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Joe Ann Blackshear
Senior Center Director

Joe Ann Blackshear is the Director of Edgewood Senior Center. She worked part-time for many years for the Columbus Consolidated Government before becoming Director of the Edgewood Senior Center. Joe Ann has three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She enjoys working with seniors and helping others. Her hobbies include cooking, reading, and helping wherever she is needed.

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Alice Brewer
Recreation Specialist III
RSVP Project Director

Alice Brewer was born, raised and educated in Columbus, Georgia. Ms. Brewer attended Marymount College and graduated from Columbus State University with a B.S. in Liberal Arts. She is the Center Director at the Fox Community Center and also the project director of RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). Her hobbies include growing

Organic Food and Heirloom Flowers. **Phone:** 706-225-4645

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Holli Browder
Recreation Division Manager

Holli Browder is the Recreation Services Division Manager. She is responsible for and manages the staff, budget, and facility operations for the overall administration of the City's Recreation Centers, Senior Centers, Cultural Arts/Britt David Studios, and the area of Therapeutic Recreation. Holli began with the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department in April 2002 as a Recreation Specialist III and remained in that role until May 2011 when she became the Division Manager. Holli holds a BA in Communications from Columbus State University and holds the certification of a CPRP (Certified Parks and Recreation Professional) and has been a NYSCA (National Youth Sports Coaches Association) clinician since 1999. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, watching and playing sports, and enjoys being outdoors.

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Kwame Brown
Recreation Specialist III

Kwame Brown is the Center Director of Carver Park Recreation Center. He has worked with the city for 15 years. He received a degree in Recreation Administration in 1995 from Savannah State College. There he developed his love for working in the community and dealing with the “at risk” youth. While at Savannah State College, he was one of the leaders for the NYSP (National Youth Sports Program). Before leaving Savannah, Kwame developed the first Boot Camp for the Regional Youth Detention Center in the city. The boot camp provided morale and discipline to a facility that was on the verge of collapsing. In 1996, he returned to Columbus, GA and was hired as a Recreation Specialist I for many of the recreation center throughout the city. **Phone:** 706-568-4822

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Lisa Castile
Recreation Program Supervisor – Cultural Arts

Lisa Castile has worked in the Cultural Arts section of Columbus Parks and Recreation since 1996 and is currently holds the position of Recreation Program Supervisor – Cultural Arts. She has been fortunate to bring visual arts to the Columbus community providing programs such as the “Empty Bowl”, fundraisers, gallery shows, and programs for young children to seniors and special needs programs. She attended Columbus State University on an athletic scholarship, served on the Student Union, and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Lisa has been recognized numerous times throughout the years including GRPA Arts & Humanity Distinguished Professional Award, Columbus Consolidated Government PEER Award, Professional Artist Awards – Pottery & Glass at the Georgia National Fair, and Hope Award for the “Empty Bowl” fundraising projects.

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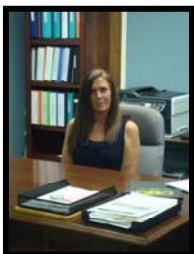
Gary Freeman,
Recreation Program Specialist III

Gary is a native of Talbotton, Georgia. He has been employed with Columbus Parks and Recreation for 21 years. He is currently the Center Director at Psalm Road Recreation Center. Gary is a 1984 graduate of Clark Atlanta University (Clark College) with a B.A. in Mass Communication and a minor in Marketing. He is an active member of Clark Atlanta University’s local alumni chapter and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. In his spare time, Gary enjoys watching and attending sporting events and spending time with family and friends.

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Becky Glisson
Finance Manager

Becky is the department's Finance Manager with a primary focus on the \$10.09 million operating budget and oversees the spending and budgeting activities of the department. She also handles the management of revenue for all sections/divisions. Becky holds a Bachelor's Degree from Troy University in Business Management. She began with the City in the Mayor's Office in 1995 and gradually moved to the Parks and Recreation Department in July 1996 as the Administrative Assistant to the Director. Her duties in this position caused the creation of the Personnel Coordinator and she held that position until she was promoted the last time to Finance Manager in 2003. Becky has a daughter that currently attends the University of Alabama and spends her free time going to the gym and reading. **Phone:** 706-653-4175 **Email:** bglisson@columbusga.org



Tommy Groce
Park Services/Athletics Division Manager

Tommy is the Park Services/Athletics Division Manager and oversees the budgets for Park Services, Refuse, Golden Park, A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium and Athletics. The Park Services division maintains approximately 60 park areas consisting of active and passive areas of recreation. This consists of approximately 2,000 acres of Park Land and Athletic Facilities. Tommy holds a Bachelor's Degree from Troy University in General Business. He began with the City in March of 1993 as a seasonal employee as a Pool Supervisor. In August of 1993 he became full time as an Athletic Program Supervisor until March of 1999 when he was promoted to Athletic Program Manager. In 2004 he was promoted to the Park Services Division Manager. In 2008 the Athletic Division was also put under his supervision. Tommy has two married sons ages 31 and 28 and 3 grandchildren. Tommy spends his spare time playing golf, reading and spending time with family. **Phone:** 706-225-4189
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Joy Hendrix
Recreation Specialist III

Joy has been employed with the Columbus Consolidated Government for 34 years. In 1977 she started working at the Lakebottom Tennis Courts. After many years at the tennis courts, she moved to the Double Churches Recreation Center. Currently, Joy is the Director of the Frank Chester Senior Center overseeing the day-to-day operations of the center. **Phone:** 703-653-4964

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Travis Landrum
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Travis Landrum comes to Columbus Parks and Recreation as the Assistant Director with 11 years experience from Mecklenburg County (Charlotte, NC) Parks and Recreation. He started as a Recreation Programming Specialist for 4 years and was promoted to Facility Manager in 2005 managing a newly built recreation center (Tom Sykes Recreation Center) as well as a multi-functional facility (Naomi Drenan Recreation Center) and Grayson Skate Park. Mr. Landrum lead the charge in Mecklenburg County for other facility managers and young professionals by being one of the first to teach educational sessions at the North Carolina state conference and NC/SC joint conference. Mr. Landrum is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration and Management. Mr. Landrum hobbies include spending time with his beautiful wife and children, recreating outdoors through sports/working out and watching Gamecock Football. **Phone:** 706-653-4500 **E-mail:** tlandrum@columbusga.org



Pamela Lee
Therapeutic Recreation Program Supervisor

Pamela Lee is the Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor. She is a New York native that moved to Columbus three years ago with her husband and daughter. Pamela studied Physical Education/ Sports Administration and Dance Performance at Jacksonville University in Florida, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree. At JU, she was actively involved in Student Life. She was a Board Member of the Student Judicial Committee of the Student Government Association, a member of the Physical Education Majors Club, the Intramural Volleyball Coordinator, and also participated and held key roles on the Dance and Cheerleading Teams. She also enjoyed internships with Alltel Stadium and the JU Athletics Department. Following graduation, she became Program Director at a Boys & Girls Club in Jacksonville, Florida. After having her daughter in 2007, she and her husband decided to relocate to her husband's hometown of Columbus. Shortly thereafter, Pamela joined the Department as a TR Program Specialist and since then has been promoted. To this day, she has enjoyed working with the TR members and Coaching Special Olympics. Pamela is married to David Lee, and the couple has one daughter, Jada. She enjoys the arts, sports and fitness, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

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Tim Marshall
Recreation Program Specialist

Tim is a former U.S. Army officer (Field Artillery Captain). He is a graduate of Kemper Military Academy, Boonville, MO and also studied at Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL. He served in numerous positions of leadership during his military career. Assignments included Ft. McClellan, AL, Ft. Sill, OK, Ft. Benning, GA., South Korea and Turkey. Additional duties included Morale Support Officer (MSO) in the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) which involved recreational programming for military personnel in Turkey and Vicenza, Italy. Also served in a similar capacity at Camp Stanley in South Korea. While assigned to Ft. Benning he was actively involved in local youth sports, both as a coach and league administrator. Tim formed an active community coed youth sports program / club in Anniston, AL during his tour of duty at Ft. McClellan. This effort was supported by the City of Anniston Parks and Recreation Department. He volunteered at 29th Gym for several years before becoming employed with Columbus Consolidated Government. He served two terms as a board member of Columbus Youth Football and served as a volunteer with the Phenix City Housing Authority's Youth Sports Program for over 15 years. Tim worked as the Director of the Calvin B. Spencer Recreation Center in Phenix City for five years. He is a member of National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) and he is a NCAA- certified coach. He is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Tim serves as the "voice" of A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium (P.A. Announcer), Muscogee County School District athletic events, Georgia High School Association (GHSA), and the Lady Wings semi - professional basketball team. He is an active volunteer at Mother Mary School and Phenix-Russell Youth Center. Tim is a member of Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church and is married to the former Sadie Harper and is the father of four children. **Phone:** 706-685-8016 **E-mail:** tmarshall@columbusga.org



Jenni Rose Martin
Aquatic Program Director

Jenni Rose supervises the day-to-day operations of our four leisure pools throughout our great city: Rigdon Park Pool, Psalmond Road Pool, Shirley B. Winston Pool, and Double Churches Pool. All of these leisure pools have a zero depth entry, slides, lane swimming, and fun water features for all ages to enjoy. Jenni Rose grew up in Columbus, graduating from Hardaway High School and Columbus State University with a Parks and Recreation Administration degree. Jenni Rose loves spending time with family, her two canine children, cooking, eating, and traveling around world. Her love for traveling has taken her to nearly 30 countries expanding across 4 continents.... and still counting.

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Antonio Owens
Recreation Specialist III

Antonio is the Center Director of the Shirley B. Winston Recreation Center. He graduated from Havana Northside High School in 1987. He furthered his education at Albany State College/University with a 1994 Bachelor of Science Degree in Health, Physical and Recreation. Antonio C. Owens attended Albany State University on a Track and Field Scholarship. He was a member of the SIAC Cross Country All Team and he was a member of the NCAA Division II Men Outdoor Track and Field Team. He won MVP of the SIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championship in 1990 and the Athletic Director Sport Award. He is also a Lifeguard and a certified Water Safety Instructor. Antonio C. Owens has learned responsibility through various positions such as: assistant to the Physical Director of the Nautilus and Aerobic department in the Albany YMCA, assistant Center Recreation Supervisor for the City of Albany Parks and Recreations Department, Recreation Supervisor for the Georgia Department of Corrections, Youth and Recreation Coordinator for Open Door Community House, Physical and Aquatics Director for the A.J. McClung YMCA, Inc, Area Director of Operation for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley. Antonio has worked with the SaMarc Dream & Achieve After School Program, Substitute Teacher, and currently a Part Time Bus Driver with the Muscogee County School District.

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Carson Revell
Athletic Program Supervisor

Carson supervises the day-to-day operations of the Athletic Division of Columbus Parks and Recreation. He manages adult softball, basketball, and volleyball recreation leagues, as well as helping coordinate various youth and adult tournaments held at Parks and Recreation facilities. He serves as a department liaison to District 8 Little League and the Columbus Youth Football League. Carson has lived in Columbus all of his life and graduated from Hardaway High School in 2002. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Columbus State University. Carson started working with the Parks and Recreation Department as a part-time employee in the Community Schools Division in July 2001 and has been in the Athletic Division since August 2006. Carson enjoys playing numerous sports in his free time and is an avid fan of the University of Georgia. **Phone:** 706-225-4506 **Email:** crevell@columbusga.org



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Mark Ruzeski
Tennis Program Specialist III

Mark supervises the day-to-day operations of Cooper Creek Tennis Center. Cooper Creek is the largest public clay court facility in the United States and hosts several major tournaments per year. Mark is a 1988 Graduate of Kendrick High School and a 1993 Parks and Recreation Administration graduate of Columbus College. He has been employed with the Parks & Recreation Department for over 20 years. He started his career with the after school program the year it was created and began working at Cooper Creek Tennis Center in May of 1994. He has been the Tournament Director of over 50 tennis tournaments from 1996-2009. Mark enjoys playing tennis (of course!) and anything North Carolina University. **Phone:** 706-317-4186

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William Sanks
Recreation Program Specialist III

William Sanks is currently the Center Director for the 29th Street Gym (North Columbus Recreation Center). In 1975, Mr. Sanks worked as a part-time employee with Columbus Parks and Recreation, later becoming a full time employee in 1978. He is a native of Columbus, Georgia. He is a 1974 graduate of Kendrick High School, Columbus, Georgia. He served as a member of the Air Force Reserve. He is married to Mrs. Charlotte Marion-Sanks and is the father of three boys: Omar, Von-Eric, and Brian, and the legal guardian of his grandson, J'Quan Omarion Cobb. His hobbies includes (but not limited to): traveling/vacationing, cooking (especially grilling), watching a good movie, and spending quality time with the family.

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Shelley Stephens
Recreation Program Supervisor

Shelley Stephens has held several positions in the Parks and Recreation Department over the past 12 years. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science, and a Masters of Education Degree in Adult Education. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership. Shelley came to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2001 as an activity leader at Shirley Winston Recreation Center. She has also served as Assistant Director at Northside Recreation Center, Director at Carver Park Recreation Center. She served as the Program Supervisor for the Recreation Department before moving to her current position as District Supervisor for the Community Schools After School Program. Her key duties are developing and administering programs for the before and after school program. Reviews site program schedule and coordinates with site supervisors. Conducts school site visits; responds to requests for information, complaints, or concerns. Also coordinates training



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and continuance improvement workshops for staff. Shelley oversees the USDA snack grant that is implemented through Bright From the Start Early Care and Learning Program. **Phone:** 706-225-4641 **Email:** sstephens@columbusga.org



Shay Terrell **Recreation Program Specialist II**

Shay is the Center Director for Michael Fluellen Recreation Center. She is originally from Moss Point, MS and moved to Columbus, Georgia in 2010 with her husband. Shay graduated from Troy University, where she completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a certified minor in Recreation, and a Master's degree in Sport Management. While at Troy, she was very active on campus. She was a scholarship student-athlete (Women's Basketball), a member of Student Government Association, NAACP, and FCA. She was also the President of the National Pan-Hellenic Association, and her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is currently a member of the Black Women in Sport Foundation. During her college years, she worked as a Program Manager for the Boys and Girls Club of America. Upon graduation, she began working for Troy University's Athletic Department where she served in several positions to include: Compliance Assistant, and Marketing & Event Management Assistant. She also served as the Executive Suite Manager of Troy University's 30,000 seat Movie Gallery Stadium. After Troy, she began working at Alabama State University in the Department of Athletics where she served in dual roles as the Assistant Director of Compliance and the Business Manager, in which she was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of both areas, and managing the Department's 7 million dollar budget. Family relocation brought her to Columbus, where she began working for the Parks & Recreation Department in September of 2011. Shay is married to Eric Terrell and has one puppy, Reese. She enjoys shopping, traveling, fine dining, sports, home improvement shows, and spending time with family and friends. **Phone:** 706-327-4142 **E-mail:** sterrell@columbusga.org



Vickey A. Williams **Recreation Program Specialist III**

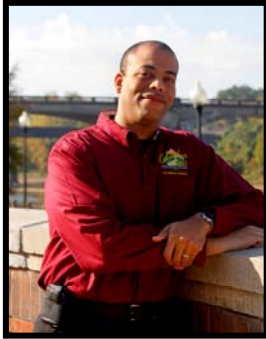
Vickey is the Center Director of Northside Recreation Center. She moved to Columbus, Georgia in 1978. She graduated from West Georgia College (University of West Georgia) in 1992 with a BA in Mass Communication and an AA in Psychology. Upon graduation, she began working with Parks and Recreation through the Columbus Housing Authority. After a year, she became a Correction Officer in Montezuma, Georgia. In 1996, she returned to Parks and Recreation working in the Recreation Division. After working at various sites, she became the Center Director for Shirley Winston Recreation Center until she was moved to her current location.

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James D. Worsley, Ph.D., CPRP, CTRS **Parks and Recreation Director**

Dr. Worsley was a Regional Parks and Recreation Manager for Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), North Carolina before moving to Columbus, GA. He directed, managed and oversaw 54 parks and properties (some 2,401 acres) and 6 greenways, including playgrounds; athletic fields; fishing piers; nature preserves; tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; an aquatic facility; community gardens; amphitheater; dog parks; disc golf courses; softball complexes; shelters/recreation centers; bike and walking trails and BMX bicycle track; and more. His role as Regional Parks and Recreation Manager for Mecklenburg County included management of full and part-time staff, a 27-person advisory council and volunteers. Dr. Worsley was responsible for fiscal, budget, and procurement management of his departmental region.

Dr. Worsley is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional, a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, and a Licensed Recreational Therapist. He is actively involved with the National Recreation and Park Association where he serves on its National Certification Board. He is also actively involved with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA), and a past member of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association (NCRPA). North Carolina Recreation and Park Association named Dr. Worsley “Young Professional” of the Year in 2007. Dr. Worsley is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He is also a board member for Keep Columbus Beautiful and American Cancer Society.

Dr. Worsley holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), where he majored in Parks, Recreation and Tourism with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation. He has a Master in Science from UNCG with a major in Recreation Management. He has a Doctorate of Philosophy from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, where he majored in Leadership Studies.

Dr. Worsley also has been published in peer-reviewed journals, appearing in *Therapeutic Recreation Journal* (2002), *Inclusive volunteering: Benefits to participants and community*, *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration* (2011), *Framing the problem of barriers to upward mobility for African Americans in parks and recreation*, among other publications.

He is married to Tara Worsley and is the proud father of three children. He enjoys baseball, fine dining, traveling abroad, and picnics in the parks with his wife and children. **Phone:** 706-653-4500 **Email:** jworsley@columbusga.org