

Recreation panel hires manager for sports

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Kevin DeveraThe Reading Recreation Commission has hired Kevin Devera, the former impact director of health, wellness and athletics for the Olivet Boys & Girls Clubs, as its new sports program manager.

"We're excited about the experience and passion that Kevin brings to the commission," Executive Director Daphne Klahr said. "Having him as part of our team will help us achieve our goal of expanding youth sports so that every child in Reading who wants to participate in a sport or activity will have the opportunity to do so."

Devera, who will be paid \$42,500, brings 30 years of sports, health and wellness programming with him. He spent 25 years with Olivet, 10 years of that as director of its Reviving Baseball in the Inner City program.

In January, he was crowned "2015 King of Baseballtown" by the Reading Fightin' Phils and Baseballtown Charities for his dedication and contribution to the game of baseball in Baseballtown. "Kevin's wealth of experience and community involvement will greatly enhance our sports and recreation programs for all Reading residents," said James Washington II, president of the commission's board of directors.

The nonprofit commission is a partnership of the city and the Reading School District that provides neighborhood-based recreation, sports and learning opportunities for all ages at schools, parks, playgrounds, Schlegel Park pool, and its two recreation centers at Third and Spruce and at 11th and Pike streets.



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