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Press Release

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City of Harvard Hires New Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Ryan M. Knop

Harvard, IL (December 11, 2017) - The City of Harvard would like to announce the hire of Ryan M. Knop as the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Knop will be responsible but not limited to the day to day operations of Harvard's aquatic center, programming, and activities for the community of Harvard, Illinois.

Michael Kelly, Mayor for The City of Harvard, states "Knop's strong background, education, enthusiasm, and robust ideas will benefit the community of Harvard immensely." Knop, 25, joined the City of Harvard on November 15th, 2017, and has giant aspirations for this wonderful community. Knop is a lifelong resident of Harvard, graduating from Harvard High School in 2010. Knop then went on and received his Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

"I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful community. I couldn't be more excited to start this wonderful new journey to benefit and better the community that I love." said Knop.

"Ryan has the educational background and the drive to be very successful in this role," said Harvard Park Board Chairman Jay Schulz. "Being he was born and raised in Harvard, and has developed connections to the community and it's leaders, should make it much easier for him to have that success."

Knop can be reached at City Hall Monday through Friday or by appointment if necessary.