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## **PIPPENGER NAMED METROPARKS BOARD PRESIDENT, DAVIS RE-APPOINTED, SELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT**

DAYTON – In a testament to their continued service to the public, Karen Davis, who accepted her reappointment to the Five Rivers MetroParks Board of Commissioners, was named vice president of the commission, and Alan Pippenger was named its president.

Each commissioner is appointed by the Montgomery County probate court judge for a three-year term. This volunteer position provides continuity and assists in setting long-term policies and direction. Board members also assure the fiscal health and public accountability of the organization, promote the agency through community outreach and measure the productivity of the agency through the executive director's performance. They take their responsibilities seriously with full understanding of the importance of protecting the public trust and honoring the founding purpose of this agency; the protection of local land, water and wildlife.

Lifelong Dayton resident Pippenger is president of Requarth Lumber Co., the fifth generation at the helm of this family-owned business. Pippenger says he takes on the duties of park commissioner in addition to his responsibilities as Requarth president because the parks contribute so much to the development of youth in this region. "I happened to be visiting Adventure Central (at Wesleyan MetroPark) one day when a group of kids began the first harvest of carrots growing under the soil," he said. "Their excitement, their faces, their sense of wonder - it was priceless."

Pippenger's lengthy list of favorite MetroParks aspects include hiking in Taylorsville MetroPark to see the ruins at Tadmor, autumn walks through the wooded ravine at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, and climbing the switchbacks on the new Twin Valley Trail at Germantown MetroPark. "It feels as though I'm hundreds of miles from Dayton when I hike the TVT," he said.

Davis also has an extensive inventory of things she loves about Five Rivers MetroParks. It's difficult to keep this recreation enthusiast indoors. "I'm an avid walker," she said. "I walk 3 to 4 miles each day, and I love being outdoors, in all seasons."

In addition to her commissioner duties, Davis works as the director of practice operations for PriMed Physicians, instructs at the business school at Ivytech Community College, teaches summer courses for Xavier University's health care administration graduate program, and is active in her parish at St. Benedict the Moor. "I feel comfortable with the responsibility of overseeing the MetroParks," she said. "If there's one thing I know, it's how to care for the people and places Dayton residents cherish."

Board of Park Commissioner meetings take place once a month and are open to the public. The next scheduled meeting will be 7 a.m. Feb. 17 at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. For further information, call (937) 275-PARK or visit [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) and select "Organizational Structure" from the "About Us" drop-down menu.



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## **ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS**

Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as part of its role as steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, sensitive river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages. And, diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to assure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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