



SPAR eNEWS

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



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Recreation



SPAR mourns the recent loss of Marcus Palmer, Center Manager at Sunset Areas Community Center. Marcus was always cool, calm and collected, with a smile on his face. Marcus was a vital member of the SPAR Recreation staff and will be sorely missed by his staff, kids, parents and coworkers. Our condolences go out to Marcus’ family. We’ll miss you Marcus.

Athletics



SPAR Youth Baseball concluded the 2011 season on Thursday, June 16th at Cargill Park Complex. All 140 youth participated in the Youth Baseball Pic-Nic hosted by the SPAR Athletic Staff. T-Ball and Machine Pitch had a great season that concluded with BBQ hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts. All participants received player participation certificates. We look forward to another great season next year!

- Youth Football** (Youth Ages 5 - 13)
Organizational Meeting - July 20 6:30pm
Registration Begins - July 21
Season Begins - September 10
- Adult Coed Softball** (Entry Fee \$200)
Team Entry Deadline - July 1
Coaches Meeting - July 14
Season Begins - July 18
- Adult Summer Basketball** (\$150)
Team Entry Deadline - July 8
Coaches Meeting - July 14
Season Begins - July 18
- Adult Fall Softball** (Entry Fee \$175)
Organizational Meeting - July 28 6:30pm

Ice Cream Party!



SPAR’s 15th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, July 1st at 6:00pm at The Barnwell Garden & Art Center located at 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy, downtown Shreveport. There will be all the free ice cream one can eat. Music provided by the Matthew Davidson Band. Attendees are encouraged to wear their 50’s attire and watch the SPAR and Robinson Film Center Movies & Moonbeams presentation of “Grease” on the big screen. The movie starts at 8:30pm. Concessions available or bring your own. The movie will be shown behind the Barnwell Garden & Art Center.

Another great family fun event brought to you by SPAR! Bring your folding chair or blanket. Call 318.673.7892 or visit www.mySPAR.org for more information on this event and SPAR’s many other great events planned for this summer.

Youth Programs



SPAR’s Summer Playground is filled to capacity at all centers. Over 800 youth are registered, with plenty of activities including field trips, guest speakers, parties, games and sports.

The Third Annual Law and Youth Academy was held at the Shreveport Police Training Academy, where SPAR Teens learned about the criminal justice system. It also helped to bridge the gap between today’s local youth and S.P.D. The Academy’s graduation and banquet were held at Independent Stadium’s Sky Box. Police Chief Willie Shaw was the keynote speaker.

Upcoming Events

- July 1 ▪ 15th Ice Cream Social & Movies & Moonbeams Grease
The Barnwell Center
6:00 - 11:30pm
- July 4 ▪ Independence Day Festival
Riverview Park 5:00 - 11:00pm
- July 4 ▪ Independence Day Centers Closed
- July 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 27 & 30 Farmers Market Festival Plaza
- July 15 ▪ Movies & Moonbeams Cats & Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore
Columbia Park 8:30pm
- July 19 ▪ City Junior Amateur Golf Championship
Querbes Golf Course

For all Shreveport/Bossier City events check out:



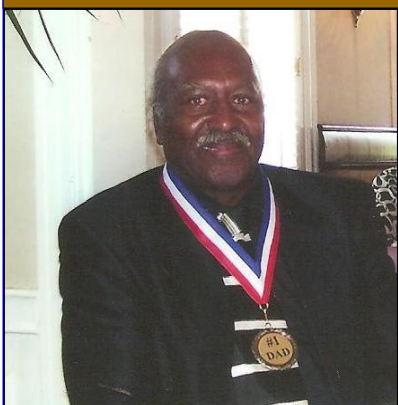
Therapeutic



The 7th Annual Therapeutic Adaptive Summer Camp is underway with over 50 participants. Participants have engaged in special programs including Fishing Derby at Cross-lake Fish Hatchery, Kickball Jamboree, Camp Shriver and Inclusion Carnival.

July 10-16, Therapeutic Division celebrates National Therapeutic Recreation Week. Festivities include a Health Fair July 12 at Southern Hills, 9am-12 noon, Celebration Dance July 14 at Riverview Hall, 5:30-8pm, Workshop on the Benefits of Yoga Therapy July 15 at Southern Hills, 9-10am and Inclusion Wheelchair Basketball Tournament July 16 at AB Palmer, 9-3pm.

Senior Happenings



The SPAR Seniors had a very busy month in June. On June 8, the fathers at each center were honored at Randle T. Moore Center. Each received a certificate. Named "Father of the Year" for each Center were Joe Ross of A B Palmer, David Scroggins of Airport Park, Darren Cannon of Bilberry Park, Clarence Johnson of Bill Cockrell, Craig Joiner of David Raines, Percy Frazier Sr. of Hattie Perry, Kenneth Myers of Lakeside (pictured) and Alex Harris of Valencia. Each received an engraved medallion proclaiming the wearer "#1 Dad".

The SPAR Seniors enjoyed a Juneteenth Celebration on June 16th at Bilberry Park. The Shreveport Regional Jazz Ensemble, consisting of 20 former and current area band directors, performed for the event. The Ensemble’s performance was fantastic and truly enjoyed by the audience. The Seniors along with neighborhood residents had a great time.

The last day of computer classes will be on June 24th. Graduation will be held at A B Palmer on July 1st at 10am. New computer classes will start back around mid-August or the first of September.