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# Johns Creek Receives 4 Awards From GA Recreation & Parks Assoc.

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Johns Creek maintains over 400 acres of parkland, green space, and nature preserves. The city currently operates four primary parks. (Shutterstock)

JOHNS CREEK, GA — Johns Creek Recreation and Parks Division has been recognized by the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association with four distinguished awards, city officials announced Tuesday.





The prestigious awards, which were announced at the annual GRPA Conference in this month, include: State of Georgia Agency of the Year Award, District 7 Agency of the Year Award, Administrator of the Year Award for District 7 to Johns Creek Recreation and Parks Recreation Manager Kirk Franz, and Volunteer of the Year Award, which was awarded to Dianna Aichele.

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The GRPA Agency of the Year Award recognizes excellence and leadership in providing quality recreation programs, parks and facilities that enhance the quality of life in communities.

“These esteemed industry recognitions further exemplify Johns Creek as a city with exceptional recreation and park management leaders, volunteers and programs,” said Mayor Mike Bodker. “Our talented staff and dedicated volunteers have helped to create one of the most admired and recognized family of park facilities and community programming in the state and across the entire southeast.”

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The District 7 Agency of the Year Award recognizes the top-notch service and quality of facilities within a city. Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Division serves a population of 84,946 (2020). The Johns Creek team consists of five full-time employees, six permanent part-time employees and two part-time seasonal swim coaches for our JCAT Swim Team that competes in the GRPA State Swim Meet.

GRPA also awarded Kirk Franz with the District 7 Administrator of the Year Award recognizing the service provided by Franz and his dedication to ensuring the highest level of recreation programming to meet the needs of a diverse community. Franz was the first recreation staff member after the Johns Creek was incorporated in December 2006.

From the outset, Franz began the development and consistency for all programming including innovative events like the first City of Johns Creek 5K; theming this environmentally friendly 5K, “Go Green – Be Green!”

The fourth GRPA award was the Volunteer of the Year Award which was bestowed to Dianna Aichele. Aichele has been a volunteer with Johns Creek and at Park Place Adult Activity Center for nine years, since the Park Place facility opened. According to city officials, she has proven herself an indispensable participant who is always willing to help new Park Place members, programming, and many other projects pertaining to Park Place.

Johns Creek maintains over 400 acres of parkland, green space, and nature preserves. The city currently operates four primary parks: Newtown Park, Ocee Park, Shakerag Park and the Autrey Mill Nature Preserve. The city is currently in the process of design and master planning for five additional parks: Cauley Creek, Linear Park, Bell/Boles Roads, Morton Road and State Bridge Road. The current park system offers a variety of settings and spaces for multiple recreation activities accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

The Georgia Recreation and Park Association was formed in 1945 as a private, non-profit institution to support and promote the recreation and park industries within the state of Georgia.

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