



SPAR eNEWS

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



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Recreation



The month of July is National Parks & Recreation month. Visit www.myspar.org for the many events held in July highlighted by the Independence Day Festival and the 13th Annual Ice Cream Social.

Therapeutic Recreation’s 5th Annual Summer Adaptive Camp is in session and has 52 campers. The summer camp offers an array of inclusive interventional activities designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Therapeutic Recreation 2nd Annual Midnight Basketball League began June 13 and runs through July 25 @ Valencia Park Community Center from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Come out and support the players.

Athletics



Athletics July Schedule of Events

Youth Track & Field

May - August 5

Junior Golf Program

June 1 - July 2 and July 6 - August 6

Free Tennis Program

June 1 - August 13

YOUTH Fit Distance Running

June 2 - July 30

Midnight Basketball League

June 8 - July 31

For more info about SPAR Athletics call 673.7749 or 673.7776 or visit www.myspar.org.

Larry Pierson’s Music



Learn to read and play music like the pros. If you want to play saxophone for fun, pleasure or as a professional, this class is for you. Learning music is fun and exciting! It can help with discipline, concentration and an overall 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.

Mr. Pierson has an extensive background in music. He graduated from Grambling in Music Theory and Composition. He also completed the Berklee School of Music course. He has performed with the Shreveport Symphony, Kirk Whalum, Clark Terry, Nathan Davis and Millie Jackson. Classes are held in 30 minute sessions M - F 4:30 – 6:30 at Bill Cockrell Community Center. For more information call Larry Pierson at 318.572.4544.

Youth Programs



SPAR summer campers received a visit in June from "Albert Einstein". Week four of camp was themed "atomic week". Professor Einstein, portrayed by a SPAR supervisor, showed up dressed in a 19th century suit, carrying an old pipe and wearing wild, white hair. With a thick German accent, he dazzled the kids with stories of his discoveries about how the world works and how much individual power they have over their personal realities. He encouraged them to use their imaginations, and to celebrate their existence as literal creatures of light.

Upcoming Events

July 3 ▪ Movies & Moonbeams Space Cowboys Riverview Park 7:30pm

July 4 ▪ Fourth of July

July 4 ▪ Independence Day Festival Riverview Park 5:00 - 10:00pm

July 12-18 ▪ National Therapeutic Recreation Week

July 17 ▪ 13th Annual Ice Cream Social Movies & Moonbeams ▪ Jumanji Betty Virginia Park 5:00 - 11:00pm

July 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 Farmers Market Festival Plaza

For everything SPAR, visit us @ www.myspar.org.

For all Shreveport/Bossier City events check out:



Ice Cream Party!



SPAR’s 13th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, July 17 starting at 5:00pm at Betty Virginia Park. There will be free tethered hot air balloon rides, space walks, games, contests and all the free ice cream one can eat. Watch the Movies & Moonbeams presentation of "Jumanji" on the big screen. The movie starts at 8:30pm.

The entire park will transform into "CandyLand" with costumed characters, and theme entertainment areas like the Candy Cane Forest, Gumdrop Mountain and the Candy Castle. Bring your camera, folding chair and the whole family! Another great family fun event by SPAR! Call 318.673-7892 for more information.

Senior Happenings



Our Seniors’ arts & craft projects included fashionable beaded and wood dangling earrings with matching necklaces. They also made beautiful matted and framed silver & gold "foil" picture art.

On June 19th, over 130 Seniors celebrated Juneteenth at Ford Park where they danced to music. The menu included home-made lemonade, water melon, grilled hamburgers, potato salad, chips, baked beans and frosted lemon pound cake.

SPAR held a graduation ceremony on Monday, June 29 at Lakeside Recreation Center for 74 Senior graduates of SPAR’s Basic and Advanced Computer Classes. The graduates included 32 Advance Computer Students and 42 Basic Students. Bertha and Roosevelt Smalley (shown in photo) will received a special award for being SPAR’s first husband and wife team to complete Basic and Advance Computer classes with honors. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Smalley! Any other husbands and wives want to join them? Our next computer classes start on July 6. For more information on senior programs call Camille Webb, Senior Coordinator, at 673.7845 or visit www.myspar.org and click on "Senior Programs".