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**Mundelein Park & Recreation District President Elected Trustee
of Leading Statewide Association for Parks**

SPRINGFIELD, IL - - Jesse Ortega, President of the Mundelein Park & Recreation District, was recently elected to the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Board of Trustees.

As an IAPD Trustee, Ortega will assist the association with its mission of advancing Illinois park districts, forest preserves, conservation, recreation and special recreation agencies in their ability to preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois. He will work with the 18-member board to advise the association in providing service, research, advocacy, public awareness and educational programs to its membership of 360 park, recreation and conservation agencies and more than 100 affiliated business partners.

“Jesse’s dedication to the park, recreation and conservation field is reflected in the outstanding commitment he displays as a commissioner for the Mundelein Park & Recreation District,” said Peter Murphy, IAPD President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are fortunate to have his skills and expertise guiding the mission of parks, recreation and conservation statewide.”

Ortega served as IAPD’s Sergeant-at-Arms in 2019. He is a member of the association’s Honors and Resolutions Committee. He was elected to the Mundelein Park & Recreation District board in 2013.

Ortega is retired from Abbott Laboratories where he worked in Quality Assurance. He is an active member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Men’s Club and Catholic Charities.

IAPD was established in 1928 and is the oldest state association for parks, recreation and conservation in America. The association serves more than 2,100 elected park, recreation and forest preserve district board members who govern more than 360 agencies employing 40,000 individuals.

IAPD strives to improve Illinois’ quality of life through park districts, forest preserves, conservation and recreation agencies by establishing grants and other new revenue streams for park land, facilities and services; educating the public about the positive effects parks and recreation have on communities; and meeting the problem of decreasing open space in Illinois.

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