

TEAMWORK AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department held its annual Holiday Luncheon and Teamwork Recognition Friday, Dec. 16. During the luncheon, the Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Awards were also presented.

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: Lynn Applegate, facility maintenance supervisor; Steve Jacob, park and facility maintenance II; Bill Rogers, park and facility maintenance II and John Shrum, park and facility maintenance II, for their assistance of moving staff from South Park Recreation Center to the Community Building. Rogers also received an individual award for rearranging the fitness equipment storage room.

No one received teamwork awards for category II (part-time employees) this year.

Receiving teamwork awards for category III (other groups or individuals) included: Jessie Kwatamdia, Douglas County Senior Services, for coordinating senior programming with parks and recreation staff; the City of Lawrence Public Works Department for resurfacing the parking lot at Broken Arrow Park and developing a turn lane exiting the park to assist with traffic flow; Micah Seybold, GIS coordinator, for his work on developing the GIS maps for the cemeteries' plots that are searchable on the City's website; Johnson and Nancy Shockley, for volunteering for Special Populations programming; Black & Veatch, Westar Energy, Kissick Construction, Electrical Corporation of America, Hammel Scale of Kansas City, Inc., Wolf Construction, Midwest Concrete Materials and Atlas surveyors for donating the playground along Burroughs Creek Trail at 15th St. and their assistance with the construction of the playground and Walt Ward, city surveyor, for assisting horticulture staff when forestry duties were combined with the division, helping them understand issues pertaining to property rules like easements and right-of-way areas.

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.

