

# A CITY in A PARK



Little Rock Parks & Recreation Newsletter

October 2016

## Director's Message

October's the month  
When the smallest breeze  
Gives us a shower  
Of autumn leaves.  
Bonfires and pumpkins,  
Leaves sailing down —  
October is red  
And golden and brown.

~Author unknown

While children jump in piles of leaves and kick the football around, our staff is enjoying this change of season as well! And there are plenty of ways to enjoy the beauty of nature around us. Pick your park! Also, as the temperatures are falling and leaves are changing, now may be the best time to find a trail and explore!

In this newsletter you'll see a few highlights of what we've been busy on in Little Rock Parks and Recreation. We have cut the ribbon on a new skate park, received national recognition for our agency and are just weeks away from opening a new facility in West Little Rock!

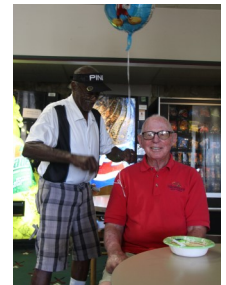
Sit back, grab some apple cider and take a moment to enjoy the changing of the seasons.

See you at the park,

*Truman Tolefree*

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Happy Birthday Judge!  
Judge Allen Dishongh was surprised with cake and ice cream for his 85th birthday! Judge works part time at the War Memorial Golf Pro Shop.



City Manager Bruce Moore and LRPR Director Truman Tolefree joined in to celebrate!



# Mount St. Mary Academy Mercy Day

This year, 126 Sophomores hiked down the trail from their campus to Allsopp Park where they raked leaves, bagged trash and trimmed branches.

Thank you faculty, staff and students for your service!



## Upcoming Events

### October

15: The Color Run  
Western Hills Park  
6:30 p.m.

19: City of Little Rock  
Employee Health Fair

20: Lights On After School

22: Race for the Cure



23: Doggy Paddle Swim  
Jim Dailey Fitness &  
Aquatic Center with Little  
Rock Animal Village

28: Big Boo-Seum Bash

29: Fourche Creek Cleanup

31: Happy Halloween!



### November

4: Sleep Out in the Rock  
for Jericho Way at Murray  
Park

12: West Central  
Community Center Grand  
Opening Celebration



### Green Thumb Tips from our Horticulture Team!

With Fall's arrival, now is the time to change out your seasonal color. Adding some cabbage kale and Swiss chard along with violas, panolas, and pansies will dress up any garden. Try planting tulip bulbs in a pot underneath pansies for that extra pizzazz in early Spring. You might like to try some cool weather herbs like parsley, dill or chives in pots with your Fall color plants.

Your lawn has suffered through the Summer heat. Now is the time to use a winterize fertilizer and pre-emerge on your lawn. This will strengthen the roots and keep winter weeds from appearing. Fall is the best time to fertilize your young trees. Mature trees do not normally require fertilizing.

Now is the time to plant greens, turnips, winter peas and beets. If you are not planting a winter garden, your garden could use some compost and lime in it to get ready for next year. Try covering it with several sheets of newspaper to help control weed growth.



# Best of the Best: LRPR Receives Accreditation

Walking across the stage at the National Recreation and Park Association annual Best of the Best ceremony last week were seven City of Little Rock Parks & Recreation employees and City Manager Bruce Moore. This year, for the third time, the Little Rock Parks & Recreation received accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). The only one in the state of Arkansas, Little Rock Parks & Recreation is proud to –not only be re-accredited—but also have met all 151 standards. These standards focus on excellence in operation and service.

The ceremony was held at the National Recreation and Park Association annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to the ceremony, the weeklong conference included classes, seminars, educational workshops, socials, field trips and an exhibition hall.



Congratulations to the Little Rock Parks & Recreation Department for deserving this honor and gaining national recognition!

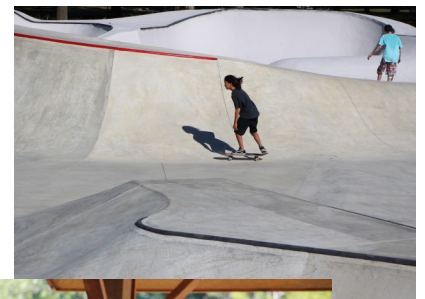


# Kanis Skate Park Ribbon-Cutting

A great time was had by all at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our newest feature at Kanis Park: the renovation and addition to the skate park!

Little Rock Parks & Recreation received a \$150,000 grant from National Recreation and Park Association and Coca-Cola to complete this project.

Thanks to Coca-Cola and NRPA for helping us improve our park and refresh this public space!



## Happy October Birthday to these Little Rock Parks & Recreation staff members!

Karen Johnson-12      Ernie Moix-27      Cleo Clark-24  
Herbert Hubbard-5      Mark Missouri-25      Michael Hall-24  
Larry Jackson-21      Stacy Davis-11      Karen Sykes-15  
Lashondra Taylor-21      Lawanna Mobley-Jones-24  
Michael Hall, Jr.- 30



### CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Baptist Health Bolo Bash** for being named “Special Event of the Year” by the Arkansas Tennis Association for 2016! Also, the “Adult Tournament of the Year” was awarded to **Paws at the Net** benefiting C.A.R.E. Rebsamen Tennis Center is honored and proud to host these great events and look forward to next year!

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