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Richard Garland Resigns as Executive Director at  
Rome Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority

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Rome, GA November 17, 2014 – Rome Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority announced today that Richard Garland has officially resigned from his 25 year career and his nine-year post as Executive Director effective January 1, 2015.

In his statement, Richard explained that he has been presented with a great opportunity in the private sector and while the decision was not an easy one, he could not turn it down.

Richard has been acting Executive Director for the last nine years, and in that time has guided the agency through the construction of North Floyd Park, Midway Park Renovations, Marine Armory Renovations, Barron Stadium Renovations, North Rome Swim Center Renovations, as well as 17 practice fields' renovations.

Richard's accomplishments and contributions are too numerous to mention.

A 1989 graduate of Shorter College Richard began working for RFPRA in January of 1990 and has served as a gym supervisor, special event coordinator, public information coordinator, sports coordinator, recreation services manager, parks superintendent and finally as the Executive Director.

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November 17, 2014

Jerry Lee  
Chairman, RFPRA Board

Mr. Lee:

It is with a very heavy heart that I give you notice of my resignation on January 1, 2015. This has been my home for the past 25 years, and it has been no easy task making the decision to move on. However, I feel it is time for me to do so.

I would like to express extreme gratitude to all of those who have influenced or directed my time here. This was my first place of employment out of college and I have had many wonderful experiences during my tenure here than I would ever be able to iterate in this letter but, they will all go with me as I begin a new chapter of my professional career in the private sector.

It has been an honor to represent you and the Board as Director of this agency over the past nine years. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with some of Rome's finest citizens serving as Board Members. I will not soon forget the lessons that were taught to me by this body.

I wish you the very best of luck in the continued negotiations with the City and County and the future of Parks and Recreation in this community. I have poured my life into this agency to see it become the very best it can be. I leave confident that great strides were made under my leadership to reach that vision.

I leave a very dedicated group of exceptional people that have made my work a pleasure. They never get the credit or the accolades they have earned for providing this community with outstanding programming, parks and facilities. They will be vital to the agency as the Board moves forward.

Again, thank-you for all that you have done to support me. While I may be leaving, a huge part of my heart will always be right here. If I may be of any assistance in this future time of transition, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very kind regards your humble servant-

Richard Garland