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JEFFERSON PARISH PRESIDENT NAMES NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKWAYS

Jefferson Parish President John Young has accepted the resignation of Kai Adams as Director of Parkways and has named Wayne Nocito as the new Interim Director, effective immediately.

Mr. Nocito is moving from his position as Director of Parc des Familles in Marrero. As Interim Director of Parkways, he will ensure citizens continue to receive quality services for grass cutting operations provided by in-house crews and outside contractors, tree trimming and removal, traffic hazards, tree permits, and tree planting throughout Jefferson Parish.

Like Lafreniere Park in Metairie, Parc des Familles now will be operated under the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Parc des Familles is an important part of the development of the Westbank of Jefferson Parish. Upon completion, it will be the largest park in Jefferson Parish located on 610 acres on Leo Kerner Parkway in Marrero. The park's facilities will include four baseball fields, an Equestrian Center, a 10,000 seat stadium, Science and Art Museum and will be the future home of the 3rd District Patrol Division of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

The Jefferson Parish Department of Parks & Recreation, 'JPRD', offers a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional recreational activities for adults, teens and children. This includes athletic programs, senior citizen activities and clubs, programs for the disabled and economically disadvantaged, camps and a wide variety of classes and special events.

"We will continue to streamline and consolidate Parish government when we can, as long as we are able to do so, without reducing the quality of services the public has come to deserve and expect," said Parish President John Young.

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