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Lisle Park District's Aquatics and Fitness Manager Honored with IPRA Young Professional Award

Photo: [Left: Jennifer Porrevecchio, Aquatics & Fitness Manager, at the IAPD/IPRA Awards. Right: Mike Toohey, Superintendent of Recreation, and Jennifer Porrevecchio of the Lisle Park District](#)

Lisle, IL – On January 23, Jennifer Porrevecchio, Aquatics and Fitness Manager at the Lisle Park District, was honored as the recipient of the IPRA Young Professional Award. In the presence of over 2,000 parks and recreation professionals, distinguished guests, and state legislators from the state of Illinois, Jennifer received the award for her commitment and excellent service to parks and recreation during the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) and Illinois Parks and Recreation Association's (IPRA) annual conference. This award is presented to an up-and-coming leader in the field of parks and recreation and is given to an individual with less than eight years of experience who shows a great deal of promise in becoming a future leader in the field.

A Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, Certified Pool/Spa Operator, and Certified Aquatic Facility Operator, Jennifer joined the Lisle Park District 8 years ago, rising through the ranks as a lifeguard, head guard, and then as facility manager of the Sea Lion Aquatic Park and Community Park Fitness. Since joining the park district full-time in 2006, Jennifer has turned both into profitable facilities in just a short time. In addition, she has increased focus on the safety and well-being of her patrons with an emphasis on lifeguard training and more space for health and wellness programs. In 2012, Jennifer was honored for her impact and notable service contributions at Sea Lion Aquatic Park and Community Park Fitness as recipient of the IPRA Facility Manager of the Year Award!

Jennifer's supervisor, Mike Toohey, Superintendent of Recreation at Lisle Park District, had the honor of introducing her during the awards ceremony, praising her efforts at the park district, in the *greater Lisle community*, and within the IPRA. "Jennifer's hard work and dedication can be seen in the community as well as at the statewide level. She currently serves on the Village of Lisle Coalition alongside the School District, Library District, and Police and Fire departments, whose goal is to...reinforce the positive choices of teens...[and] increase awareness of the substance abuse issues with at risk youth."

Although Jennifer may have been surprised and humbled when her name was announced for the IPRA Young Professional Award, those who work closely with her know the honor was well deserved. In the words of Lisle Park District Director, Dan Garvy, "Jenny is the consummate professional in every way. She continues to accept added responsibility with incredible zeal and is a true example for others. She has a tremendously positive attitude and innate ability to work with others, regardless of the situation."

Under Jennifer's management, Sea Lion Aquatic Park has become a nationally recognized, award-winning facility. Opening May 23 for the 2015 season, Sea Lion Aquatic Park features two 50' flume slides, two drop slides, a vortex pool, splash playground, sand and kiddie water play area, teen pool, adult spa and more! Community Park Fitness features a full line of strength equipment, cardiovascular equipment, and free weights and offers a wide array of fitness

classes and customized personal training opportunities. To learn more about either of these facilities, visit LisleParkDistrict.org or call 630-964-3410.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org.

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