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Dogwood Trees Donated For Springbrook Park

Employee volunteers from ALCOA Inc. and members of the Parks & Rec Maintenance Department (pictured at left) recently planted about forty dogwood trees in Springbrook Park as part of the Dogwood Arts Festival's "Bazillion Blooms" Campaign. The trees were funded through a grant from the ALCOA Foundation in conjunction with the American Forests' Global ReLeaf Partnership of Trees. \$12,500. was awarded to plant dogwood trees in Blount, Knox and surrounding counties. The goal is to eventually create a dogwood walking trail in the park which will become a part of the annual Dogwood Arts Festival.

Soccer Registration Opens Soon

Youth Spring Soccer registration for boys and girls ages 4 - 16 will open Monday, January 30 and will continue through March 2 or until all leagues are full. Cost is \$50. and includes a game jersey. Payment for optional team pictures is \$15. in advance and can also be paid at registration. The cost will increase to \$18. on photo day. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin April 7. You may register online or in person at the Parks & Recreation Office.

Pavilion Rental Reservations Opened January 3

Parks & Rec has a variety of pavilions and recreation center facilities for rent by families, churches and community groups. Due to high demand for the outdoor pavilions, reservations fill quickly. If you are planning to hold an event this year at one of these facilities, you may check availability and complete your reservation online at www.parksrec.com. Reservations can also be made in person at the Parks & Rec Office.

Upcoming Fitness Opportunities

Parks & Rec has several fitness classes beginning mid - January to March. Go to www.parksrec.com to see the various options available for you to improve your fitness while having fun too. The web site has complete details on these and other classes:



- Zumba®
- Yoga
- Beginner Running Program
- Small Group Fitness Training
- Beginner & Intermediate Belly Dance



Special Olympics Winter Games Update

Area 15 Special Olympics adult independent athlete, Robby Ellis, will compete at the 2012 Tennessee Special Olympics Winter Games to be held at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort January 29-30. Robby will be competing in the Speed Skating event. He is coached by his mother, Wanda Ellis. We extend our best wishes and best of luck to Robby as he represents Area 15 at this great event.

"Good Dog" Basic Manners Class
 Dates: Thursdays, February 2 - March 29
 Times: 5:45pm - 6:45pm
 Location: Indoors @ Springbrook Rec. Center
 Instructor: Patti Gibson

\$82 (9 classes)
includes t-shirt
DO NOT bring dog to first class

Puppy Paws Smart Behavior Class
 Dates: Thursdays, February 2 - March 29
 Times: 7:00pm - 7:30pm
 Location: Indoors @ Springbrook Rec. Center
 Instructor: Patti Gibson

\$42 (9 classes)
includes t-shirt
DO NOT bring puppy to first class



Thank You Maryville High School Athletic Department

An exhibition basketball game between our Area 15 team, the Blount Blazers, and the Area 22 Team from Lenoir City, the Dog Pound, was held during the Maryville High Christmas Invitational Tournament on December 30. The teams played in honor and memory of Area 22 long-time coach, the late Mary Mills. Proceeds from the tournament in the amount of \$1,250. were donated to Special Olympics. Pictured (at left) during the game are members of the Blount Blazers Basketball Team, David Mucillo (front) and Boyd Webb.

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