

# NEWS



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## **Julie Rocha Promoted to Sports Department Manager**

Julie Rocha has been named Sports department manager for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, replacing Keith Watson who has moved to department manager of Community Programs. She will begin her new position on Aug. 16.

Since joining the district in 2007 as the Athletic Center supervisor, Rocha played a key role in working with the Beaverton School District to secure agreements for shared use of facilities. She was an early supporter THPRD's Access for All initiative, a partnership with the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation launched in 2014 that expands inclusive and unifying recreational activities for all members of the community.

"Rocha's work in the adaptive and inclusion realm, including her creation of the Champions Too Steering Committee, which built and enhanced relationships with organizations serving those experiencing disability, make her uniquely qualified for this position," says Aisha Panas, director of Park & Recreation Services. "She will take THPRD's sports programming to the next level."



Julie Rocha, Sports department manager

Rocha's new responsibilities also include overseeing fiscal management for the sports department, continuing to coordinate partnerships with the Beaverton School District and affiliated sports leagues and recruiting local, regional and national tournaments and other sporting events to district facilities.

"I am excited for the opportunity to create and enhance recreational and sports programming for the Beaverton community and all the diverse populations that we serve," says Rocha.

**About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 250,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.