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Paducah Parks Services named 'Department of the Year'
Staff from Western Kentucky recognized for stellar year of service

Frankfort, Ky. – One municipal parks department was awarded the “Outstanding Department” honor for their excellence by the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society at a banquet in Frankfort, Ky. on Wednesday, November 14. The “Outstanding Department” Award is given annually to recognize a department for outstanding performance in providing recreation services to their community in which they serve.

The 2012 Recipient for such an honor is Paducah Parks Services:

- A department of 24 employees, the Paducah Parks Services provides an affordable and positive comprehensive system of recreation programs designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the City of Paducah and surrounding communities.
- The Parks Services staff are dedicated and hard-working, proven in the quality of the services and facilities that they maintain and provide, from the numerous parks with shelters, fields, and disc golf to name a few.
- The new community center and several programs highlight a year of stellar service. Special events such as “Bikes On Broadway,” “Leprechaun Hunt,” “Egg Dash,” “Touch A Truck,” and other community-wide gatherings offered citizens a variety of activities this year.

About the Kentucky Recreation and Park Society:

*The Kentucky Recreation and Park Society was organized in 1953 as a nonprofit association for Kentucky's parks and recreation professionals, volunteers, students, and engaged citizens. Its mission is to further the growth and development of recreation and park services in Kentucky, creating healthier and livable communities across the Commonwealth. This is accomplished by providing conferences, workshops, technical assistance, advocacy, and other exchanges of information that enable each professional or citizen to become effective participants in improving the quality of Kentucky life. The Society is affiliate member of both the *National Recreation and Park Association* and the *City Park Alliance*.*