



South Suburban
PARKS AND RECREATION

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South Suburban Parks and Recreation Finalist for 2013 National Gold Medal Award

South Suburban Park and Recreation District has been selected as a Finalist for the 2013 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, as announced by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This year marks the 11th time South Suburban has been selected as a finalist for the Gold Medal Award. South Suburban has earned the Gold Medal Award three times, most recently in 1996.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the US that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into five classes based on population.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. South Suburban Parks and Recreation will compete against park and recreation districts who serve populations of 100,001 – 250,000.

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels.

This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the seven Grand Plaque recipients will be announced during NRPA's Annual Congress & Exposition in Houston, Oct. 8-10, 2013.

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