



City of Glenwood Springs
101 West 8th Street
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Contact: Jenn Ooton
Public Information Officer
970-384-6404 (o)
970471-8684 (c)

NEWS RELEASE

April 21, 2017

City of Glenwood Springs Welcomes New Senior Staff Members

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs is pleased to welcome new senior staff members to the management team.

Brian Smith, CPRP, joins the city on Monday, April 24, 2017, as the new Director of Parks and Recreation for Glenwood Springs. This includes the operations, facilities, and services of some of the area's best amenities. Smith earned a Bachelor's degree in Recreation Management and Youth Leadership, and received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Brigham Young University. Smith has worked in the recreation field for more than 15 years and enjoys getting out and working with individuals to beautify the community as well as meeting residents to understand their vision for the city's open spaces and recreational offerings.

During his career, Mr. Smith has worked in various capacities, including operating a high adventure travel business, running the largest municipal recreation center in the country, and creating some of the most popular outdoor recreation offerings and special events in Utah and Wisconsin.

Eric Arnette on April 1, 2017, was named the City's New Director of Information Systems. Mr. Arnette has been with the City since 2013, serving as the Assistant Director of Broadband and prior to that as the City's Network Administrator. He holds a Bachelor of Science in IT Security, and is completing a Master's degree in Cyber Security and Information Assurance. He teaches IT Security for Colorado Mountain College, and has over 15 years of experience in retail, startup, and healthcare IT, including IT infrastructure design and management.

Jenn Ooton on April 24, 2017, will take on the role of Assistant City Manager, overseeing Economic and Community Development. Ms. Ooton holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado Denver, and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Colorado Boulder. Her past experience at the City of Lafayette included marketing of the city's downtown, working directly with the consultant team that facilitated Lafayette's 2011 Downtown Vision, and collaborating with

merchants to enhance economic vitality. From 2015-2016, as the Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority Director and then as a Community Development Specialist and Planner, she worked directly with property owners and developers on redevelopment and infill projects in the city's commercial core. Prior to her experience in local government, Ms. Ooton was the Editorial Page Editor for the Longmont Times-Call.

###