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Parks & Rec Staff News

Prayers and Best Wishes -

to Springbrook Recreation Center Director, Phil Eakins, and his family as they travel to Vanderbilt Medical Center next week where Phil will receive a long-awaited kidney transplant. His son, Aaron, will provide the donor kidney to his dad. May God bless both of them as they recover.

Welcome -

to James McMahan who has been hired to work at the Springbrook Rec Center while Phil Eakins is on medical leave. We welcome him to the Parks & Rec Team and appreciate his support during this difficult time.

A Big Congratulations -

to Executive Director, Joe Huff on two very notable events in his life this month. On September 1 he married Susan Whetsel in a ceremony held at their new home. Our very best wishes to Joe and Susan for many happy years ahead.

Also this month, on September 20, Joe was elected as the President of the Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association. This is the professional society for over 1200 Parks & Recreation professionals from the majority of the municipal and county parks and recreation agencies in Tennessee. We say, "Way to go, Joel!"

Parks & Recreation Wins State Award



We are proud to announce that Parks & Recreation has received a coveted "Four Star Award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation" in the Marketing Category from the Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association (TRPA). Executive Director, Joe Huff, was presented the award at the TRPA annual conference held recently in Knoxville. Our departmental marketing campaign was honored for the creative use of a small marketing budget by using the latest marketing trends to promote the use of Parks & Rec facilities and services to the community.

Special Olympics Bowling A Big Success

Thanks to Crest Bowling Lanes for hosting the 2012 Special Olympics Bowling. The 3-day event held September 11 - 13 served 244 bowlers representing students from all three schools systems and many adult independent athletes. A big thank you also goes to the approximately 90 volunteers who gave their time to make the event another big success for Area 15 Special Olympics.

Benefit Soccer Game for Area 15 Special Olympics

There will be a benefit soccer game between Maryville High School and William Blount High School on Thursday, September 27, 6:00 PM at John Sevier Elementary School. Food and drinks will be sold to raise funds for the Area 15 Special Olympics. The event will feature the Blount County Blazers as special guests. The Blazers are an adult men's Special Olympics basketball team from Area 15. The Blazers will serve as the sideline ball boys for the game and be involved in the pre-game player announcements. At half-time, the Special Olympics State Basketball Championship Trophy, won by the Blazers this year, will be recognized along with the individual members of the team. We hope you will take this opportunity to support Special Olympics, The Blount County Blazers and these two local high school soccer teams.

Halloween Fun Is Coming Soon



Friday, October 26 is the date for the pre-Halloween celebration at the Everett Recreation Center. The event is open to kids ages 3 - 12 and will be held from 5:30 - 9:00 PM. Click on www.parksrec.com/special_event/halloween.aspx to get complete information on this fun and safe event. You may register online or at the Parks & Rec Administrative Office, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



Tiny Tot Triathlon 2012

The first annual Tiny Tot Triathlon for kids ages 3 - 5 was a big success with 85 participants in spite of a date change due to weather. A big thank you goes to the following for co-sponsoring the event with Parks & Rec: Foothills Pediatric Center, Foothills Pediatric Dentistry and the City of Alcoa. Special thanks also goes to the Alcoa Police and Fire Departments and all the other volunteers who worked that day to help make the event safe and loads of fun for everyone.



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