

A CITY in A PARK



Little Rock Parks & Recreation Newsletter

June 2016

Director's Message

Road trips, picnics, splashing at the pool...what's on your list to do this summer? The staff at Little Rock Parks & Recreation has a busy summer ahead and we are excited! Another successful Riverfest is in the books and I give kudos to everyone who works so hard to put on such a great event each year!

Our Summer Playground Program kicks off this week...with almost every location at capacity we know this program is valuable and vital to the youth of our community. Program participants have field trips, sports and various activities to look forward to these next few months. Our locations this summer include Dunbar Community Center, Stephens Community Center, Romine Elementary, Rockefeller Elementary, David O. Dodd Elementary, Baseline Elementary and Henderson Middle School. It's hard to believe but this program is now going into its 96th year! What an achievement!



FIRST DAY OF SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM 2016!

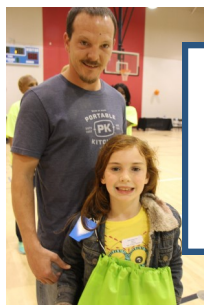
Speaking of achievement, this month our department will entertain/host some very special visitors from the National Recreation and Parks Association Accreditation team. We anticipate their arrival and highlighting all the great things that Little Rock Parks & Recreation has to offer our city! Did you know Little Rock Parks & Recreation is the only Parks and Recreation agency in the state to receive accreditation? We have a lot to be proud of!

Another program kicking off this month is the second year of our Junior Park Ranger Program. Program participants will enjoy a week-long day camp filled with fishing, hiking, birding, golfing and learning about the nature around us.

Whatever you have planned for the coming summer months, we here at Little Rock Parks and Recreation hope we can be a part of your fun! Visit our splashpads at Riverfront and War Memorial Parks! Bike one of our trails and bring a picnic to a nearby shady spot. Our parks are your parks and we can't think of a better time to get out and play.

See you at the park,

Truman Tolefree



A great time
at our
Commit To
Health Fair!



Cheers to Volunteers!

Our volunteers who lend a helping hand week after week, month after month truly are a special part of our organization. We are thankful for each one who shares time and energy with us throughout the year make sure our parks and recreational facilities shine their brightest! May 25th we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Awards ceremony at The Centre at University Park. Thanks to our special guests and our guest speaker Mrs. Arkansas International 2015 Adrienne Smith for making the day so special.

Congratulations again to these individuals and groups who were honored as Volunteer of the Year in these categories.

Above & Beyond—Sculpture at the River Market

Vista—Baptist Health Foundation/Bolo Bash

Corporate—Ozark Outdoor Supply Store

Therapeutic Recreation—Janet Shatley

Enterprise (Golf)—Sue Bowling

Park Ranger—Ruth Anderson

Maintenance—Scotty Scholl

Recreation (Athletics)—Alberto Blanco

Aging & Active—Ella Mae Smith



Erin Childress & Missy Lewis
accept the Vista Award



Dr. Dean Kumpuris and Jane Rogers
accept the Above & Beyond Award



Park Ranger Award



Therapeutic Recreation



Jim Frank accepts the
Corporate Award



Maintenance Award



Recreation (Athletics) Award



Marathon Award



Enterprise (Golf) Award

SUNDAY JUNE 12 — 7:00 p.m.

"Stars and Stripes Celebration" by the Little Rock Wind Symphony in MacArthur Park. The concert will be held on the park grounds, behind the museum. Free music, free Blue Bell ice cream, ice-cold water, and free mini American flags to wave. Bring a picnic dinner and celebrate Flag Day. A food truck will be available for those wishing to purchase food.

Teeing Off for A Good Cause

Hindman Golf Course was the setting for our first ever Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission Golf Scramble. The weather was splendid, the game was spectacular. Thank you to all of our sponsors and players who made this a very successful first year! The funds raised will go to help our Summer Playground Program.



TUESDAY JUNE 14 — 6:00 p.m.
DrainSmart Artist reception and unveiling party!
Free admission, donations encouraged.
At the former Juanita's location in the River Market
614 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock

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Give us a call, send an email or visit our offices at City Hall. We welcome your comments!

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**Happy June Birthday to these
Little Rock Parks & Recreation staff members:**

Ed Barnes: 3
Houston Metzler: 10
David McDowell: 4
Melvin Collins: 21
Charles Bell: 29
Bill Craig: 18

Keith Jordan: 21
Lewis Hamilton: 21
James Fetner: 22
J.P. Rogers: 26
Stephan MacAteer: 5



The 2016 Junior Park Ranger Program is officially under way! For the next 3 weeks these youngsters will be in our parks, greenhouses, golf courses and pools learning all about nature!

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