

# Parks and Recreation Review

## Farmers Market Opens for Fifth Season



The New Harvest Park Farmers Market opened on Thursday April 12 with the largest group of vendors ever for the first day! In addition to most of our favorite usual vendors, we had some new farmers with sweet, fresh strawberries, beautiful green house tomatoes, and colorful bedding plants and flowers.

Chef Tyler and his students from Pellissippi State Culinary Institute used the available produce to make delicious strawberry and tomato bruschetta, arugula and radish salad with blood orange vinaigrette, and a bacon and asparagus quiche. All were fabulous! And, Neal Denton and David Vandergriff from Knox County/ UT Agricultural Extension, hosted a garden workshop at our new community garden site.

Chef Tyler will be at the market the first Thursday of each month with timely recipes using the current crops. Additional programs about starting and nurturing a garden will be presented throughout the year and market visitors are invited and encouraged to help out in the community garden. To find out more about the schedule of events at New Harvest Park Farmers Market, check out our website at [www.knoxcounty.org/farmersmarket](http://www.knoxcounty.org/farmersmarket).

The Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at 4775 New Harvest Lane in northeast Knox County. New Harvest Park features a splashpad that opens May 5, a playground and a quarter-mile paved walking trail.

## Tree Grant Provides Shade and Savings!

Knox County recently received a Community Tree Planting grant from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) through the state Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry.

The goal of the TAEP grants is to increase the tree resource base in cities and towns across Tennessee. Trees are work horses for our environment providing energy savings through shading, storm water mitigation, rain interception, and air quality improvement through filtration and absorption. These contribute to direct cost saving benefits to communities.

A total of 87 deciduous canopy trees have been planted at Mascot Park and three locations of Concord Park – the soon to open PetSafe Dog Park, the Parkey Strader loop, and The Cove.



The new Park Honors program has been well received with several trees and a bench already contributed. The program offers an opportunity for individuals or groups to enhance our community parks in memory or honor of a relative, friend or organization, or to celebrate a special event. Your tax *continued on page 2*

*Duke, one of the first to be honored, is pictured at The Cove. His owner Marty Jones purchased an oak tree for the park in his memory.*



## Park Honors

deductible donation may cover the cost of a tree and its installation or another amenity or resource to improve Knox County's distinctive green spaces.

Prices cover the cost of the item, planting or placement, and maintenance. Tree prices begin at \$250 and benches and other amenities start at \$1,000.

Donors and their honorees are listed here as well as on our website:

**Marty Jones in memory of Duke**  
Nuttall Oak at The Cove at Concord Park

**Girl Scout Troop #20553 in memory of Brooklyn Stinnett**  
Bench at Mascot Park

**Modern Woodmen of America**  
Three Tulip Poplars at Forks of the River Park

**CEMEX of Knoxville**  
Willow Oak at Strickland Park

For more information please check the web at [www.knoxcounty.org/parks](http://www.knoxcounty.org/parks).



## Greenway Wildflower Walks

This year's Tour de Fleur begins on May 5 with a walk at Victor Ashe Park as part of the community's Let's Move event. New greenways have been added to highlight a variety of wildflowers in different areas of town.

All walks begin at 10 a.m. and are led by a local naturalist. No registration is necessary, and the walks are free. The schedule is:

- May 5** Victor Ashe Greenway
- June 2** Ten Mile Creek Greenway  
*Meet at Walker Springs Park pavilion*
- July 7** Ijams Nature Center
- August 4** Holston River Greenway
- Sept. 8** Halls Greenway  
*Meet at Halls Library*
- October 6** Ten Mile Creek Greenway  
*Meet at the parking lot by Wynnsong Theater off Peters Road.*

For more information about the Tour de Fleur please check the Knox County or City of Knoxville websites at [www.knoxcounty.org/parks](http://www.knoxcounty.org/parks) or [cityofknoxville.org](http://cityofknoxville.org)

## Sports Updates

Adult Softball league play began the week of April 2 at the SportsPark. The SportsPark is also busy this spring with youth (USSSA) baseball and youth and adult (ASA & NSA) tournaments each weekend.

Youth Softball and Baseball programs are underway at various park location across the county.

A new Kickball league and the Catholic High Lacrosse team play at John Tarelton Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights through mid May. Adult Flag Football plays on Sunday afternoons.

## Youth Golf Clinics

Spring and summer golf clinics have been scheduled at Concord Par 3 Golf Course. Two day camps for 6 to 8 year olds are from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday and Wednesday and cost \$75. Three day sessions for 9 -17 year olds are 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and cost \$100.

Two Day	Three Day
May 29-30	June 5-7
June 12-13	June 19-21
June 26-27	July 10-12
July 17-18	July 24-26
July 31 - August 1	August 7-9

Saturday morning beginner clinics are also available during June and July for \$15/per week.

To register, or for more information, please call the course at 966-9103.



## Second Saturday Concerts 2012 Schedule

- June 9 – The Atomic Horns
- July 14 – Half Past
- August 11 – Knoxville Symphony Brass
- September 8 – TBA

*Concerts are free and can be enjoyed in the park or on the water. All concerts are from 6 until 8 p.m. at The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 Northshore Dr.*