and maintains a pleasant, safe and sanitary environment while supervising aquatic staff and providing a positive swimming experience for pool patrons. This employee will enforce department rules and regulations and health, safety and sanitation policies. Additional duties include organization reports such as material safety data sheets used for compliance with regulations; tracks pool records on daily chemical changes; collects pool samples for laboratory analysis; assists with recruiting, training, scheduling and supervision temporary pool staff; monitors hours of temporary staff; completes or reviews disciplinary forms; assists with maintenance activities as needed, such as handicap life chair and guard chairs; cleans underwater vacuum, ensures pools are swept and decks hosed down; interacts with community organizations, agencies, affiliate groups and special interest groups and may handle complaints and questions in supervisor's absence; assists with dissemination of publicity and promotional materials; performs all other related duties as assigned.

A high school diploma or equivalent and at least three months of related/responsible aquatic work are required. Life Guard Instructor certification is required. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external defibrillator and first aid certifications are required. A valid driver's license with a satisfactory driving record is required. Must pass a background check. Certified pool operator certification is required within 90 days of hire. One year experience of related/responsible aquatic work is preferred. One year of college or technical school from a DOE recognized accreditation body is preferred.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, August 4, 2011, and the city of Iowa City application must be submitted to Personnel, 410 E. Washington Street, Iowa City, IA, 52240. The city's employment application can be downloaded at www.icgov.org.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent—Kalona

The city of Kalona is currently accepting applications for the position of Parks and Recreation Superintendent. The position is responsible for the administration, management and planning of the parks, pool and recreation programs. Work includes developing long-range plans and special projects for recreation programs and facilities according to anticipated growth, current needs and future interests with input from local officials and the general public. This position supervises all part-time employees for the pool, recreation and community center. Work requires extensive public contact and excellent computer and organizational skills. This position works under supervision of the City Administrator.

The selected candidate will have graduated from an accredited college/university with major course work in recreation and park administration or related field. Salary range is \$30,000 to \$35,000 for the 12 month position.

The deadline to apply is August 15, 2011. Please submit your resume to: City of Kalona, Box 1213, Kalona, IA, 52247 or e-mail to rschlabaugh@cityofkalona.org. Questions are to be directed to Mr. Ryan Schlabaugh at 319.656.2310.

Maintenance Worker I/ Athletic Facilities Specialist—Muscatine

This position includes mowing, trimming, groundskeeping and assisting in the care and maintenance of athletic facilities. In addition, this employee operates and maintains equipment associated with groundskeeping and performs minor building repairs; performs general cleaning and routine custodial duties; maintains an inventory of building and janitorial supplies; performs moderate to heavy lifting in addition to bending, twisting and reaching in the daily performance of maintenance duties.

Qualifications include graduation from high school or equivalent, with college coursework in turf management or horticulture desirable; knowledge of general maintenance and labor duties in custodial and groundskeeping, must reside in Iowa within six months of hire, must possess current State of Iowa Driver's License and/or CDL and the ability to obtain and maintain pesticide application license.

Salary is \$18.41 hourly with excellent benefits. Applications are available on-line at www.muscatineiowa.gov and in the Human Resources office at City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, Muscatine. Deadline to apply: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2.



State Hershey's Track and Field Games 2011

The annual Hershey's Track and Field Meet was held in Marshalltown on June 11. There were 52 meets held across the state this year. Several were canceled due to weather and the inability to re-schedule. Grundy Center, DeWitt and West Union held meets for first time.

A total of 760 kids competed at the state meet. Four state records were recorded:

Melina Hegelheimer	9/10 girl, Ames	200m (31.02) and 400m (1:11.35)
Jagger Gourley	9/10 boy, Fort Madison	200m (29.87)
Taleah Smith	11/12 girl, Iowa City	200m (27.86)

Six kids were selected to go to Hershey for the North American Finals. Nicole Miller from West Union was selected to run the 800m, but chose not to attend so only five will make the trip August 4-7:

- Melina Hegelheimer**, 200m
- Jagger Gourley**, 200m
- Lee Grim**, 13/14 from Ames, 800m
- DaEssley Renneger** from Indianola, Softball Throw
- Steve Erredge** from Ankeny, 1600m

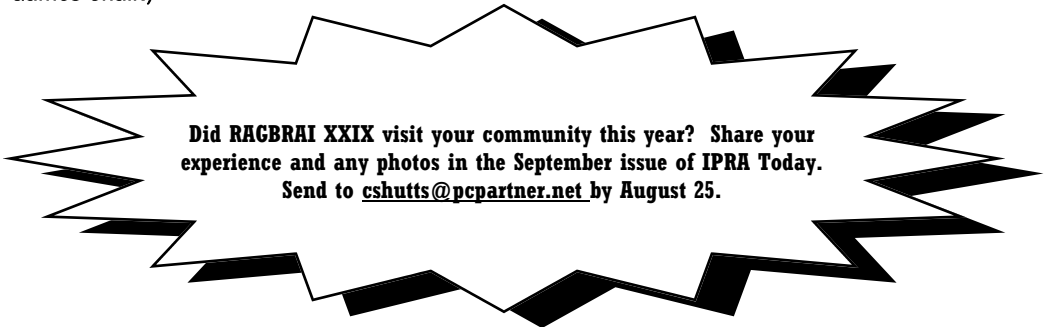


The chaperones this year are Mandi Parker from Sioux City and Justin Stuart from Indianola.

My thanks to all those communities that hosted a local meet. We would always like to see more communities involved. Please call if you have questions about you can become a part of this program.

**Put a Hershey's Track and Field Games date on your 2012
spring calendar now!**

(Submitted by Terry Gray, Director, Marshalltown Parks and Recreation, and Hershey's Track and Field Games Chair.)



Beach Ottumwa Renovation

Built in 1992 and opened to the public in 1993, the Beach Ottumwa was one of the first of the new generation of “waterparks”. The beach included an eight-lane, 25-yard indoor competition pool, an indoor water slide and catch pool, an outdoor children’s play area, a very tall and intimidating speed slide, an open flume curly waterslide, sand volleyball courts and one of Iowa’s only wave pools. Problems plagued the Beach Ottumwa from the start. Waterlines were not installed deeply enough in the ground, and combined with improper winterization in the 1990’s, caused water leaks. Concrete had to be dug up to repair them. The flood of ’93 forced city officials to build a berm around the Beach Ottumwa to protect it from the nearby flooding Des Moines River. The berm is still in place today. The HVAC system stopped working one fan at a time and was never repaired, so the Beach Ottumwa HVAC system has not worked in seven years. Various other minor problems have also developed over the years.

Shortly after taking the job as Parks Director for the city of Ottumwa in May of 2008, I began informing city officials and board members that the Beach Ottumwa was long overdue for a renovation, and they agreed. The waterslide tower was designed for a third waterslide, but it had never been installed. The play equipment in the children’s play area was old and unappealing, and only half of the water features worked. The concrete in the children’s play area was crumbling. The west third of the Beach Ottumwa grounds was set up for a lazy river, but funding was never available. Attendance at the Beach Ottumwa had been steadily declining for years, and the annual deficit had grown to \$233,000. The Beach Ottumwa was going through the typical lifecycle of a recreational facility, with increasing maintenance and operations costs and declining revenue. Something had to be done.



We began discussing a renovation at park board meetings in 2008. Three pool renovation companies were interviewed by city staff and the city council. Larkin Aquatics from Kansas City was selected as the designer for the Beach Ottumwa renovation. Larkin Aquatics developed an 11 page, three phase plan for new features. The parks director used this plan to write a CAT grant through Vision Iowa. The rest of the project hinged on the funding of this CAT grant application, and the grant application was successful. The Wapello County Foundation came through at the last second with a \$33,000 grant which then triggered the CAT grant. Vision Iowa provided \$98,000 for Phase 1 of the Beach Ottumwa renovation, which turned out to be 24.5 percent of the total project cost. The city of Ottumwa funded \$260,000 of the project, Wapello County donated \$5,000, the Ottumwa RAGBRAI 2009 committee donated \$4,200 and the Ottumwa Board of Realtors donated \$1,000. This was exactly the type of diverse funding and widespread support that Vision Iowa was looking for. After three trips to Vision Iowa board meetings, my fourth presentation was successful. The project was on!



Pleva Mechanical of Woodward, Iowa was hired as the successful low bidder for the Beach Ottumwa renovation. Pleva began work in February of 2011, knowing full well that they were on a tight time schedule to complete the project and open by May 28. A Vortex 2 play unit was selected to be installed in the children’s play area. This unit features splash pad and spray park features and dumping buckets that fit in perfectly with the existing concrete “Otter Slide” and mini lazy river already built in to the perimeter of the children’s play area.

While excavating the old concrete and plumbing in the children’s play area, the contractor and staff noticed that all of the original plumbing and 70 percent of the original concrete had deteriorated to the point that it was no longer usable. This resulted in a \$15,000 change order that was quickly approved by the city council. Pleva Mechanical then replaced all of the plumbing and the concrete and installed the new Vortex 2 unit. The result is a children’s play area where all of the water features work, and the customers love it. If this renovation had not happened in 2011, the children’s play area at the Beach Ottumwa would have to be closed.

Avalanche Waterslides from Carthage, Missouri was selected to install the new 247 foot long enclosed flume slide on the existing slide tower. This was the long awaited third slide that people had been waiting 19 years to enjoy. Avalanche was the only waterslide manufacturer available that could install the waterslide in the short three-month time frame, and they did an excellent job. The new slide has a 14

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Beach Ottumwa Renovation

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percent drop, is bright yellow and is highly visible from the adjacent Highway 34. We wanted to announce to the world that the Beach Ottumwa has a new waterslide. Customer feedback so far is that the new waterslide is fast, smooth and has a completely different ride sensation than the two original slides. Phase 1 of the Beach Ottumwa renovation was complete.

Future plans for the Beach Ottumwa include a lazy river, a new and functional HVAC system, a toilet bowl slide, shade structures and other potential improvements that will once again transform the Beach Ottumwa into a regional and state-of-the-art waterpark.

A grand opening celebration was held on Friday, June 3. The weather was warm, and attendance that day was off the charts and continues to be. Thank you to Vision Iowa and the Wapello County Foundation for providing funding for this project. Take a trip to the Beach Ottumwa, and enjoy the new features!

(Contributed by Gene Rathje, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Ottumwa.)



IPRA Calendar of Events

August

- 12 IFPR Golf Outing—Coralville
- 15 CEU/Aquatic Update—Ames
- 16-17 Certified Pool Operator's Course—Ames
- 18 IPRA State Fair Day—Des Moines
- 19-21 IPRA/IASA Men's 14 Inch Slow Pitch State Tournaments—West Des Moines
- 31 Deadline to apply IFPR Fall Workshop Fellowship

September

- 5 State Office closed—Labor Day observance
- 19-21 Fall Workshop—Clinton
- 21-23 Iowa League of Cities Conference—Des Moines