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CITY OF IRVING'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WINS BEST COMMUNITY EVENT HONOR FROM BEST IN IRVING AWARDS

(IRVING, TEXAS) — The City of Irving's Parks and Recreation Department has a winning formula for its Independence Day Celebration.

The event was named "Best Community Event" at this year's annual Best in Irving Awards Celebration at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas in Las Colinas April 10. This is the third consecutive year that Irving Parks and Recreation has received this award.

The annual event and awards celebration recognizes winners from an online contest hosted by the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. This year, more than 31,000 votes were cast for the Chamber's 67 categories from Best Burger in Irving to Best Community Volunteer in Irving.

North Texas TV legend Gloria Campos, WFAA-TV's longest running weekend anchor, presented Best in Irving awards to winners on stage at the Four Seasons and entertained the sold-out crowd.

"The best part of this award is being recognized by the community for providing something our residents and businesses really enjoy," said Ray Cerda, director of the Parks and Recreation Department. "We strive to create events year-round that entertain our community and that add value to residents' overall quality of life."

In addition to the Independence Day Celebration, the Parks and Recreation Department hosts a number of community events throughout the year. Below is a list of the department's spring and summer calendar; for a full list of events visit irvingevents.org.

MAY:

May 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: **International Concert Series, Brave Combo**, Whistlestop Plaza, 200 N. Main St.
May 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: **International Concert Series, Texas Gypsies**, Las Colinas Urban Center, 200 E. Las Colinas Blvd.
May 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m., **International Concert Series, Havana NRG**, Whistlestop Plaza, 200 N. Main St.
May 31, noon to 6 p.m.: **Taste of Irving**, Cimarron Park, 201 Red River Trail

JUNE:

June 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: **International Concert Series, The Killdares**, Whistlestop Plaza, 200 N. Main St.
June 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: **International Concert Series, Watusi**, Cimarron Park, 201 Red River Trail
June 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: **International Concert Series, Los Texas Wranglers**, Whistlestop Plaza, 200 N. Main St.

JULY:

July 4, 9 a.m. to noon: **Independence Day Parade**, Irving Heritage District
July 4, 6 to 10 p.m.: **Independence Day Fireworks Show**, Lake Carolyn
July 18, 7 to 10 p.m.: **Laughs by the Lake**, Lake Carolyn

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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 225,000 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. For more information, visit cityofirving.org, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).