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Senior Center Staff News

Parks & Rec welcomes new Everett Senior Center Administrative Assistant, Stacy Homeyer. Stacy, pictured at right, is replacing Tammy Johncox who has resigned after six years due to a family move to Kentucky. Stacy is a native of Wisconsin. She received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Social Science from Ashford University. We are happy to have her join the Parks & Rec Team as we bid farewell to Tammy with our appreciation for her years of service and our best wishes on her future plans.



Pavilion Reservations Open Soon

On Friday, January 3, Parks & Rec will begin to take park pavilion rental reservations for the 2015 calendar year. Reservations may be made online at www.parksrec.com or in person at the Administrative Office. Reservations cannot be taken by phone. Reservations fill quickly for the week-ends at the most popular pavilions so don't delay if you want to reserve for your event.

Parks & Rec and Local Partner Win State Awards

We are proud to announce Parks & Rec and one of our Parks & Rec Community Partners, DICK'S Sporting Goods, were recently awarded Four Star Awards from the Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association (TRPA) during the association's annual conference held last month in Nashville.

Alcoa business, DICK'S Sporting Goods, was given the **Four Star Benefactor Award**. This award recognizes an individual, organization or company that has donated a significant gift to a parks and recreation agency for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in their community. The gift can be a financial contribution, tangible equipment/property, a product, or in-kind service and must have a minimum value of \$5,000. DICK'S Mission Statement reads:

"DICK'S Sporting Goods believes that SPORTS MATTER! We feel that sports play a vital role in teaching our children fundamental values like a strong work ethic, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. Today DICK'S Sporting Goods shares our enthusiasm, for and commitment to youth sports in the communities where we live and work by supporting organizations that make youth sports possible."

In the past year DICK's has donated to Parks & Rec cash, gift bucks, gift cards, and coaches kits which include bags, balls, cones and clipboards for a total sponsorship package value of \$6,779. Congratulations goes to DICK'S on winning this well deserved state award which will be formally presented to Dick's company representatives during the January meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission.

Pictured at right are the Parks & Rec Superintendent of Athletics, Chris Clark, receiving equipment from DICK'S Community Marketing Mgr., Brian Johnson.



The Four Star Award For Excellence In Special Events Programming was awarded to Parks & Rec for our newest special event, "Songs By The Brook". This event is a three part outdoor free concert series of Americana music held the last Thursday of July, August and September in Springbrook Park in Alcoa. The first annual event was a big success and we are proud to have this event recognized with this award. A big THANK YOU goes to our *Presenting Sponsors*: Alcoa Tenn Federal Credit Union, Crestview Dental Care, Aluminum Company of America, and McGhee Tyson Airport; *Stage Sponsor*, Innovative Garden Supply; and *Friends of Springbrook Park*, Ogle's Auto Center, Insurance Partners, Inc., Southland Books & Café and Sweet P's BBQ & Soul House.

Pictured at right with the award are the Parks & Rec Staff in charge of the "Songs By The Brook" planning and coordination: Recreation Specialist, Missey Wright; Springbrook Rec Center Director, Phil Eakins; & Springbrook Center Program Assistant, Scott McMahan.



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The Parks and Recreation Office will be closed December 25-26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's. All of us at Parks & Rec would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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