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# Press Release: from The Kankakee Valley Park District

It looks like summer is really here. That means more of us can finally get outside and enjoy nature. There is no better way to take it all in locally than at any of Kankakee Valley Park District's *37 parks and facilities*.

Come on out. With the addition of two more summer-seasonal maintenance staff, our grass cutting schedule is in full force. KVPD is working diligently to maintain our current and first time in KVPD history A-plus Park District Risk Management Agency (PRDMA) rating achieved last year. PDRMA have been managing risks and promoting wellness for more than 150 Illinois Park Districts, special recreation associations, forest preserve districts and conservation district since 1984. KVPD is the only Park district in the county to achieve this honor.

Under the temporary direction of a three-division leadership of supervisors consisting of (Finance, Maintenance, Recreation,) the KVPD staff is confident, competent and motivated to provide residents and visitors with second to none outdoor recreational experiences. Like our beautiful Kankakee River that runs past one-third of our parks, we won't stop because of obstacles and debris. We are committed to keep moving to serve our district. Our employees continue to put in 110% and have for a quite some time. A search for a new director is being run through the IAPD. The Illinois Association of Park Districts is a nonprofit service, research and education organization that serves park districts, forest preserves, conservation, municipal-park and recreation, and special recreation agencies. The association advances these agencies, their citizen board members and professional staff in their ability to provide outstanding park and recreation opportunities, preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois. Our time line puts a new director well within reach. Excitement for a new beginning is under way!

The KVPD staff has implemented three summer camps and roller-skating at Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena as new attractions this summer. River Rocks concert series will take place at the Bird Park band shell. Be on the lookout for an adopt YOUR park program across the 37 parks to get neighborhoods interested in taking "ownership" by pitching in on Saturday mornings. The KVPD spends \$3,000 a month on garbage across our district. We are constantly searching for ways to cut costs. Please be cognizant about garbage in your area by perhaps carrying out the trash you create? In the event we need to cut back on cans, this would be why.

In the event we fall below your expectations, please let us know. Your concern is our concern. Our mission statement remains unchanged as you can view at <http://www.kvpd.com/pages/info-staff.html>.

*Best regards,*



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