

Price Promoted

After 17 Years, Wagner Farm's First Director Moves Up

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Todd Price, Wagner Farm's first director and who served in the position for the last 17 years, is leaving the job, but won't be far away. After a national search, Glenview Park District officials are promoting Price as the next superintendent of the park district's Leisure Services division.

Price begins his new duties Tuesday, Sept. 4 overseeing three museum sites -- The Grove, Wagner Farm and Schram Memorial Museum -- aquatic complexes and Park Center as one of four division heads for the park district.

Price said one thing he is looking forward to most in the new position is continuing to work on programming, like he did at Wagner Farm, but with a larger wealth of programs across the park district. He is also looking forward to working collaboratively on those programs

and to accomplish other goals with park partners including the village, school districts, civic groups and corporate sponsors.

He will earn an annual salary of \$115,000, full benefits and insurance along with use of a car. Former Leisure Services Supt. Elsa Fischer left the park district in April.

The park district is beginning a national search for Price's replacement at Wagner Farm. In the meantime, Wagner Farm program manager Sarah Schoeneberg will serve as interim farm director.

Price, who has a background in education, was working on a farm in Indiana when he saw a job posting for the Wagner position shortly after the park district bought the farm from the Wagner family in 2000. He began working for the Glenview Park District in 2001.

In that first year, Wagner Farm drew just 2,860 visitors with programs and staff working out of a

rented trailer. The Heritage Center building, where offices, events and educational programs take place, would not be built until 2006.

Annual visits now run closer to 130,000, Price said, with programs, visits by school groups from across the Chicago area, a 4H Club boasting 50 members (one of the largest in the state) and a farmers market drawing from across the region. Wagner Farm also took over Glenview's farmers market from the Glenview Women of Today. Attendance at this year's first market in June topped 1,700.

With all its growth over nearly two decades, Price said some aspects of the farm are the same as they were when the Wagners owned the land. Wagner Farm remains a working operation producing feed corn, tomatoes, gourds, eggs and peppers. Price said the farm has produced seasonal crops each year since the 1840s.



Todd Price, Wagner Farm's first director for the Glenview Park District, was named superintendent of park district Leisure Services. (Journal photo)

Maple School Welcomes New Staff Members

Maple School in Northbrook welcomed several new staff members for the 2018-2019 school year.

Elizabeth Flagler, Psychology Intern

Elizabeth Flagler is Maple School's new psychology intern. She graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduating from UW, she moved home to Chicago, where she worked as a preschool teacher for several years. She currently holds a Master's of education degree from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and she will be graduating with her Education Specialist degree in school psychology in 2019.

Dan Hammer, Sixth Grade Math

Dan Hammer is the new sixth grade math teacher. He will be serve as a long-term substitute teaching sixth grade math at Maple. He graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University in 2012 before spending three years working in Schaumburg as a Reading Specialist and first and second grade teacher. During that time, he received his Education Life Skills (ELS) endorsement from National Louis University. Hammer left Schaumburg to explore a potential career in emergency services and became a licensed Emergency Medical Technician before return-

ing to the field of education.

Mike Poulako, Eighth Grade Math

Mike Poulakos will serve as a long-term substitute teaching eighth grade math. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign in 1973 and his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at DePaul University in Chicago in 1982. Although he was an Engineer and Technology manager at Siemens for over 30 years, he went on to receive his teaching certificate through Northwestern University in Evanston with the intent to serve in high-need schools.

Lauren Marks, Speech & Language Pathologist

Lauren Marks is the new Speech and Language pathologist. Marks was born and raised in Lake County and graduated from Deerfield High School. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After graduating from college, she worked at CNN in Atlanta in pursuit of a career in broadcast journalism production. Feeling unfulfilled, she sought and obtained a Master's of Science in Speech Language Pathology from Marquette University. Her entire career has centered on working with adolescents in local area high schools.

Kari Kolda, Teaching As-

Back To School At Willowbrook



Willowbrook School kindergarten teachers and assistants were ready for the first day of the new school year Aug. 21. Prepared and ready to teach are Sarah Lerman, Rachel Hawkins, Lisa Kauth, Amy Buzil, Amy Schutz, Caroline Drake, Adrienne Schaye, Anna Lee, Barb Schadl, Ali Tar and Sara Weinstein. Not pictured is new assistant Amanda Hershman. Willowbrook is located at 2500 Happy Hollow Rd., Glenview.

Assistant

Kari Kolda is a new teaching assistant at Maple. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English at Truman State University in 2015 and received her Masters in Secondary Education from Loyola University Chicago in 2017. She hails from Belleville, but moved in 2016 to pursue her Masters Degree.

Anna Dowling, ELS Teacher

Anna Dowling is the new teacher in the Education Life Skills (ELS) classroom at Maple. She graduated from Indiana University with a degree in General Education, K-9. She began working as a teaching assistant in Special Education with Dist. 211 and followed her passion for special education by getting her LBS1 endorsement through the University of St. Francis Joliet. She started working with NSES

in 2013 and has been teaching in the ELS classroom at Attea Middle School for four years.

Sara Elliott, Eighth Grade Math

Sara Elliott will be the long term substitute for Sarah Arends. She is a graduate of Maple School Class of 1987. Elliott taught middle school mathematics in Morton Grove for six years.

Emily Foster, English Language Arts

Emily Foster is the new eighth grade English Language Arts (ELA) teacher. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and Scandinavian Studies at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. Following graduation, she returned home to Evanston and earned her Master of Arts in

Teaching degree at National Louis University. She taught one year at Nichols Middle School in Evanston and seven years at Chicago Military Academy High School, during which time she received her National Board Certification.

Samantha Youseph, French & Guided Studies

Samantha Youseph is the new French and Guided Studies teacher. She received her Bachelor of Arts in French at Dominican University in 2017. She grew up in both Canada and the United States, and spent the past school year working as an English teaching assistant in northwest France.

This year's University of Illinois Student teachers are Hannah Lynch (with Dawn Novak) and Antonia von Aulock (with Nicole Fosco).