



SPAR eNEWS

“Know the Happenings in Shreveport’s Public Assembly and Recreation Department”

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Recreation



SPAR congratulates Mr. James Bailey who celebrated 25 years of employment with SPAR on March 19, 2009. Mr. Bailey is center manager at Hollywood Heights Community Center. Previously he was manager at Lakeside. Stop by Hollywood Heights and congratulate him on his wonderful service to the community.

SPAR’s 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza is on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Betty Virginia Park, 3901 Fairfield Avenue. The Easter Egg Hunt is geared toward children up to age 12. However, the whole family is invited.

The Extravaganza will feature the Easter Egg Hunt with over 3000 eggs, Face Painting, Arts & Craft Booths, CeCe the Clown & Company, Space Walk, Candy Relay Race, Pin the Tail on the Bunny, Story Telling, Live Entertainment, Free Easter Bags and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Also free snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy. The Fire Dept will present a fire truck walk through and demonstration.

Athletics

The 2009 Boys/Girls Basketball League concluded on March 14. Champions in 10 & Under (Bill Cockrell Gators coached by Damien Lamb defeated Shreveport Heat – Red); 12 & Under (Runnin’ Rebels coached by Cedric Lott defeated Athletic All-Stars); 14 & Under (Evangel Eagles coached by Rani Mason defeated Hattie Perry Spurs); and 18 & Under (David Raines Cougars coached by Claudell Sanford defeated the Stoner Hill Ballers).

The Elementary Basketball League and T-Ball/Machine Pitch League start on April 20. The Mid-Night Summer Basketball League coaches meeting is April 21 at 6:30pm at Wildwood.

2009 Spring Softball season starts April 6. Coed Basketball League starts April 20. For relevant dates and deadlines visit www.myspar.org and click on Athletics.

The Holiday in Dixie Men’s & Women’s Softball Tournament is on April 18-19 at Cargill Park. Entry fee is \$140. Non ASA Teams \$165. Deadline April 10. Call 673.7776 or visit www.myspar.org.

Tanesha’s Dance Classes



Tanesha Butler offers Praise, Ballet, Jazz and Jewish dance classes at A. B. Palmer Community Center, 547 East 79th Street on Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. It’s true. Whether you’re swirling across the floor to jazz or doing do-si-dos, you’re getting exercise and probably having fun too. From burning calories to socializing with friends, dancing offers great health benefits. Dancing can burn as many calories as walking, swimming or riding a bicycle. During a half hour of sustained dancing you can burn up to 400 calories. The side-to-side movements of many dances strengthen your bones and can help prevent or slow osteoporosis. Dance, as part of a regular exercise routine, can lead to a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure and an improved cholesterol profile. Best of all dancing is just plan fun! Call Tanesha at 318.243.1043.

Youth Programs



The bulbs have been planted. The anticipation is evident. The daffodils are coming! All centers have planted the bulbs provided by Shreveport Green. Seniors, youth, staff and other community members continue to help beautify our SPAR centers. Hopefully they inspire more neighborhood greening and gardening. Beauty spreads when we remember how wonderful nature is. What better way to begin Spring Break Camp which starts on April 13? Our After-Schoolers are excited about their LEAP parties and are hard at work practicing for the test so that they can ace it, relax and enjoy the Spring Break Camp.

Upcoming Events

April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt
Betty Virginia Park 10:00am

April 12 - Easter

April 13 - 17 Spring Break
Camp All 15 Centers
8:00am - 6:00pm

April 18 - 19 Shreveport
Amateur Golf Tourney 8:00am

April 20 - 26 - Holiday In Dixie
Festival Plaza (Times Vary)

April 29 - Volunteer Luncheon
AB Palmer Park 11:30am

Happy Easter!



For all Shreveport/Bossier
Events Visit:

shreveportbossierfunguide.com



Photo Contest!



SPAR’s “Take A Pic, & Win A Tee” photo contest winner is Ivory “Ike” Salone, whose photograph of Winnie Butler was taken at Airport Park’s Senior Choir Celebration. Ike won a SPAR T-shirt. Enter your photograph today!

Email photograph to:
frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov

Include “Photo Contest” in subject along with relevant names, facility and event.

Senior Happenings



The Seniors really had a busy month. On February 26, 2009, they climaxed Black History Month by having a Nubian King and Queen Celebration, held at Bill Cockrell Recreation Center. Over 150 participants celebrated the activity, while LaJan Shehee was crowned Queen and John Smith was crowned King (both were Seniors from Airport Park). Green Oaks High School ROTC Drill Team performed and Woodlawn High School Band provided music, as the Seniors danced, ate and enjoyed a great African/Black History time, as they wore their African attire and hats.

On March 18, 2009, the Seniors celebrated National Women Day at Valencia Park Recreation Center. Over 165 people heard the inspiring, educational and motivational speech given by Chief Patricia Dyas, from the Shreveport Fire Dept. The C.E. Galloway Head Start children sang and gave a magnificent Women Day Presentation. Caddo Magnet High School Choir and the Shreveport Job Corp Choir performed. Recognized as “Outstanding Woman” for their particular center were: Frances Williams-Airport Park; Addie Thomas - A. B. Palmer; Maudiest Carten - Bilberry; Odessa King - Bill Cockrell; Lettie Milton - David Raines; Cassandra Brown - Lakeside; and Shirley Wills - Valencia. Each received inspirational emblems, rose bouquets and certificates.