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Reardon names Tom Teigen new Parks Director

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon announced today he is appointing Tom Teigen as the new Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department Director.

“Tom brings 24 years of proven leadership in the fields of parks and recreation and business development to the position,” said Reardon. “We are excited to welcome him as a member of our team,” Reardon said.

Teigen comes to Snohomish County from his current position as Section Manager of Business Plan and Implementation for King County Parks. There, his team received national praise from the National Association of Counties and The Performance Institute for its innovative approach to parks development and operations.

Teigen takes over a Parks and Recreation Department comprised of 46 full-time staff that manage 10,000 acres of active and passive recreation lands. He will also oversee implementation of the updated Parks Comprehensive Plan recently adopted by the County Council.

“Tom’s extensive experience in parks and recreation management and community building through strategic partnerships will be a great addition to our Parks system,” said Reardon.

Teigen, who was raised in Snohomish County, said he is looking forward to partnering with community, civic and business leaders to build the next generation of Snohomish County parks. “Snohomish County has an amazing array of parks and open space, and the community resources to be one of the region’s premier park systems,” Teigen said.

Teigen has been with King County Parks and Recreation for 3 ½ years. Teigen has lead implementation of the King County Parks Business Plan and served as Strategic Partnerships and Enterprise program manager. Prior to joining King County, Teigen was Executive Director of the Waukegan Downtown Association of Waukegan, IL, and Manager of Community Programs and Services for the Waukegan Park District.

Teigen's first day on the job will be Jan. 3. He will serve as acting Parks Director pending County Council confirmation. Teigen replaces current Parks Director Gary Weikel who will retire at the end of January.

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