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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF MALE GIRAFFE AT SENECA PARK ZOO**

*Parker, a two-year-old male, joins two females in Animals of the Savanna expansion*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are excited to announce that a third Masai giraffe, a two-year-old male named Parker from Santa Barbara Zoo, has arrived at the Zoo as a part of the Animals of the Savanna expansion, which officially opened to the public in September.

*“We are thrilled to welcome Parker to our Seneca Park Zoo family and to have him join both Iggy and Kipenzie at the recently expanded Animals of the Savanna Exhibit,”* said **Dinolfo**. *“Masai giraffes are a species whose population in East Africa is plummeting. Parker, Iggy and Kipenzie will serve as ambassadors for their species, helping local residents understand, appreciate and take action for these amazing animals from another continent. His arrival is just another wonderful addition to the zoo and we encourage the community to stop for a visit and welcome him into the Zoo family.”*

Parker was born on August 6, 2016, at the Santa Barbara Zoo. He carries valuable genes as Michael, Parker’s father, is considered one of the most genetically valuable male Masai giraffes in human care because of his few relatives in zoos, other than his own offspring.

Parker’s move to Seneca Park Zoo was recommended by the Association of the Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP), which manages populations of animals in human care and ensures their genetic diversity. He joins two one-year-old female Masai giraffes and potential future mates, Iggy and Kipenzi, who arrived at the Zoo in August.

Parker is quickly acclimating to his new habitat, companions, and caretakers. The Masai giraffes also share their habitat with two female plains zebras.

From November through April, Seneca Park Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with last entry at 3 p.m.

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