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Spring Special Events

April is a big month for some fun special events you don't want to miss. Go to www.parksrec.com for all the details on these events and lots of other activities that are scheduled for the spring months.

Softball Tip-Off Tournament -
April 10,11, 14 & 15 at Everett and
Sandy Spring Parks

Spring Arts & Crafts Show -
April 11 & 12 at Foothills Mall

Spring Sprint 5K Race -
April 12 begins at Springbrook Rec
Center

5th Annual Kite Festival-
April 27 Rain Date: May 4 at Pearson
Springs Park

Employee Recognition

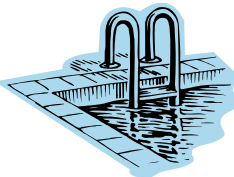
Teresa Becker was recently honored by the Parks & Recreation Commission for 35 years of service. During her years at Parks & Rec Teresa served as Director of the Senior Center for over 20 years. She then worked several years as a Special Projects Director. She currently works as the Human Resources Manager.

At right: Teresa is presented her 35 Year Award by Commission Chairman, Mike Lewis



Parks & Rec Receives Second TDEC Benchmark Award

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) recently designated Parks and Recreation as a "Benchmarked" agency. This is an accreditation-type designation which is designed to identify, recognize and publicize quality Parks and Recreation agencies in the state of Tennessee. The award was presented to Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman, Mike Lewis and Executive Director, Joe Huff (pictured at left with the Benchmark Certificate) during the Commission meeting held February 14. This was the second time this important designation has been awarded to Parks & Rec. The first was given in 2009 for a period of five years. Each Benchmarked agency must make a new application every five years to have the designation reevaluated and renewed. Benchmarking is a strategic management process in which an agency is evaluated on various aspects of its structure and processes in relation to the goal of increasing the efficiency and quality of its products and services while reducing costs..



Pool Passes Now On Sale

It's only eight weeks until the pools open for the summer season. Springbrook Pool will open on May 17 and John Sevier Pool will open May 21. Season pool passes are now on sale at the Parks & Rec Administrative Office. Regular pool users can save money by purchasing the season passes. Pool passes also make a great gift for a birthday or other special occasion. All the information regarding prices, pool hours, how to book a private pool party, swim lessons, Flying Dolphins Swim Team and Aqua Aerobics classes etc, can be found in the Aquatics section at www.parksrec.com.

Softball Season Is Here

Registration is still open for Spring Adult Softball and the Spring Co-ed League through April 4. Cost is \$340. per team plus \$3.50 per player. Go to www.parksrec.com for complete information on Spring and Fall Softball.

News from Special Olympics

Congratulations to Area 15 Special Olympics Men's Basketball Team, the Blount Blazers, for bringing home the gold medal from the Tennessee State Special Olympics Basketball held March 14 - 15 at Lipscomb University in Nashville. They defeated the team from Marion County to win the gold.



Pictured at left: The Blount Blazers show off their gold medals as they celebrate the victory over Marion County with their volunteer coaches, Tommy Spears and Scotty Collins.



THE PARKS & REC OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 18
FOR GOOD FRIDAY.