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Poulsbo Parks & Recreation Director Mary McCluskey to Retire in February 2021

After 26 years with the City of Poulsbo, Mary McCluskey will retire in February 2021 from her position as the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Mary joined the City of Poulsbo in 1995, and during her career she has been instrumental in building the Parks and Recreation Department from a simple idea to a thriving department that provides hundreds of recreational programs to the community. In addition, during her tenure the amount of city parks has doubled from roughly 60 acres, to over 100 acres of parks, open spaces, and urban trails/paths.

Much of the improvement to the Parks and Recreation Department have been made possible through Mary's ability to apply for and be awarded grant funding. As an example, the City just completed an \$975,000 grant funded project in Poulsbo's Fish park that includes a new parking area, information kiosk, sidewalk, and two boardwalks.

Mary's dedication to the community has been a tremendous asset to the City of Poulsbo. She is a consummate professional who has demonstrated, time and time again, her commitment to improving the quality of life for everyone in the community. She will be deeply missed, but we wish her the best in the next chapter of her life.

After Mary's retires at the end of January, Mr. Dan Schoonmaker has been selected to fill her position as the Director of Parks and Recreation. Dan recently retired from his position as the Chief of Police for the City and looks forward to continuing to serve the community in a different capacity. In addition to his familiarity with the City of Poulsbo, Dan brings his experience from working as a youth and high school coach and his experience in working with non-profit organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club.

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