

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Parks Division  
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**Vision**

To provide the ideal system of parks, natural resources and recreational opportunities which will enhance the quality of life for everyone.

**Mission, Goals and Objectives**

Our Mission is to provide an exceptional system of safe, accessible, well-planned and maintained parks, facilities, public cemetery, natural areas and public shorelines.

Our Mission is to provide affordable opportunities for recreational and educational experiences.

Our Mission is to preserve and expand our urban forest resources through a well-planned and systematic approach to tree maintenance, planting and natural area management.

Our Mission is to preserve and promote parks' historic legacy.

Our Mission is to provide opportunities for cultural interaction by facilitating community and ethnic festivals and through the display of public art.

Listed below are the names of various section heads and their respective areas of responsibility within the Parks Division. Please feel free to contact these individuals concerning special problems within their areas of responsibility.

Eric Knepp, Superintendent (608) 266-4711

Overall leadership of the Parks Division. Responsible for strategic planning, resource optimization and long-term financial, land acquisition, and partnership development.

Lisa Laschinger, Assistant Superintendent (608) 266-9214

Leads Golf Enterprise Program, Finance and Human Resources, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, and Planning and Development sections. Responsible for legislative management for the Division and co-lead work planning initiatives.

CJ Ryan, Assistant Superintendent (608) 266-4614

Leads Community Services, Operations and Public Information sections. Responsible for partnership management and development, performance management and co-lead work planning initiatives.

## **Community Services**

Terrence Thompson, Community Services Manager (608) 243-0405

Ensures parks are programmed and given purpose to promote health and wellness, equity, inclusion, accessibility, safety, sense of belonging, and connection with the environment throughout the entire parks system.

### **Community Park Events & Street Use**

Kelly Post, Parks and Street Use Supervisor (608) 264-9289

Responsible for administrative and coordinative work overseeing various permitting, including park events, street use, downtown performance spaces, neighborhood and community park events, neighborhood block parties, filming and photo shoots in parks, implementing the City's Street Use Ordinance, and general customer service.

Debra Alleyne, Parks Alive Coordinator (608) 261-9812

Manages programs, events and activities in Parks to support racial equity, violence prevention and social justice, specifically focusing on underserved neighborhoods

Joanne Austin, Customer Services Coordinator (608) 266-4711

Provides customer services such as shelter reservations, lake access permits, dog park permits, cross country ski permits, disc golf permits. Boat mooring leases, canoe and kayak storage.

### **Rangers & Volunteers**

Steve Dray, Interim Ranger Supervisor (608) 261-9295

Oversees volunteer program, all dog parks, disc golf parks, boat launches and park safety.

John Weichert, Volunteer Coordinator (608) 261-9179

Develops and manages volunteer opportunities and strategic partnerships to support Parks programs, projects and initiatives.

### **Recreation Services & Aquatics**

Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator (608) 267-4919

Coordinator of Parks special events, winter activities and special initiatives.

Shane Martin, Aquatics & Parks Program Coordinator (608) 266-4195

Oversees the Goodman Pool, splash parks and beaches staff, and winter recreation facilities.

### **Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC)**

Zach Watson, Warner Park Facility Manager (608) 245-3684

Manages the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) providing a diverse array of recreational, educational, and cultural services.

Marquis Sanders, Program Coordinator (608) 245-3691

Oversees programs and collaborations for teens and families at WPCRC.

Jamie Pratt, Program Assistant (608) 245-3694

Administrative support, coordinates facility schedules, rental program at WPCRC.

## **Finance and Human Resources**

Jennifer Stoiber, Financial & Administrative Manager (608) 266-4214  
Oversees all financial and administrative services.

Becky Schesny, Administrative Assistant (608) 261-9119  
Provides payroll assistance and administrative services.

Shelby Deakin, Administrative Assistant (608) 267-1105  
Provides purchasing and accounting services.

Hannah Penn, GIS Specialist (608) 266-4742  
Maintain Parks Division Mapping and Asset Management Software and systems.

Morgan Mathews, Data Analyst (608) 266-6517  
Manages and analyzes Parks Division data.

## **Golf Enterprise Program**

David Vetrovec, Golf Operations Director (608) 266-4710  
Oversees clubhouse, maintenance and improvement operations, administration and programming of the municipal golf program.

Ken Allen, Golf Clubhouse Supervisor (608) 229-8251  
Oversees clubhouse operations for Odana Hills, Yahara Hills, and Monona golf courses and The Glen Golf Park.

Andrea Romines, Golf Programming Assistant (608) 229-8251  
Provides customer service and programming and administrative support of the golf program.

## **Olbrich Botanical Gardens**

Tanya Zastrow, Olbrich Botanical Center Director (608) 246-4586  
Oversees general operations, administration and coordination of all programs.

Samantha Peckham, Director of Horticulture (608) 246-4683  
Oversees and coordinates the gardening functions, programs, and special events.

Jennifer Lynne Delaney, Director of Guest Experience (608) 246-4733  
Oversees guest services and the volunteer program.

Patti Jorenby, Program Assistant/Rental Coordinator (608) 246-4551  
Administrative support, facility rentals, weddings and tours.

## **Operations**

Chad Hughes, Parks Operations Manager (608) 267-8804  
Supervises park maintenance of all parks (parks, parkways, greenways and athletic field maintenance) and facilities.

### **Area Supervisors & Conservation**

Charlotte Blotz, West Parks Supervisor (608) 288-6164  
Oversees west parks including Elver, Marshall, Marlborough, and Forest Hill Cemetery operations.

Mark Kiesow, Mall Supervisor (608) 266-6031  
Oversees the State Street corridor and Mall Concourse.

Paul Quinlan, Conservation Supervisor (608) 267-4918  
Management and restoration of conservation parks including Cherokee Marsh, Owen, and Turville Point. Interim Parks ecology team supervisor.

Jay Walters, Central Parks Supervisor (608) 266-6289  
Oversees Parks central parks including Goodman, McPike and Vilas.

Spencer Werner, East Parks Supervisor (608) 246-4510  
Parks east of the Yahara River including Tenney, Breese Stevens Field and north including Warner.

### **Construction**

Rich Bergmann, Parks Construction Supervisor (608) 266-6289  
Building parks and supervision of playground safety.

### **Facility Maintenance**

Joel Ringgenberg, Parks Facility Maintenance Supervisor (608) 267-4937  
Supervises all building trade personnel.

## **Planning and Development**

Adam Kaniewski, Planning and Development Manager (608) 261-4281  
Oversees all aspects of park planning and development, including long range planning (e.g., the Park and Open Space Plan), capital improvement program development, park master planning, design and construction of parks.

### **Planners**

Kate Kane, Landscape Architect (608) 261-9671  
Corey Stelljes, Project Engineer (608) 266-6518  
Mike Sturm, Landscape Architect (608) 267-4921  
Vacant (608) 263-6850

## **Public Information Office**

Ann Shea, Public Information Officer

(608) 266-5949

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Oversees Parks communications including website, media inquiries, e-news, social media, photography, and the annual Madison Parks calendar publication.