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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT APPOINTS NEW HORTICULTURAL CURATOR AT THE WASHINGTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN

The District is excited to announce the appointment of Mandy McCann as the new Horticultural Curator at the Washington Park Botanical Garden. Mandy has a specialist background in the field of landscape design, installation, turf management, greenhouse management, horticultural irrigation systems, heavy equipment operation and curation pertaining to plant identification and accession records.

Mandy is originally from East Peoria, where she obtained her degree in Landscape and Turf Grass Management. Mandy has spent over five years as a horticulture specialist, manager of greenhouse operations, landscape design and supervising turf/hardscape teams. She trained at the Illinois Central College Greenhouse Operations and learned about environmentally friendly turf care during her time with Accent Nature, LLC, Reinhart Grounds Maintenance and most recently at Buckley's Prairie Landscaping here in Springfield.

Mandy has two children and resides in Chatham with her boyfriend. She enjoys reading, sewing, and getting outdoors to spend time with her dogs. She and her boyfriend Griff love to attend Steampunk Conventions. She's most proud of graduating college, while working full-time and raising two teenagers!

Plan to welcome Mandy to the District as she joins us this September 2019 – She will work under the direction of the Botanical General Manager and will curate the garden plant collection, oversee the grounds, greenhouses and garden maintenance team. **“The Washington Park Botanical Garden is thrilled to have Mandy join our team! We look forward to having her bring some fresh new ideas to the Garden and its grounds.”** -Alexa Bryan Potts, General Manager Botanical Garden

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