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TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AWARDS PRESENTATION

The 2013 Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission Awards will be presented by Mayor Rothschild at tonight's Mayor and Council meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. There are 12 recipients this year, below is a list of the individuals and organizations who will receive an award including a brief description of their accomplishments.

Steve Anderson

In honor of his eight years of public service as a Tucson Parks and Recreation Commissioner and continuous years of service as a driving force in the establishment of numerous trails and greenway systems throughout Pima County and the City of Tucson.

Susan Basford

In recognition of over 20 years of public service as Zoo Administrator and Education curator and for her vision in forming partnerships and demonstrating tireless energy in the creation of improved and new exhibits at Reid Park Zoo.

Madonna Felix

In gratitude for her generosity in becoming involved in fundraising that supports programs, including the free day at the Zoo and free train rides on the day of the annual Parks and Recreation Family Festival and trick or treat "stops" during the Zoo's Howl-o-ween events.

Beth Hannon and Goodwill's "Good Futures Program"

In appreciation of active community work in bringing young adults "second chance" opportunities via a partnership program in tree planting and maintenance with the Tucson Parks and Recreation Tree Steward staff.

Carl Stoeckel and "Be Positive Tucson"

In appreciation of six years of active volunteer recruitment and service of 20 to 100 hours each month towards the improvement of Greasewood Park's appearance and programming opportunities for the public.

Richard Powlowski, Ann Andrews and "Friends of the Reid Park Rose Garden"

In appreciation for organizing and oversight of many volunteer work hours at the Reid Park Rose Garden, caring for over 1000 roses, and offering a very special place for all citizens to enjoy.

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Joseph Robinson

In recognition of many years of public service in the area of Sports Management, umpiring, training of sports officials, and securing baseball and softball tournaments for the City of Tucson.

Tucson Audubon Society (Kendall Krosen)

In recognition of support and partnership in the “Atturbury Wash Restoration and Riparian Stewardship Project” and continued wildlife education programs for the public.

Tucson Trust for Historic Preservation (Rick Collins)

In recognition of the partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department in bringing Tucson’s history to life through living history programs, youth education, and pursuit of new exhibits to tell the story of the many layers of Tucson’s history.

Friends of Tucson’s Birthplace (Roger Pfeuffer)

In appreciation of the efforts to continue the construction and bring to the public the interpretation of the Mission Gardens portion of the heritage projects planned for the Westside of the Santa Cruz, the “birthplace” of Tucson.

University of Arizona Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (Adam Helfenbein)

In acknowledgment of organizing over 1,017 volunteers and providing over 2,140 hours of volunteer service as an Adopt-a-Park partner at Himmel Park since 2011.

Atria Senior Living (Brian Martinez)

In appreciation of the business partnership, sponsoring special event lunches and contributions to the Udall Senior Program.

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