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### **Recognition of Parks and Recreation Department staff for the award of Excellence in Maintenance on behalf of the Texas Recreation and Park Society.**

#### BACKGROUND:

The Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) was founded over 78 years ago and is the major organization in Texas for Parks and Recreation professionals. Farmers Branch is part of the north region for TRAPS which includes most of north Texas from the metroplex to Texarkana. Each year the TRAPS North Region recognizes and honors individuals and organizations that made outstanding contributions to the field of parks and recreation.

At the recent conference for the North Region, Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation staff won the award for Excellence in Maintenance. The Department was honored for originality and innovation in development of the infrastructure for Farmers Branch Market at The Grove.

With a touch of creativity and exceptional skill, staff was able to design and construct an attractive, functional service area that was completed on time within budget. Developing the infrastructure for the venue meant adding electricity, water service, paved drive, storage shed and amenities.

More than 12,000 visitors experienced the Saturday morning festivities during the inaugural year of the Farmers Branch Market. Farmers Branch Market will return in 2017 with its mix of produce, meat and eggs along with artisan food and craft vendors.

This recognition demonstrates the quality, dedication, and professional ability of the Parks and Recreation team.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. TRAPS award photo
2. Fence project