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### Buffalo Grove Park District's Jessi Hersman Wins Award

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - Buffalo Grove Park District recreation supervisor, Jessi Hersman, has been selected to receive the Illinois Theatre Association's 2017 Award of Excellence in Community Theatre.

The Illinois Theatre Association is considered the representative theatrical organization for Illinois. Its membership includes people from all theatrical areas; members are involved with everything from education to creative dramatics, with both professional and community organizations included.

"Jessi's work has often been cited as being a major component to the success of theatre in Illinois," said Illinois Theatre Association executive director, Aimee-Lynn Newlan, in an email.

Buffalo Grove Park District executive director, Ryan Risinger said, "We couldn't be prouder of Jessi and all she has done for our performing arts department. Because she grew up in Buffalo Grove, and was once a participant, I think it is extra special for her to now be recognized as someone who has helped take a program that she has spent most of her life being a part of, into something that is award winning."

The Illinois Theatre Association will present the award as part of its annual Red Carpet Gala on the evening of Saturday, August 26 at Harper College's Wojcik Conference Center in Palatine, Illinois.

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