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Parks & Rec Staff News

We bid farewell to Dianne McCammon who retired January 20 after serving 38 years with Parks & Rec as Finance Manager. We thank her for her years of excellent service and wish her well as she makes good use of her new leisure time. Dianne plans to enjoy having more time to play golf, travel and spend time with her family.

We are pleased to announce that Alcoa resident, Leanna Millard, has been hired to replace Dianne as Finance Manager. Leanna is a graduate of Maryville College. She is married to Brett Millard and is the proud mother of two. Her son, Jacob, is currently serving in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne. Her daughter, Denise, is a student at the University of Tennessee.

We welcome Leanna as the newest member of the Parks & Rec Team. She is pictured below right with her predecessor, Dianne McCammon.



Commission Recognizes Dick's Sporting Goods

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently presented, on behalf of the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA), the state Four Star Benefactor Award to Dick's Sporting Goods. This annual award is presented to an individual, organization or company that has made a significant donation to a Parks & Rec agency to enhance the quality of life in their community. Dick's has served as a Parks and Rec Community Partner for several years. In 2014 Dick's Sporting Goods, located in Alcoa, donated \$6,779. in cash, gift cards, gift bucks and coaches kits to Parks and Rec. The Commission congratulates Dick's on this well deserved state award and thanks them for their continued support. Pictured above left with the award plaque is Dick's Sporting Goods Marketing Manager, Brian Johnson, and Chris Clark, Superintendent of Athletics for Parks and Rec.



Soccer Registration Opens Next Month For Ages 4 - 16



Youth Spring Soccer registration for boys and girls ages 5 - 16 and Soccer For Fun For 4 Year Olds will open Monday, February 2 and will continue through March 6 unless filled earlier. Cost is \$60. 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 4 on a 6-week schedule. Soccer For Fun will be played at the Everett Athletic Complex and Youth Soccer games will be played at the Everett Athletic Complex (ages 5-9) and Pearson Springs Park (ages 10-16). You may register online or in person at the Parks & Recreation Office. Click here www.parksrec.com for complete details, rules and registration. Late registration when space is available will incur an extra charge of \$5.00

Special Olympics Update

Area 15 will be represented at the Tennessee Special Olympics Winter Games by Robby Ellis. Robby is an independent adult athlete and will compete in the speed skating competition during the games to be held at Ober Gatlinburg, January 26-28. We extend our best wishes and good luck to Robby in his competition.

In other Special Olympics news, the East Tennessee Regional Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 21 at Maryville College, time to be announced later. Good Luck to the Blount Blazers who will represent Area 15 in this tournament.

The Special Olympics Basketball event for Area 15 athletes only, will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at Heritage High School. Opening Ceremonies. Thanks to both Maryville College and Heritage High for their continued support with facilities.

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