

District 3 President-Elect

Tom Blomstrom

Tom Blomstrom has over 20 years of experience with PRPS and serving the community in the Parks and Recreation profession.

His professional experience includes currently serving as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Whitmarsh Township. In addition he served for 12 years as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Radnor Township and for 6 years as the Recreation Superintendent in Upper Merion Township. Tom was appointed and continues to serve as the Pennsylvania Professional Representative to the NRPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Council where he was elected Treasurer and then Chairman. He is currently an elected Member-at-Large on the District III Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS). He has served as the representative from District III on the PRPS Government Affairs Committee. Tom has also graduated from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Leadership School and the NRPA Executive Development School. His experience also includes serving on the Delaware County Open Space, Recreation, and Greenway Plan Advisory Committee and the Wayne Senior Center Board of Directors. Tom's educational background includes an MBA in Management from West Chester University and a BA in Economics and Business from Ursinus College.

Tom has received the American Lung Association's Southeastern Pennsylvania Outstanding Leadership Award. He has served on the Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Board for Perkiomen Township since 2007. In 2013 he was appointed to the Perkiomen Valley School District Safety Committee. He is also an active member of the Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce. Tom is a volunteer AAU basketball coach in the community.

Tom resides in Collegetown with his beautiful wife of 20 years and two children. Tom enjoys sports, history, and making people smile. One of his favorite quotes is by Martin Luther King, Jr. – "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

Thank you for your consideration and I wish you, your department, and organization a tremendous 2016.

Katie Kollar, CPRP

Recreation Program Coordinator
Upper Moreland Township

I have been a member of PRPS since 2003. During the past 12 years being actively involved in PRPS has been a priority for me. I have chaired several conference committees, the Youth Sports Association and have been a speaker at many state conferences. I very much enjoy being a part of the PRPS camaraderie and cherish the friendships that I have made through the society. I received my BS in Sport and Recreation Management from Temple University (go OWLS) in 2002. While at Temple, I played on the women's soccer team. I have been employed as the Recreation Program Coordinator for Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation for the past 10 year. I currently serve as the vice president of my son's school PTA, a coach for my daughter's soccer team and a team mom for my son's little league team. I also still play in an over 30 soccer league. I am humbled by the citations and awards that I have received from PRPS and hope to continue to give back to the society by serving as the next president of District III.

District 3 Secretary

Courtney Fox, CPRP

Program Coordinator
Whitpain Township Parks and Recreation

Education and Experience

- Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management from Penn State University, 2007
- RPTM Student Society Secretary, 2006
- Program Coordinator, Whitpain Township, 2012-present
- Administrative and Program Assistant, Whitpain Township, 2011-2012
- Parks and Recreation Summer Assistant, Upper Dublin Township, 2011
- Camping Services Registrar, YMCA of Greater Seattle, 2008-2010

Committees and Certifications

- PRPS Community Branch Committee Member, 2015-present
- Certified Park and Recreation Professional, 2014-present
- Completed Penn State Municipal Leadership Certification, 2014
- Assisted with PRPS DIII Reasonable Accommodations Workshop, 2014
- Montgomery County Senior Games Committee Registrar, 2012-present

Ashley O'Neill

2016 Conference Elections
DIII Secretary Position

Hello! I am the Parks and Recreation Director for Hatfield Township. I have been involved in the parks and recreation field since I was a teenager; working as a seasonal camp counselor, swim instructor, etc. I have been actively involved with PRPS for several years now and have served as the District III secretary for the past two years. I have helped to organize and coordinate the DIII Mini Expo for the past three years and served on the Social Committee for the PRPS annual state conference in 2015. I am a member of the PRPS Membership Committee and recently joined the Montgomery County Senior Games Committee. I am also currently working towards my certification as a parks and recreation professional. I enjoy the work I do and am eager and excited to be involved and to keep learning!

Experience

- Parks and Recreation Director, Hatfield Township 2015 – Present
- Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Quakertown Borough 2012 – 2015
- Assistant Parks and Recreation Coordinator – Seasonal Employee, Whitmarsh Township 2004 – 2012

Committees and Positions Held

- PRPS DIII Secretary 2014 - 2016
- DIII Mini Expo 2013 – 2015
- Montgomery County Senior Games Committee 2015 – Present
- PRPS Membership Committee 2015 – Present
- PRPS State Conference, Social Committee 2015

Education

Elizabethtown College, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
(Concentration: Urban and Special Education)

- Office of Student Activities, Event Coordinator
- Alpha Lambda Delta (Honor Society)
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics), Secretary
- Education Organization