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Park Board Names Public Information Administrator

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board has named Jenny Fillmer Edwards as its new Public Information Administrator, beginning January 23, 2012.

Edwards currently serves as Public Information Officer for Greene County, Missouri. She will replace Bob Nelson, who served eight years with the Park Board before accepting a position with Scottrade Corporation in September.

"We're thrilled that Jenny will be joining our Springfield-Greene County Park Board team here later this month," said Bob Belote, Interim Director of Parks. "The park system here means a great deal to this community and with its 100-year anniversary just around the corner, having someone of Jenny's caliber on-board to help us further engage our patrons is truly essential."

Edwards has worked for Greene County more than five years, managing communications for the Greene County Commission and coordinating public information for the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. Prior to that, she was a reporter with the Springfield News-Leader and KSMU-FM. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Media from Missouri State University and is a proud Parkview High School alumna and a Springfield native.

"One of the nicest things about living in Springfield and Greene County is our parks system," said Edwards. "Playgrounds, sports facilities, greenways, pools — these are things that enhance our quality of life, not to mention promote economic growth and a sense of community. The Park Board has great a story to tell and I'm very excited to help share it."

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