



SPAR eNEWS

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

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Therapeutic



The Therapeutic Recreation Division celebrated "National Disability Awareness Month" in October. Activities included a disability awareness display at Southern Hills that identified the different diagnoses and populations served in Therapeutic Recreation, which include Bipolar, Autism and Down Syndrome. Other activities included: "Name that Tune", an indoor Fall Picnic and Ice Cream Sundae Festival". Participants and the fantastic Therapeutic Therapy dog "Tank" enjoyed the festivities.

The Therapeutic Recreation Division holds its 12th Annual Thanksgiving Extravaganza on November 17th at Riverview Hall from 5:30pm-8:00pm. For additional information on Therapeutic programming, please contact Germaine Williams, Superintendent of Therapeutics at 673-7873 or visit www.myspar.org and click on "Therapeutic Recreation".

Athletics



Year round SPAR Athletics provides a diverse slate of athletic programs and events for youth and adults of all ages. Our motto is "Building Shreveport Communities One Game at a Time". Regardless of your age or inclination SPAR has athletic opportunities for your participation.

For more Athletics information and calendar visit www.myspar.org. Or call 318.673.7749

Quilting Classes



SPAR along with Evonne Cash offers Beginner Scrap Quilting Classes at Southern Hills Community Center, 1002 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00am to 2:30pm. No previous quilting skills necessary to join the classes. Participants can join the classes anytime. Bring a sewing machine. Classes limited to 10 participants. The cost is \$10.00.

For more information call Evonne Cash at 688.7625 or 469.3373. Centers' contact information can be found at www.myspar.org.



Youth Programs



The SPAR After-School program is gearing up for its winter athletic endeavors. Each center is recruiting for a dodge-ball, volleyball, and indoor soccer league. There's an extra twist to the volleyball league this year because SPAR staff is also fielding teams, and the winner of their staff league will challenge the After-School league's top teen-team to a shoot-out. Instead of "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" it's "Can you jump higher than an 8th grader?". The Thanksgiving break Harvest Camp runs 8 AM to 6 PM on November 23rd to November 25th. Youth ages 6 – 17 can attend the camp. Registration is required on a first come first served basis.

Upcoming Events

November 7, 14, 21 • Fall Farmers' Market Festival Plaza 8:00 - 12:00

November 9 • Free Haircuts Bilberry Park 5:30 - 8:00 PM

November 13 • Country & Western Dance Southern Hills 5:30 - 8:00 PM

November 17 • SPAR's Thanksgiving Dance Riverview Hall 5:00 - 8:00 PM

November 26 • Thanksgiving

November 26 - 27 Centers Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Photo Contest!



"Take A Pic, & Win A Tee" photo contest. Take a fantastic 2009 photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event and win a T-shirt! Or a great photo of a SPAR facility or scene. Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family. With the upcoming holidays now is a great time to take photographs for the contest!

Email photograph to: frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov

Include "Photo Contest" in subject and the SPAR location/event with relevant names and dates.

Senior Happenings



On Oct. 24th, with a packed room of guests and dignitaries, the Airport Park Community Center Senior Choir unveiled its Choir Portrait, which was hung on a wall in the foyer at the center. At the festivities the choir received a Proclama-

tion from the City of Shreveport by Mayor Cedric B. Glover and numerous congratulatory letters from many distinguished members of the local community.

The Seniors are assisting with making decorations for the SPAR Halloween Parties at the centers. Hattie Perry and David Raines Community Centers are developing Community Choirs that will be ready to sing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Any Senior that desires to join a choir can call the centers. The Seniors visited the La. State Fair where they viewed the animals,

stuffed themselves with Fair food and rode some of the exciting rides.

On Nov. 12th, the Seniors will attend an informative Life/Health Seminar at Hattie Perry Park, 4300 Ledbetter. The seminar includes information on Life Insurance Policies, Wills, Living Wills, etc. Staff Attorney Lee Aronson of Northwest Louisiana Legal Services will be the keynote speaker. All seniors are invited to attend.

For more information on SPAR Senior Programs call Camille Webb at 673.7845 or visit www.myspar.org.