

**MUNDELEIN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**Connecting our Community**  
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Right: Margaret Resnick, Mundelein Park & Recreation District Executive Director,  
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**Professional of the Year Honor to Mundelein Park District Director**

**Mundelein, Illinois—Margaret Resnick, Executive Director of Mundelein Park & Recreation District ([www.mundeleinparks.org](http://www.mundeleinparks.org)), has been named Illinois Parks and Recreation Association's (IPRA) "Professional of the Year Award" recipient for 2016.** Margaret was presented this award at the IAPD (Illinois Association of Park Districts)/IPRA premier state conference for parks and recreation. This award is an honor presented to professionals in the field who have made an impact in the community to which they serve.

Margaret has been director of the Park District since 2007 and has strengthened the district's financial position by obtaining grants and alternate funding while managing expenses, engineering park improvements and technological advancements for the most efficient and effective customer experiences. Under her direction, recreation programs have expanded and participation has increased.

"Margaret works well with her park board, government, and civic leaders to promote Mundelein and collectively provide cost-effective services for our residents," says Park District Board Vice President, Kevin Dolan, "she is continuously advancing her knowledge through education programs and networking in order to offer the best of the best to her constituents."

The entire Park District staff is proud of Margaret and her accomplishments and we are happy to see her recognized for it.

**Mundelein Park & Recreation District also received first place for the “Brochure Series” category in the “Agency Showcase Competition”**, the premier communications and marketing competition for park and recreation agencies. Entries are judged on four categories including writing, layout design, cover design and organization.

**About Mundelein Park & Recreation District (MPRD)**

Serving more than 60 years with the community, Mundelein Park & Recreation District consists of more than 800 acres including 33 parks and facilities; trails and open space for hiking and biking, 20 tennis courts, 28 playgrounds, picnic shelters and more. Conveniently located in north-central Lake County, MPRD serves a growing population of more than 35,000 residents with year-round programs, and education and recreational opportunities for all ages. Facilities include the championship 18-hole **Steeple Chase Golf Club**, multi-function Community Center, **Park View Health & Fitness Center**, **Diamond Lake Beach**, **Barefoot Bay Family Aquatic Center**, with 33-foot high water slides and relaxing lazy river, **Spray Park**, a special area for young ones with water-spraying “flowers,” **Lions Field Skate park** with industry-leading design, **Regent Center** for adults ages 50+, **Fort Hill Heritage Museum** for a history of Mundelein, and **Diamond Lake Sports Complex**, a unique nature and recreation destination. For more information about Mundelein Park & Recreation District visit [www.mundeleinparks.org](http://www.mundeleinparks.org) or call 847-566-0650.

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