

TEAMWORK AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department announced the recipients of the 2012 Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Awards at its annual holiday luncheon Friday, Dec. 14.

The Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Award, established in 1999, has three categories: category I and II are for an individual or group of employees who exemplify teamwork in both full-time and part-time capacities; the third is given to an outside agency or city department, individual or group who has assisted the department in obtaining success. The category II award was added in 2004 to recognize part-time employees.

Nominations are taken from employees and then reviewed by a committee appointed by the Employee Satisfaction Committee. Those nominees meeting the criteria of the award are then presented awards at the department's annual holiday luncheon.



Receiving this year's teamwork award for category I (full-time employees) included: Jim Beebe, park district four supervisor for his teamwork, especially with the organization of the holiday lights; Matt Cosgrove, park and facility maintenance II for working with the forestry staff; Paige Moore, adult sports programmer, for her work on the Special Populations trip, as well as assisting with the division; Bob Stanclift, adult sports supervisor, for assisting with the daily operations of the Special Populations Division and Roger Steinbrock, marketing supervisor, for grant writing and assisting with city communications.



Receiving teamwork awards for category II (part-time employees) this year included: Jessie Danon, nutrition education program assistant; Josh Campbell, special populations photographer; Sharon Leggott, special populations instructor and Sally Trujillo special populations camp counselor for their work on the Special Populations trip.

Receiving teamwork awards for category III (other groups or individuals) included: Bob Brower, utility field operations manager; Shane Golden, utility field supervisor; Mark Hegeman, utility operations support and Phil Reid, utility operator for assisting with Parks and Recreation projects; Anita Brown, solid waste field supervisor; Robert Morgan, Sr., solid waste operator II and Craig Pruett, solid waste operations supervisor, for collaborating with the Landscaping and Forestry Division in tree removal; Jana Dawson, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member, for her work highlighting Parks and Recreation to the community; Trenda Garrett and Stan Vickers, special populations volunteers, for their work on the sets of the Special Populations *Acting 101* class and Kyle Markham, manager of Jayhawk Tennis, for his continued efforts working with the department.

In addition, Kaiden Wilson was given the title of Junior Forester by the department for his interaction with the forestry crew this summer. Four year-old Wilson brought the forestry crew popsicles and water on breaks while working on N. Minnesota Street.

Jim Beebe was also recognized for more than 35 years of service to the City of Lawrence upon his retirement.

The Teamwork Award was renamed in 2002 to honor Tom Wilkerson who served as assistant director of the department until his retirement in October 2002.

