

# Parks board's new members explain vision

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Here is a look at the three new members of the Gilbert Parks, Recreation and Library Services Advisory Board, based on their applications.

The board's stated mission is to ensure that all town residents have opportunities to "to enjoy broad, satisfying leisure experiences." The board makes recommendations to the Town Council on public improvements and land acquisitions, capital projects, and programs and regulations related to parks and other recreation areas.

The new members — Federico Buck, Mark Dobay and Todd Hall — join incumbents Les Presmyk, acting chair; Anderea Pedersen, vice chair; and Ronald Coleman, Brian Fero, Mickie Niland and Paul Marchant.

Mark Dobay

**Occupation:** Program director at A New Leaf.

**Why he wanted a seat:** "I am interested in serving the community I live in. I moved to Gilbert after college in 2007 and fell in love with the family-oriented town. I am a young professional who wants to give back to Gilbert."

**Relevant experience:** "I have worked for five years in the non-profit human-service field, three of those in a management position. The experience has showed me the greatest resource we have is people and collaboration. Creative thinking can often be used to solve problems when money is tight."

**His vision for the board's direction:** "I would emphasize the preservation and creation of parks and groups during this time of growth for Gilbert. The actions taken today will benefit our future generations."

Federico Buck

**Occupation:** Real-estate agent operating in Scottsdale; owns a commercial real-estate investment firm.

**Why he wanted a seat:** A retired football coach, he said he feels "as if I have a civic duty to serve."

**Relevant experience:** "(I) have worked hand in hand with the town on rezoning, master plan/improvement district and land transactions."

**His vision for the board's direction:** "(I) would need to understand better

Todd Hall

**Occupation:** [Attorney](#) partner at Berry, Riddell & Rosensteel, LLC; licensed real-estate agent.

**Why he wanted a seat:** "I have lived in the community for 10 years and feel the need to give back. Gilbert is my family's home. We love the amenities and leisure activities that the town provides, and I want to do my part to make sure that the high level of services we all enjoy will continue for years to come."

**Relevant experience:** "I have worked as an attorney and real-estate consultant for 10 years, advising a wide range of clients in connection with the acquisition, planning and development of real estate. Much of this involves an evaluation of the best use of resources and a determination of how best to meet the clients' objectives."

**His vision for the board's direction:** "I would like to see the libraries and parks become a more prominent and recognized asset to town residents and visitors. We have some wonderful public assets here, and I would like to help everyone enjoy them."