



# SPAR eNEWS

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

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### Therapeutic



Therapeutic Division celebrated Harvest Fest programs and activities in November with events such as Therapeutic Fall Workshop, Thanksgiving Extravaganza and our 1st Annual Fall Harvest Carnival. Events targeted individuals with disabilities, their friends and families. SPAR interns Chantelya Billings and SaRita Calahan last day was November 30. Both students will graduate from Grambling State University in Leisure Studies on December 16.

Upcoming events: Christmas Dance and Dinner with Family Helping Families on December 9, 5 - 8pm at Southern Hills; Holiday Luncheon and gift exchange on December 16, 11:30am - 1pm at Southern Hills and Therapeutic Holiday Gala at Riverview Hall on December 20, 5:30 to 8pm.

### Athletics

The 2011 SPAR Youth Football League season had over 2000 youth participate from 5-6 Flag to 13-14 Tackle, the largest number of participants to ever compete. The league season concluded with the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual SPAR Junior Independence Bowl on Saturday, Nov 19 at Independence Stadium.

Championship games winners were Elite All Stars - 5-6 Flag, Calvary White - 7 Tackle, Elite Allstars - 8 Tackle, Calvary Green - 9 Tackle, Evangel Red - 10 Tackle, Evangel Blue - 11 Tackle and Calvary Green - 12 Tackle.

SPAR thanks the many volunteer coaches, the players, parents and many fans who supported our youth in their athletic endeavors. All contributed to a super 27<sup>th</sup> season. Thank you!

Spar’s Fall Men Basketball League is in session and played on Mondays and Thursday from 7-9pm at Airport Park and A.B. Palmer and 7-10pm at Lakeside. Come out and enjoy an evening of basketball. For additional info go to [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org) or call 318-673-7748.

### Larry Pierson’s Music Classes



Learn to read music and play like the pros. If you want to play saxophone for fun, pleasure or as a professional, this is the right class for you. Learning music is fun and exciting! It can help with discipline, concentration and an over all good feeling about yourself. You can join the school band and travel to fun and exciting places! You can also become a professional and have an exciting career. It all starts with being enrolled in a class to get you started. Classes are held at Bill Cockrell and Lakeside community centers.

For dates, times and costs or more information call Larry Pierson at 318.572.4544.

### Youth Programs



SPAR’s Thanksgiving Harvest Camps were outstanding! The SPAR Kids enjoyed the fun and exciting trips during their break. Our next camp will be the Winter Camp from 8am to 6pm on December 19 - 23 and December 27 - 30. The centers and Camps will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas. The camps will include art at each site with tennis and weightlifting at assigned sites. Youth ages 6-11 and Teens 12-17 can attend camp. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information contact one of your neighborhood community centers or visit [mySPAR.org](http://mySPAR.org)

### Upcoming Events

December 2 ▪ Merry Berry Lighting Ceremony  
Bilberry Park 6:00pm

December 9 ▪ Merry Berry Christmas Pageant  
Bilberry Park 6:00pm

December 10 - Merry Berry Christmas Festival  
Bilberry Park 10am - 5pm

December 26 ▪ AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl  
Independence Stadium 4:00pm

December 25 ▪ Christmas

December 26 ▪ Centers Closed



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### Photo Contest!



#### Take A Pic and Win A Tee

Take a fantastic photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event this holiday season and win a T-shirt! Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family.

Win your t-shirt now!

Email photograph to: [frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov](mailto:frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov)

Include “Photo Contest” as subject and include relevant names, facility, event and date. Must be recent photo.

### Santa Express



The “Santa Express” Mail Service is available through December 15 to take area children’s letters directly to the big guy. Drop your letter (**with return address**) in one of the “Santa Express” mailbox locations; either inside the lobby of Government Plaza or at Bilberry Park Community Center, and get a reply letter directly from ole’ Saint Nick himself. For more info call 318.673.7737

### Senior Happenings



SPAR Seniors had a fantastic month in November as they gave thanks and honored Veterans at each center. Their “highlighted” speaker for the month was Steve Gaston, SPAR Recreation Superintendent, who spoke at Airport Park on “Why we should be thankful”. The Seniors later became Santa’s Helpers, as they made beautiful Memory Bracelets and Lace Candy Dish Dolls for Christmas gifts.

The SPAR Seniors invite all to their Christmas Gala to be held at Bill Cockrell Community Center, on December 9th, from 10am to 12 noon. “White Elephants” gifts will be exchanged with music provided by DJ Jackie Lewis.

Registration for computer classes begin December 5 and ends on December 16. Classes start on January 9. Registration forms are available at each center and online at

[www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org). Beginning computer classes are offered with no prior experience required. More advanced computer classes are also available. All classes are free.

For more information about SPAR’s Senior Program call Camille Webb, Senior Coordinator, at 318.673.7845 or visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org). SPAR For A Life Time of Fun!