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## **New Parks & Rec Director in Fairfield**

**Fairfield, Ohio** – After a nationwide recruitment and selection process, the City of Fairfield has a new Parks and Recreation Director for the first time in nearly 40 years.

“It is my privilege to announce the selection of Tiphonie Howard as Fairfield’s next Parks and Recreation Director,” said Mark Wendling, City Manager. “She brings with her more than 25 years of experience in the field. The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously approved her appointment.”

Tiphonie has been a member of the Blue Ash, Ohio, Parks and Recreation Department since 2001, most recently serving as head of the Recreation Operations Division where she managed golf course, recreation/aquatic center and event center operations. Her experience also includes Director of Intramural Sports and Facilities for the athletics department at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and supervisor and coordinator positions within the university recreation departments at the University of Michigan and Ferris State University (Michigan).

She has a Master of Science degree in sports marketing and administration from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation management and leadership from Ferris State University.

“It is an honor to have been selected for the responsibility of leading one of the region’s premier parks and recreation departments,” Howard said. “Being blessed with this opportunity to lead change and positively impact our community is the ultimate privilege in our field. I would be remiss by not also mentioning that I am humbled to have earned this title considering the caliber of candidates who applied. Get ready Fairfield, we’ve got a lot of great and exciting work to accomplish!”

Tiphonie fills the position that came open in April when Jim Bell retired.

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