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Visit A Park Day

On Thursday, May 1, Parks & Rec invites you to Sandy Springs Park in Maryville and Springbrook Park in Alcoa for "Visit A Park Day". From 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. members of the Parks & Rec Staff will be at both parks for free play games, distributing healthy snacks and providing information on our local parks and the recreational and wellness opportunities available to citizens of all ages through Parks & Rec programs. It's free outdoor fun!



From left to right: Marva Reed (John Sevier School), Audrey Richardson (MLK Center), Mayor Ed Mitchell, Betty Jo Lenoir (New Providence Head Start) and Cora Goss (MLK Center)

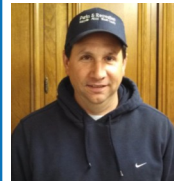
Senior Volunteers Honored

Over 300 CAC Senior Corps volunteers and CAC Americorps members attended the second annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. The event was hosted by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero. Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell attended as a special guest with several mayors from other areas. Included in the special recognition were two dedicated volunteers from the Martin Luther King Community Center, Audrey Richardson and Cora Goss.

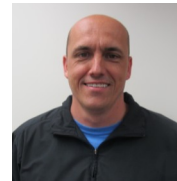
They volunteer through the CAC Foster Grandparents Program which has a total of eight volunteers working in various youth programs in Blount County. MLK Center Volunteer, Audrey Richardson, was also recently designated "Foster Grandparent of the Month". Congratulations to her and our appreciation to all the senior volunteers who give their time and talents to help meet the needs of the community.

Welcome New Employees

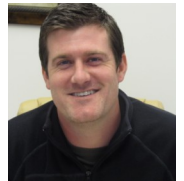
Three new employees were recently added to the Parks & Rec family. Robert Blevins was recently hired to work in the Parks & Rec Maintenance Department. In addition to Robert, the Everett Senior Center gained two new staff; Greg Pitner, Custodian and Daniel "Bo" Harding, Admin. Assistant.



Robert Blevins



Greg Pitner



Bo Harding

Pool Season Kicks Off May 17

Springbrook Pool will open for the season at noon on Saturday, May 17. John Sevier Pool will open Saturday, May 24. Now is the time to purchase your pool passes and to sign up for swim lessons, aqua aerobics and the Flying Dolphins Swim Team. For complete information on all the above as well as private pool party rentals, opening times and admission prices follow the link below:

www.parksrec.com/pools_aquatics.aspx

Special Olympics News

The regional "Power Partners" Power Lifting competition was held on March 1 at Foothills Mall. Congratulations to winners Karyl Kant and Paul Myers, both Area 15 Independent athletes. Paul will be advancing to the state level competition. A big THANK YOU to Chip Hultquist for organizing this event. Thanks to his efforts and the support of our community partners, this event raised \$2100. for Area 15 Special Olympics.

The Area 15 Special Olympics Spring Track & Field Games held April 23 at Heritage High School were a big success with 301 student and adult athletes competing. A big thank you goes to the 300 volunteers who helped make the event possible and to the community organizations who provided assistance with food, set-up and break-down and many other important services. Thanks also to Heritage High School and the Maryville College Athletic Department for their continued support.

Area 15 will be sending several athletes to the Tennessee Special Olympics State Games in Nashville May 16-17. Ten will compete in Track & Field events in addition to one in the Power Lifting event. Best of luck to these athletes as they compete at the next level and thanks to their coaches and families for their support.



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