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IRVING'S PARKS AND RECREATION TEAM WINS TWO AWARDS **Laughs by the Lake, Teen Driver Safety Fair recognized**

(IRVING, TEXAS) — The City of Irving's Parks and Recreation Department has won two awards for programs which significantly impacted the Irving community.

The Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) is presenting Irving's Parks and Recreation Department with the Committee's Choice Award for the Teen Driver Safety Fair and the Lone Star Programming Award for Laughs by the Lake. The awards will be presented on Nov. 7, during the 2014 TRAPS North Region Conference in Grand Prairie.

The Teen Driver Safety Fair won for its innovative teen recreation programming. The fair, organized in partnership with Triple AAA, created awareness of the tools available to teens who are learning to drive and their parents. Laughs by the Lake won as a successful and innovative first-time program that offered a unique recreational experience for adults.

"It's an honor to receive these awards, especially because they come from our colleagues across North Texas," said Irving's Parks and Recreation Director Ray Cerda. "Our staff did a terrific job on both these events and earned the recognition."

To learn more about TRAPS, visit trapsnorth.org.

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About the [City of Irving](#):

Irving is the second city in the nation and the first in the State of Texas to receive the [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#) (2012) as well as the first municipality in Texas' history to receive the [Texas Award for Performance Excellence](#) (2011). Irving is the 13th largest city in the state with 227,000 residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence.