

# WHERE **FUN** MEETS **FULFILLMENT**

Explore Careers in Recreation

**Lombard**  
PARK DISTRICT



Have you ever thought about working in the field of Parks and Recreation? There are many disciplines that a recreation agency needs to operate. Many agencies, like the Lombard Park District, function much like any other business and need to fill roles in the following areas:

- Customer Service
- Early Childhood
- Facility Management
- Finance
- Fitness
- Fleet
- Food & Beverage
- Golf
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Park Maintenance
- Planning & Development
- Recreation

## ARE YOU A GOOD FIT FOR PARKS & REC?

There are a lot of opportunities to pursue your career interests at a Parks and Recreation agency, and you don't need a degree specific to the recreation field. Successful parks and recreation employees are passionate about many of the following aspects:

- Outdoors / Nature / Environment
- Enjoying an active lifestyle
- Highly collaborative, team-based work environment
- Role that requires problem-solving
- Ability to make a positive impact
- Opportunities to drive continuous improvement of the work environment
- Ability to work for and serve the good of a community

## DO I NEED A COLLEGE DEGREE?

Many careers at the Lombard Park District do not require a college degree and offer on-the-job training and certification opportunities to help staff grow personally and professionally. The best way to learn more about opportunities is to view Lombard Park District's employment opportunities at [lombardparks.com/job-opportunities](http://lombardparks.com/job-opportunities).



## THE PATH TO PARKS & REC

Learn more about some of our current staff members and their paths to parks and recreation. Understand the impact their knowledge, skills and passion for the industry have on the Lombard community while contributing to their overall individual career development and continued growth.



**Lori Bartels**

Elmhurst College | Business & Psychology  
Office Manager



**Michelle Brennan**

Accounts Payable & Payroll Specialist



**Andrea Chiappetta**

DePaul University | Leadership  
Director of Finance & Personnel



**Allie Corcoran**

Adrian College | Graphic Design  
Graphic Designer



**Maria Foerstel**

Roosevelt University | Communications & Advertising  
Human Resources & Risk Manager



**Victoria Gillett**

Roosevelt University | Hospitality & Tourism Management  
Club Rec & Camp Coordinator



**Martha Houston**

Eastern Illinois University | Physical Education  
Athletics Program Manager



**Kevin Ingram**

Superintendent of Golf Operations



**Nicole Kondraschow**

Eastern Illinois University | Recreation Administration  
Marketing & Communications Manager



**Dave Lemar**

Lakeland University | Pre-Med  
Superintendent of Parks



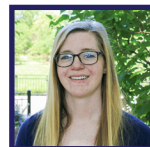
**Katie Manheim**

Illinois State/Florida Gulf Coast | Political Science,  
Hospitality & Tourism Management  
Program Manager



**Joe McCann**

University of Illinois | Leisure Studies  
Executive Director



**Katy McKinnon**

University of Illinois | Recreation Management  
Madison Meadow Athletic Center Manager



**Jake Pawlak**

Eastern Illinois University | Recreation Administration  
Athletics Program Manager



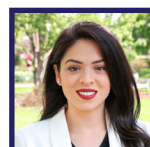
**Robert Perez**

Illinois Wesleyan University | Political Science & History  
Aquatics Manager



**Patti Plomb**

University of Illinois | Leisure Studies  
Program Manager



**Jessica Ramirez**

DePaul University | Finance  
Finance Manager



**Angus Shields**

University of Illinois | Leisure Studies  
Director of Recreation



**Karen Stanley**

National Louis University | Early Childhood Leadership  
& Advocacy  
Kiddie Campus Preschool Coordinator



**Leah Touzios**

Southern Illinois University | Agriculture Science,  
Forest Recreation & Park Management  
Executive Assistant

## BENEFITS OF WORKING IN THE PARKS & REC FIELD

The Parks and Recreation profession offers diverse job opportunities throughout the country. Whether working in an office or out in the field, a career in Parks and Recreation means enhancing the quality of life for all people. Going to a job you love every day is something everyone wants. If you are passionate about being outdoors, helping people and bettering the community, consider a career in this field!

Here are some of the perks:

- Social Equity
- Health & Wellness
- Advancing environment conservation efforts
- Sense of community
- Flexible schedule
- Discounted programs & facility rentals
- Free facility usage (golf course, fitness center, aquatic center)
- Cool swag!

## ENJOY LIFE, ENJOY WORK!

What makes Lombard Park District a great place to work? According to our staff, there are many reasons:

"The Lombard Park District staff all work incredibly well together, making it a fun workplace. Staff are willing to step in when assistance is needed and make the result of any project the best it can be."

– Nicole Kondraschow, Marketing and Communications Manager

"Working at Lombard Park District is fun and, at the same time, rewarding. I can use my skillset to give back to the community while working with some wonderful people."

– Jessica Ramirez, Finance Manager

"The Lombard Park District is a great place to work because I know my work creates lifelong memories for people of all ages. The facilities and programs we offer people become safe spaces for them and allow them to enjoy life."

– Robert Perez, Facility Manager

"The team of people I get to lead and work with every day while we serve the community. They make coming to work such a pleasure."

– Andrea Chiappetta, Director of Finance and Personnel

"A career in Parks and Recreation is rewarding because you are contributing to the well-being of the community you serve. If you are someone who needs your job/career to hold value (other than just a paycheck), then Parks and Recreation fits that bill. I never wake up dreading going to work because I know that even if it's just one person that I help that day, the ripple effect outwards into the community has long-lasting effects."

– Katie Manheim, Program Manager