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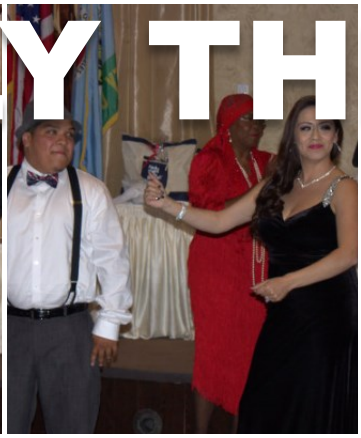


Dedicated people and excellent programs are what make our Department the nation's finest local park and recreation agency. Both were honored on the evening of April 17, as we gathered inside the Deluxe Banquet Hall in Burbank for the 2013 Employee Awards Banquet.

This special edition of Green Scene pays tribute to the winners and nominees selected as standard-bearers for the first-class efforts that all employees make every day to serve people, improve communities and promote the values of healthy recreation and social interaction.

With a theme of "**Parks and All That Jazz**," those in attendance dressed in their best 1920s-era finery — as we celebrated all that you do to spread a message that is resonating throughout Los Angeles County: "Parks Make Life Better!"

AND THE AWARD GOES TO ...

Russ Guiney, Kim Bosell, Sandra Dininger, Regina Bradley, Debbie Goodwin, Mimi Johnson, Faith Parducho, Francine Choi, Colleen Mackay, Debbie Pepe, Max Lucero, John Wicker

Best New Program

S.M.O.R.E.S. (Regional Facilities)

BEST NEW PROGRAM NOMINEES

- 2013 East L.A. on Ice/ Winter Wonderland (East Agency)
- Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest and Halloween Event (North Agency)
- Clippers Elite Youth Winter Basketball Program (North Agency)
- Stephen Sorensen Park's Family Night Out Series (North Agency)
- Skate Fest and Gospel Concerts: Bethune Park (South Agency)
- Tea Party in the Park (South Agency)
- Vets in Motion (South Agency)

Accepting: Traci Anthony, Sofia Gavia, Martin Rascon, Ricardo Ceja

Commissioner's Award

Rock the 30th (East Agency)

COMMISSIONER'S AWARD NOMINEES

- Cerritos Regional Park Mural Project (South Agency)
- Christmas Tree Program (Regional Facilities)
- Richard Rioux Park Annual Fireworks Show (North Agency)

Chester Kano with John Wicker

Director's Award

Chester Kano

Departmental Facilities Planner (Regional Facilities)

DIRECTOR'S AWARD NOMINEES

- Olivia Perea, Recreation Services Manager (East Agency)
- Arnold Teran, Grounds Maintenance Worker I (Regional Facilities)

DEPARTMENT

Changmii Bae with Russ Guiney

Efficiency Award

Changmii Bae

Park Planner (Administrative Services/Planning & Development Agencies)

EFFICIENCY AWARD NOMINEES

- Maximo Management Program (East Agency)
- Electrical Shop (South Agency)

Accepting: Gloria Weyer

Healthy Parks Award

Adventure Park Fitness/ Healthy Programs

(South Agency)

HEALTHY PARKS AWARD NOMINEES

- TapOut LA Anti Bullying Conference (South Agency)
- Val Verde's Back to School Health & Kids' Fair (North Agency)
- Steinmetz Park: Tiny Tykes Youth Sports Program (South Agency)
- Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (Regional Facilities)
- Aquatic Adventure Camp (North Agency)
- Rocks, Rips, and Reefs (East Agency)
- Loma Alta Farmers Market (East Agency)
- 100 Citizens Leap to Fitness (North Agency)
- Swim Run Swim (North Agency)

Accepting: Olivia Perea

Image Award

County Capers Program (East Agency)

IMAGE AWARD NOMINEES

- Val Verde Park Ballet Class (North Agency)
- Campanella Park Staff: Dodger Dream Field Grand Opening (South Agency)
- Wildflower and Wildlife Sanctuaries Team Up to Clean Up Program (Regional Facilities)
- Arcadia Park - National Lawn Bowling Tournament (East Agency)
- Del Aire Park Grand Opening (South Agency)
- Stephen Sorensen Park's Turkey Toss (North Agency)
- Crescenta Valley Park 1st Annual Dog Park Celebration (East Agency)
- Everett Martin Park - May Day Celebration (North Agency)
- Bethune Park "Winter Ball" Youth Baseball Program (South Agency)
- Jacquie Talbert, Recreation Services Leader (East Agency)

Individual Contribution Award

Sandra Dininger Regional Park Superintendent I (Regional Facilities)

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD NOMINEES

- Brent Osborn, Sprinkler Fitter (North Agency)
- Bertha Ruiz-Hoffmann, Departmental Facilities Planner II (Administrative Services/ Planning & Development Agencies)
- Chuck Isbell, Construction Supervisor (East Agency)
- Natasha Robinson, Real Property Agent I (Administrative Services/ Planning & Development Agencies)

Safety Contribution Award

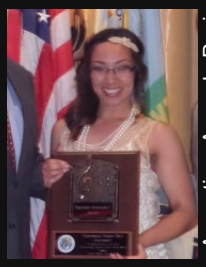
Willie Jones Grounds Maintenance Worker II (East Agency)

SAFE EQUIPMENT OPERATION/ SAFETY CONTRIBUTION NOMINEES

- Jorge Mendoza, Light Tractor Operator (South Agency)

Valor Award

Jason Hauser
Recreation Services Supervisor (East Agency)



Accepting: Amanda Pavia

Volunteer Involvement Award

National Night Out (East Agency)

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

- Val Verde Park Community Thanksgiving Dinner (North Agency)
- Grounds Maintenance Division (South Agency)
- Mounted Assistance Units (Regional Facilities)

HONORING EXCELLENCE

For those selected as our agencies' employees and programs of the year, honorees were selected from those recognized for monthly honors throughout 2013.

DEPARTMENT

Accepting: Margo & Megan Gordon with John Wicker.

Permanent Employee

Angelique Baltazar
Recreation Services Supervisor
South Agency

Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Martin Sanchez
Recreation Services Leader
East Agency

Accepting: Arnold Teran, Stuart Fasoli, Tanya Finney

Facility/ Program

Bee Friendly Program
Regional Facilities Agency

SOUTH AGENCY

Michael Young with Russ Guiney & John Wicker

Permanent Employee

Michael Young *November Employee of the Month*

- January | Sam Armas
- February | Gina Morrow
- March | La Coya Pugh
- April | Mario Donaldson
- May | Larry Woods
- June | Hector Avina
- July | Darnika Giles
- August | Rodolfo Galleri
- September | Arturo Lopez
- October | Jose Mendez
- December | Angelique Baltazar

SOUTH AGENCY

Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Sherian Johnson *June Employee of the Month*

- January | Joel Orozco
- February | William (Tom) Slaughter
- March | Christy Pesante
- April | Enrique Enriquez
- May | Gilbert Barrios
- July | Belinda Espinoza
- August | Carolina Zelaya
- September | Guadalupe Martinez
- October | Kathy Medina
- November | Myesha Perkins
- December | Matthew Galbraith

Accepting: Michael Hamilton, Kevin Murray

Facility/ Program

Futsal Program: Lennox and Washington Parks

July Facility/Program of the Month

- January | Del Aire Park Community Center & Public Fruit Orchard
- February | Campanella Park
- March | Construction Division/Del Aire Park
- April | Mona Park Grounds Maintenance
- May | Carolyn Rosas Family Fun Day Program
- June | Ladera Park "Tea Party in the Park"
- August | Shakespeare in the Park-Adventure
- September | Ted Watkins Park
- October | Ted Watkins Park Grounds Maintenance Crew
- November | Cerritos Park Halloween Event
- December | Jesse Owens Swimming Pool

EAST AGENCY

Accepting: Michael Ralston

Permanent Employee

Chuck Isbell *July Employee of the Month*

- January | Victor Padilla
- February | Adela Ceja
- March | David Burwell
- April | My Luu
- May | Erica Rascon
- June | Joaquin Sepulveda
- August | Anthony Brand
- September | Juan Sandoval
- October | George Rasmussen Jr.
- November | Lizette Andrade
- December | Brian Pollaccia

Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Virginia Gonzalez *April Employee of the Month*

- January | Martin Sanchez
- February | Tryanna Rodriguez
- March | Jonathan Reyes
- May | Amanda Maldonado
- June | Anna Rodriguez
- July | Adam Aguilar
- August | Monica Ramirez
- September | Winfred Hilao
- October | Sugar Salinas
- November | Jasmin Martell
- December | Tatiana Contreras

Accepting: Albert Gomez, Alejandro Miranda, Jason Hauser

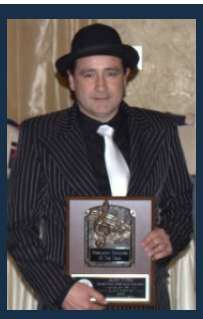
Facility/ Program

Farnsworth Park Car Show & Art Festival

May Facility/Program of the Month

- January | Altadena Community Garden at Loma Alta Park
- February | Dalton Park
- March | None
- April | Avocado Heights Park, Alice Sweeny Equestrian Arena
- June | Equipment Repair Shop
- July | Two Strike Park Veteran's Memorial Wall
- August | Itty Bitty Sports League, La Puente Parks
- September | Arcadia Park Adult Softball League
- October | Norman S. Johnson Aquatics Center at Arcadia Park
- November | Eddie Heredia Boxing Club
- December | Farnsworth Park Haunted House

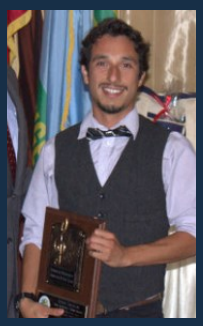
NORTH AGENCY



Permanent Employee

Aldo Ynigo *September Employee of the Month*

- January | Mister Johnson
- February | Michael Gastelum
- March | Chester Kano
- April | Angie Smith
- May | None
- June | Heather Larson
- July | Regina Bradley
- August | Javier Barba
- October | Rose McKee
- November | Doug Newell
- December | Trevor Zemp



Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Ricky Salazar *January Employee of the Month*

- February | Erin McCorkle
- March | Adrian Herrera
- April | Bre'Sean Williams
- May | None
- June | Carmen Riquelme
- July | Rhiana Lewis
- August | Francisco Donis
- September | Fred Jones, Jr.
- October | Candace Fowlks
- November | Kelly Court
- December | Holly Shanahan

Accepting: Don Houston

Facility/ Program

North Agency Construction Division
March Facility/Program of the Month

- January | Antelope Valley Recreation District's radKIDS
- February | Volunteer Awards Banquet
- April | Castaic Sports Complex/T-Ball Opening Day
- May | None
- June | Castaic Sports Complex Aquatic Center
- July | Lake Los Angeles Community Gymnasium at Stephen Sorensen Park
- August | Acton Park
- September | Antelope Valley Parks District Movie Crew
- October | Dexter Park
- November | Val Verde Park Flu Vaccination Clinic 2013
- December | El Cariso Pool

REGIONAL AGENCY

Permanent Employee

Bobbie Garcia *January Employee of the Month*

- February | Rommel Valencia
- March | Sergio Orozco
- April | Carlos Zacarias
- May | Cheryl Hazama
- June | None
- July | Robert Brown
- August | Sok Tay
- September | Sandy Dininger
- October | Shawn Wright
- November | Rene Gutierrez
- December | Jonathan Numer

Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Max Lucero *February Employee of the Month*

- January | Jonathan Lopez
- March | Alex Lucero
- April | None
- May | None
- June | Andy Quezada
- July | None
- August | Sylvia Peña
- September | Laurie Bevington
- October | MD Rahman
- November | None
- December | Joaquin Falcon

Accepting: Colleen MacKay

Facility/ Program

Whittier Narrows Nature Center
February Facility/Program of the Month

- June | Brian Reeve and the Construction Crew
- October | South Coast Botanic Garden
- December | Bonelli Park Power Boat Launch Improvements

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Permanent Employee

Vanessa Paniagua

December Employee of the Month

- February | Chung Ng
- June | Perla Arquieta
- September | Noemi Carillo
- November | Jeremy Bok

Recurrent/ Temporary Employee

Zachary Likins

November Employee of the Month

Accepting: Bob Maycumber

Facility/ Program

PC Refresh Project

December Facility/Program of the Month

- November | La Mirada Golf Course

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