

# **Washington Recreation & Park Association Announces Annual Award Recipients**

The Washington Recreation & Park Association (WRPA) celebrates people, parks and programs with an award program honoring individuals and organizations for their contributions to the field of parks and recreation in Washington State. The 2015 award recipients were honored at our Annual Conference & Trade Show on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Honor Fellow**

Tara Mizell, City of Marysville

### **Young Professional**

Nate Robinson, City of Tukwila

### **President's Award**

Ron Davis, City of Seattle

### **Citation of Merit – Professional**

Katie Anderson, City of Redmond

### **Citation of Merit – Citizen**

Bruce Higgins

### **Citation of Merit – Organization**

Partners for Parks

Verdant Health Commission

Bainbridge Island Land Trust

### **Citation of Merit – Legislative**

Mary Norton

### **Distinguished Service**

Richard Deal

Kevin Henry

Pat Parkhurst

Bonnie Rerecich

## **MICKEY CORSO SCHOLARSHIP**

Tammy Rankins, City of Edmonds

Meredith Smith, Pierce County

Todd Coit, City of Edmonds

## **FACILILITES & PARKS SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Parks & Outdoor Spaces - Playground**

SERA Playground and Sprayground, Metro Parks Tacoma

### **Parks & Outdoors Spaces – Park**

Seahurst Park, City of Burien  
Miner’s Corner County Park, Snohomish County

### **Cultural Competency – Inclusive Play**

Meadow Crest Playground, City of Renton

### **Trail & Outdoor Access**

May Creek Trail, City of Renton

### **Special Use Facility**

Bellevue Botanical Garden and Visitor Center, City of Bellevue

### **Community and/or Aquatic Center**

Snohomish Aquatic Center, Snohomish School District

## **MARKETING & OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Innovative Outreach**

Zip Tour Campaign, City of Bellevue

### **Promotional Materials**

Parks and Recreation Marketing Videos, City of Mercer Island

## **PROGRAM EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Arts & Cultural Service**

Pianos in the Parks, City of Seattle  
Arts-a-Glow Lantern Festival, City of Burien

### **Cultural Competency**

Race and Social Justice Initiative, City of Seattle

### **Environmental Stewardship**

Heritage Park Stewards, Kitsap County

### **Health & Wellness**

Million Stair/Million Step Program, City of Shoreline  
Track and Field Program, Pierce County

### **Innovative Program**

EZRocks: Skate for the Cure, City of Bellevue  
S.T.E.M. Fair, City of Lacey