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Rockford Park District Announces Conservatory Staff Appointments

ROCKFORD, IL –The Rockford Park District today announced several key staff appointments for the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens. Ruth Miller, Program Director of the City of Gardens, has been appointed Conservatory Facility Manager and Dan Erwin, current Manager of Horticulture & Parks for the District will take on additional horticulture management responsibilities for the new facility. Long time Park District Deputy Director of Operations Ron Butler will oversee the entire operation of the new conservatory, which is scheduled to open December 2010.

“Ruth and Dan bring years of experience to the operation. Both are extremely well-qualified and bring many talents and much expertise to their respective positions. When the Conservatory doors open in December 2010, I am confident that the community will be truly amazed at what has been accomplished under their direction,” said Deputy Director of Operations Ron Butler.

BACKGROUND

Ruth Miller

Miller has been the City of Gardens Program Manager since 2002. Prior to working for the Park District, Miller worked for Charles Box in the City of Rockford’s Mayor’s Office. She also was an adjunct faculty instructor at Rock Valley College and worked as a grant writer for Rockford Public School District 205. In her new position as Conservatory Facility Manager, Miller will continue the City of Gardens Program and will also be responsible for facility management, volunteers, memberships, special events, the garden store, and educational initiatives. She and Erwin will also work together to bring in exhibits, shows, and displays to the Conservatory.

Dan Erwin

Erwin has worked for the Rockford Park District for over 20 years. He has an Ornamental Horticulture degree from Kishwaukee College and a Business Management degree from Cardinal Stritch University. Erwin is a Certified Arborist and a Certified Landscape Technician. He currently is responsible for overseeing the District’s grounds maintenance and landscaping for all parks and gardens. In addition to his current duties, Erwin will be responsible for maintaining the plantings and scheduling of maintenance for the Conservatory.

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