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Parks & Rec Maintenance Supervisor Wins Top Award

Congratulations goes to the head of the Parks & Rec Maintenance Department, Tom Sims,

the 2013 recipient of the "Wayne Hansard Award". This award is given by the Municipal/County Section of the Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association (TRPA) to personnel who have demonstrated "Excellence in the Maintenance of Parks, Facilities and/or Grounds". Tom is pictured above receiving his award last month during the TRPA Conference.

Two Parks & Rec Employees To Hold Officer Positions In The Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association



Joe Huff, Parks & Recreation Executive Director, was recently sworn in as the President of the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) during the association's annual state conference held this year in Chattanooga. Joe has been a member of TRPA since he began his career with Parks & Recreation in 1983 as the Superintendent of Athletics. He was named Executive Director by the Parks & Recreation Commission in July of 2000.

TRPA membership is made up of over 1200 professionals in the field of Parks & Recreation in Tennessee. Organized in 1952, the association provides its members continuing education opportunities on the most up to date methods and programs available in the field. TRPA advocates for parks and recreation funding and positive legislation at the federal, state and local levels. Through the association members are network and communicate with other professionals through events, print publications and on-line forums. TRPA exists to strengthen and unite those who are committed to building healthy, livable communities.

Program Coordinator, Kelly Forster, was elected to the position of Chair-Elect of the TRPA East Tennessee District also while attending the state conference in November. This district is made up of TRPA members whose serve the counties of the upper East Tennessee area. The district conducts more localized opportunities for continuing education.

Kelly has been employed with Parks & Recreation and a TRPA member since April of 1998.



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The Parks and Recreation Office will be closed December 24-25 for Christmas and January 1 for the New Year 's holiday. All of us at Parks & Rec would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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A benefit basketball game will be played December 28 at Maryville High School during half-time (approximately 7:30 PM) of the MHS Boys Basketball Renasant Bank Tournament. Area 15 Special Olympics adult men's team, the Blount Blazers, will play a team from Loudon County representing Area 22.

Thanks to Maryville High School for their continued support of Special Olympics.

Special Olympics News



Robin Fitzgerald
pictured above at
the State Games

Congratulations to Robin Fitzgerald for being chosen from a random drawing to represent Tennessee in the Bowling Competition at the 2014 National Special Olympics to be held in June in Mercer County, New Jersey. Robin competes in Area 15 as an independent athlete. She qualified to be placed in the drawing by winning a bronze third place medal at the state competition held this past September in Chattanooga.

Robin is the daughter of Fran and Ray Horton of Maryville. We wish her the best of luck in this national competition.