



PARKS AND RECREATION

Winter/Spring 2008 Newsletter

Highlighting the Department's People & Programs

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Parks and Recreation Department Recognized for 100% Participation and Support of the City's Annual United Way Campaign Drive

Congratulations to the City of Chattanooga Parks Department for achieving a 100% participation of all employees contributing to the annual United Way fund drive. All departments within the city were asked to voluntarily donate to the United Way which provides many resources and programs throughout the city.

Parks Director Kevin Brady, Assistant Director Greta Hayes, and supervisors hosted a campaign kick-off in the form of an ice-cream social to engage everyone in the effort.

The Outdoor Chattanooga and the Administrative staffs also had 100% participation.



Greta Hayes and Kevin Brady accept Department's Award

The Recreation Division increased its commitment this year with over 80% of its employees donating to the campaign.

The ice-cream was donated by Mayfield Dairy.



Park's employees join the city-wide fund drive.



Congratulations!

To 1st Centenary and Carver Centers for the art work their kids made for the EAC character booklets "Think, Draw, & Talk About It". Look for their work on bill boards around the city for the next 3 months!

EAC seeks "anti-drug" themed art work by kids. Contact Dorothea at EAC.

Jim Long Wins TRPA Award



Congratulations also goes to Facility Manager **Jim Long** who received the TRPA Robert Horsley Municipal District Award for outstanding community programs at the recreation center level.

Jim has served the city for over 15 years at the John A. Patten Recreation Center.

Parks and Recreation Employees Recognized for Years of Service

5 Years of Service



(left to right) Michelle Avery, Audrey Robinson, Jeff Hamilton, Lebron Cothorn, & Pat Clark (not in photo: Marcus Thomas & Doris Toney)

10 Years of Service



(left to right) Craig McClure, Mike Franklin, Karen Edwards, Toni Williams, & Clifton Lovingood (not pictured- Robbin Spivey)

Holiday Lunch was catered by Armelia Williams and donated by the Friends of the Zoo.

Special thanks to Darde Long & her staff, Wanda Eckstein, Pat Johnson, Kevin Brady, Greta Hayes & everyone who helped!



Each year, Parks and Recreation Department employees are recognized for milestone years of service. 31 employees from the department received service awards.

One of the highlights of the awards event was a review of the year's programs.

A special power point presentation featured every division in the department, the people in each, and their contributions.

The program recognized the people who work hard behind the scenes to insure that our parks, recreation centers, ball fields, and downtown recreational areas are maintained to NRPA standards.

It was also great to showcase the recreation divisions of devoted people who coach, teach, encourage, and serve as role models for citizens of all ages and abilities.

15 Years of Service



(left to right) 15 year service recipients are: Gene Toney, Evelyn Snorton, Andrew Ragland, Jim Long, Sherry Reed, and Mike Richards Not photographed but also awarded were Al Cantrell, Don Lewis, Jeff Strong, Courtland Smythe, and Kim Battle.

20 Years of Service



(left to right) James Williams, Adrian Hayes, & Carl Nolan. Not pictured: Ron Drake –20 years



Both excitement and pride filled the City Council meeting room as **Jacquelyn Tankersley**, Facility Manager at Brainerd Recreation Center, **Michael Hixson**, Parks Department Senior Supervisor, and **Lexine Alexander**, Facility Manager at Avondale Recreation Center were recognized by Councilman John Franklin.

Mr. Franklin serves as the City Council's Parks and Recreation Department Committee Representative.

YEARS HERE!

Lexine Alexander—35

Mike Hixson—30

Jacque Tankersley— 30

This department is large and dynamic.

On the **Parks** side there are the people who handle construction, maintenance, landscaping, ball fields, buildings, skate park, and custodial duties throughout the city.

On the **Recreation** side there are the recreation centers, aquatics, tennis, sports, therapeutic, and fitness divisions.

Then there is the Golf Division, the Zoo, and Outdoor Chattanooga with Outventure & Bike Chattanooga.



Special thanks to **Amy Bevis** of Outdoor Chattanooga for her help on our annual power point program.

Thanks also goes out to **Philip Grymes** and **Ruthie Cartlidge Thompson!**

30 Years Plus!!!



Highlights & Happenings



Larry Zehnder hosts the dedication of the "Spirit of Main Street" Mural.



(right) Artist **Shawn LaRose** shares his vision for this new public art project.



(above) Therapeutic Recreation Division's **Elaine Adams** at TR "Open House"
(below) **Marcus Thomas** with Recreation Center's Sports Program Participants



It is the mission of the City of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department to provide diverse recreation and leisure opportunities for all ages and abilities in a fun and safe environment. Our goal is to build relationships, create partnerships, and facilitate programs that accommodate the overall interests and needs of our community.

(left to right) **Michelle Taylor, Gerald Perry, & Jacquie Simpson** represent our department at last year's Youth Health Event

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