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CARD welcomes new admin for Splash City



COLLINSVILLE -- The Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD) has hired Karl Schmidt as its new Aquatics Supervisor for Splash City Family Waterpark.

Schmidt of Morrison, Illinois replaces Stephanie Whittington who left CARD last year to take a position in North Carolina.

Schmidt has worked as a freelance aquatic consultant since January 2012. He previously worked at Raging Waves Waterpark in Yorkville and the YMCA aquatic facility in Sterling and Macomb. He has licenses from Ellis &

Karl Schmidt

Associates and the American Red Cross and is certified in CPR, AED, first aid, as well as aquatic facility operator and scuba diver. Schmidt has a master's degree in recreation, parks and tourism administration from Western Illinois University.

CARD Executive Director Terry Wilson said Schmidt's experience set him apart from the other candidates for the position.

"We narrowed the field down to six people and then did phone interviews, taking it down to three. We interviewed those three and felt that Karl was the person for the job," Wilson said. "I think that Splash City will benefit greatly and people can expect some new ideas this season. He has experience at two different water parks and has some ideas to help with revenues."

Schmidt is scheduled to be at CARD the week of January 28. Splash City opens Memorial Day weekend. For more information on the water park, visit www.SplashCity.com.

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