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After more than 21 years at the helm of the City of Burleson Parks and Recreation Department, Peter Krause retired today, Jan. 29.

“Peter played an integral role in the construction of new major parks facilities - the BRiCk (Burleson Recreation Center) and Chisenhall Fields Sports Complex – during his tenure,” Burleson City Manager Dale Cheatham said. “Under Peter’s leadership new services and programs have been added including an increased emphasis on special events which is consistent with the city council’s focus on families. I am grateful for Peter’s many years of service and wish him all the best in retirement.”

With that era ending, Cheatham is consolidating the Parks and Recreation and Library departments under one umbrella – Recreation & Lifelong Learning. Marc Marchand, who has served as the director of the Burleson Public Library for more than two years, will serve as the director for the new department.

“I have the utmost confidence in Marc’s ability to lead the Recreation & Lifelong Learning Department,” Cheatham said. “Anyone who knows Marc will tell you he has operated beyond what one would expect from a library director the last couple of years. Marc has an entrepreneurial spirit and an absolute commitment to providing customers the best service possible. He is a leader who has gained respect throughout the community and the organization in a short period of time. I expect great things from Marc.”

David McDowell is now deputy director of recreation; Ike Vera is deputy director of parks; and Sara Miller is deputy director of the library.

“The Recreation & Lifelong Learning department’s focus on programs for lifelong learning, community engagement, quality spaces for free play and athletic experiences, as well as ensuring the best use of community resources through continuous process improvement, will be accomplished through some minor adjustments to the organizational structure using existing talent,” Marchand said.

Marchand will move his office to the BRiCk, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd., but he will be doing a lot of traveling between there and the library and the parks.

“There are so many exciting things happening in Burleson, thanks to citizen involvement and community leadership,” Marchand said. “It is a humbling and profound honor to have the opportunity to serve our community, this team, and to be a part of all that we are doing together.”