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**Park Ridge Parks Foundation Formed ---
First Fundraising Project – Jo Herzog Memorial**

Park Ridge, IL –

Five months ago the Park Ridge Parks Foundation was formed as a fundraising arm of the Park Ridge Park District. The foundation's mission is to supplement and enhance programs, facilities and conservation of the Park Ridge Park District. Park Commissioner Jim O'Brien currently heads the foundation as president and the organization is encouraging residents to get involved. Three other foundation members are also in place at this time, but there is need for more. In its early stage, the foundation seeks dedicated members willing to give their time and talent to make a difference for the Park District. Residents may send a resume and letter of interest to: Jim O'Brien c/o Park Ridge Parks Foundation, 2701 West Sibley, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Resumes will be taken until December 31, 2007.

One of the first fundraising projects the foundation is undertaking is the Jo Herzog Memorial. On July 29, 2007 valued Park Ridge Park District staff member and friend Jo Herzog passed away. Jo had enormous passion for her work as a fitness instructor and the fitness program manager at the Community Center. For twenty-five years, Jo's boundless energy and enthusiasm inspired those who knew her. She will be truly missed.

The Park Ridge Parks Foundation is accepting donations in memory of Jo Herzog. These funds will be used to purchase (without the use of tax dollars) a bronze plaque that will be permanently placed at the Park Ridge Park District Community Center. In addition, the entrance driveway to the Community Center will be named "Jo Herzog Way" in her memory. Funds received by the Foundation above and beyond the amount required to purchase the Jo Herzog Memorial Project will be allocated to support and promote quality facilities and services at the Park Ridge Park District.

For more information or to donate to the Jo Herzog Memorial visit www.prparks.org or contact 847-692-3482.

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