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### Employee News

Parks and Rec is pleased to announce the appointment of Chance Vananda as a new employee in the Maintenance Department. Chance, a resident of Louisville, holds a degree from Pellissippi State Community College.

As we welcome Chance, we are sorry to say good bye to Courtney Sammy who has resigned her position as an Office Assistant at the Martin Luther King Community Center. She has worked for the center since 2013. We thank Courtney for her service and wish her the best with her future endeavors.

### Softball Season Is Here

Registration is still open for Spring Adult Softball and the Spring Co-ed League through April 3. Cost is \$340. per team plus \$3.50 per player. Go to [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com) for complete information on Spring and Fall Softball.

### Spring Special Events

Go to [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com) for all the details on these April events and lots more!

Softball Tip-Off Tournament -  
April 9,10, 13 & 14 at Everett and Sandy Spring Parks

Spring Arts & Crafts Show -  
April 10 & 11 at Foothills Mall

Spring Sprint 5K Race -  
April 11 begins at Springbrook Rec Center

5th Annual Kite Festival-  
April 19 Rain Date: April 26 at Pearson Springs Park

### Arbor Day Celebrations

The Cities of Maryville and Alcoa both hold the designation of "Tree City USA". This designation is given by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Each city must meet four standards set forth by the Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters to qualify as a "Tree City". Each must have a Tree Board or Department, a Tree Care Ordinance, A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget with a minimum of \$2 per capita and conduct an annual Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.



TREE CITY USA

Each year, Parks & Rec organizes the Arbor Day Observances in conjunction with the Maryville City Council and the Alcoa Commission issuing the Arbor Day Proclamations. On March 27 Alcoa Mayor Don Mull will present the proclamation during the Alcoa Arbor Day Observance. It will be held at Alcoa Middle School at 1:30 p.m. The program will include the display of posters created by the students from an Arbor Day poster contest.

Maryville's Observance will be held March 30, 1:30 p.m. at Coulter Grove Intermediate School. Mayor Tom Taylor will present the proclamation and a Power-Point presentation of posters created from the student poster contest will be shown.

The participating students from both schools receive a tree seedling to plant at home. The seedlings are provided by the TN Dept. of Agriculture's Forestry Division. Area Forester, Brook Smith, will be making the Tree City Awards at both programs. A tree provided by Parks & Rec will be planted at each school.

Family & Friends  
**GAME NIGHT**  
at Parks & Rec!

Register today!  
Friday, March 27, 2015  
Everett Recreation Center  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Card Games  
Door Prizes  
Concessions  
Board Games  
All ages  
kids and grandparents too!

### Pool Passes Now On Sale

It's only eight weeks until the pools open for the summer season. Springbrook Pool will open on May 16 and John Sevier Pool will open May 23. 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 great gifts for any occasion. All the information regarding prices, hours, how to book a private pool party, swim lessons, Flying Dolphins Swim Team and Aqua Aerobics classes etc, can be found at [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com).



### News from Special Olympics

Congratulations to Area 15 Special Olympics Men's Basketball Team, the Blount Blazers, for bringing home the silver medal from the Tennessee State Special Olympics Basketball held March 13 - 14 at Lipscomb University in Nashville. The Blazers are pictured at left proudly wearing their silver medals. The team is coached by volunteer coaches, Tommy Spears and Scotty Collins.



THE PARKS & REC OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 3  
FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

Happy  
Easter