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New Recreation Director joins South Fayette Township Paula Simmons to expand recreation programs

Paula Simmons, 24, of Peters Township joined South Fayette Township on Jan. 6 as Recreation Director. She previously held a similar position in Brentwood Borough.

“We are delighted to have Paula on board,” Township Manager Ryan Eggleston said. “I am confident her enthusiasm and fresh ideas will expand recreation activities for South Fayette Township residents of all ages.”

Prior to joining South Fayette Township, Ms. Simmons directed and developed Brentwood Borough’s newly created recreation department, and she also planned activities for Baldwin Borough through an intergovernmental agreement. She holds a bachelor’s degree in recreation and park management, with a tourism minor, from Kent State University in Ohio. Her family owns Simmons Farm in Peters.

Ms. Simmons plans to increase recreational opportunities for youth and adults in South Fayette by offering a variety of fitness programs, bus trips, seasonal events and a community day.

“I’m very excited to be here, and I look forward to seeing the community grow in addition to the parks and rec department,” Ms. Simmons said. “I’m open to any ideas and suggestions. I’m here to serve the community, so I want provide programs and events that the community wants to see and participate in.”

Last year, the township renamed the position from “Parks & Recreation Director” to “Recreation Director” as part of a larger reorganization. The Recreation Director focuses on recreational programming, while working hand-in-hand with Public Works Director Butch Truitt, who manages park maintenance. Mr. Truitt served as Parks & Recreation Director before the arrival of Ms. Simmons.

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