



# CHARLA LUCAS

Chief Operating Officer,  
Florida Recreation and Park  
Association

Charla is currently the Chief Operating Officer for the Florida Recreation and Park Association. She is involved in the Association's direction at many levels – some examples are: creating opportunities to connect professionals, branding statewide efforts to extend the message of the benefits of parks and recreation services to the public and profession, and overseeing educational opportunities to further develop professionals in the field.

Truly a 'park and rec kid', Charla began her career in parks and recreation as a teen volunteer and then working for the City of Largo for 13 years. She then worked with the City of Tallahassee for three years before moving over to the professional association that supported her for many years.



# STEPHANIE SURRENA

Outreach & Public Information  
Coordinator, Palm Beach  
County Parks and Recreation  
Department

Stephanie is a native Floridian who grew up in Palm Beach County, and is a member of the first graduating class from Seminole Ridge High School. Stephanie graduated from Florida Atlantic University (go owls!) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Multimedia Studies. She has worked for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department since 2012, where she started as a Public Relations Specialist.

Stephanie currently serves in a leadership role in the department's Office of Public Engagement, reviewing and assigning internal requests for marketing support while maintaining consistent branding. She is also responsible for social media management, including the creation and implementation of social media campaigns, management of the department website and contributing to a wide range of public information projects and engagement programs to make residents and visitors aware of the county's programs, needs, special projects and accomplishments. Stephanie also performs as Oakly, the department's mascot inspired by eastern gray squirrels commonly found in county parks.

She is an advocate for parks and recreation and its importance. She enjoys being a park and recreation professional, focusing on the many positive impacts that parks and recreation has on communities and individuals. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and visiting new parks.



# **TERESA WIGGINS**

Recreation Manager,  
City of Port Orange

Teresa Wiggins is the Recreation Manager for the City of Port Orange, where she leads the team responsible for special events and recreation programming. Teresa's passion is providing accessible and enjoyable recreation opportunities to every member of the community. She is a graduate of the University of Central Florida where she earned a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Sport Business Management.



# **PETER FERREIRA**

Parks and Recreation Deputy  
Director, City of Port Orange

Peter Ferreira is the current Parks and Recreation Deputy Director for the City of Port Orange. Peter loves his job and ensures his team has the right tools in order to provide parks and recreation opportunities to meet the changing needs of the community. He graduated from Flagler College with a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management and is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional(CPRP). He is a native Floridian who loves the outdoors and spending time with his wife and three children.