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## SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT APPOINTS FULL-TIME GENERAL MANAGER AT WASHINGTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN

*The District is excited to share this official announcement that we have promoted, long-time employee, Alexa Bryan Potts to the position of General Manager of the Washington Park Botanical Garden (WPBG).*

Alexa has been with the Park District since May of 2002. She has served in many roles during her time at the Botanical Garden and was hired 17 years ago as the Garden Program and Education Coordinator. Alexa earned her BFA from Miami University, Oxford, OH and did Graduate Work at University of Illinois at Springfield – Emphasis in Museum Studies with Childhood Education and Development.

In 2010 her Education Coordinator position was merged to combine additional operations duties and she became the Assistant to the General Manager, titled Facility and Program Operations Supervisor.

Over the past 9 years, Alexa has played an integral role at the Garden and is responsible in the day-to-day operations, budget, event preparation and schedule of the facility for all activities, plant shows, memberships, rentals, and special events. In addition to the above mentioned, she is directly accountable for the botanical garden's published outreach in a sustained effort to bring visitors to the grounds and

take the message out to the community of Springfield.

She stepped up as Interim General Manager in the spring of 2018 and helped to shape the operations and additional restructuring that the District realizes today at WPBG. ***"It was a natural transition for Alexa to be promoted into this title full-time. She has a passion to share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich the lives of our community. She helped to shape the Botanical Garden into the oasis and beautiful horticultural gem that it is today!"*** – states Lynn Saputo, Director of Recreation and Marketing.

In her free time, Alexa enjoys traveling with the love of her life, husband Riley Potts, her two adorable daughters Celia, Charlotte and their puppy Juneau. She loves being outdoors, weekly walks with friends in the park, photography, spending time with her parents, brother and extended family. She is incredibly talented and puts her artistic touch on everything she does!

***Plan to congratulate Alexa on a JOB WELL DONE*** as she achieves exciting things in the next phase of her career here at the Park District and continues her great work at the Washington Park Botanical Garden. **Contact Info:**  
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