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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Professionals:

Well the clock is ticking on toward our Annual conference in Homer on October 3-5, 2002. Daryl Farrens and Tim Daugherty are working very hard at organizing this annual event and putting together a series of sessions, workshops and other activities that will satisfy our appetites for professional information and maybe a little fun in the process. I think our organizers are getting a little nervous though. Some sections (including Park Maintenance and Aquatics) haven't provided them their session information as yet and time is getting short! Daryl and Tim will also need to know you AV requirements by September 16 and if presenters/session leaders need copies of handouts, the originals will need to be to them by September 27. Lets get behind this effort and help ease the load on making this the best conference ever.

In the last issue of the Flash, I mentioned that our esteemed Bob Robertson would be stepping up to take over the Presidency of NRPA's Citizen-Board Member Branch. In the process, Bob's seat on the C-BM Board of Directors becomes vacant. I think we need an Alaskan to fill that seat and that you might even have just the right person on your Commission. Talk to them and have them contact Bob for details on the responsibilities and travel to the National Congress in Tampa on October 16-20.

This may be my last, or at least close to the last, Flash message to you. If the rumor mill hasn't caught up to you yet, let me be the first to tell you that I have applied for retirement effective September 1, 2002. August 27th will mark my 18th anniversary here in Fairbanks and I've just watched another beautiful Alaskan summer drift by my office window. I've just got to do something about that! The Bylaw experts tell me that I can still hold the job as president until my term ends in October. I'll say my formal good-byes and words of thanks and appreciation at the Conference. Until then- Regards

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ARPA Conference Correction
October 2-5, 2002
Lands End Resort
Homer, Alaska

Keynote Speakers:

Emily Kimball
"Ageing Adventurer"

John McGovern
Executive Director of Northern
Suburban Special Recreation
Association in Northbrook, IL.

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Next Flash Info Due
October 10, 2002

**NEW COLUMNS IN PARKS &
RECREATION NEED YOUR INPUT!**

Hi Friends,

Parks & Recreation magazine is developing two new columns that we'd like your input and support with. First, we will have a column entitled "Leave it Better Than you Found It" it will highlight how our profession does just that. Our first example is where a strip mine was turned into ball fields and a park. Aside from showcasing natural successes we'd also like human....how our programs have improved the health in a community....reduced crime and violence...or enhanced the economy. Can you share success stories as you know? We need specifics...what happened, who to contact for pictures and to interview.

Our next new column is called PowerPlay, where we highlight a celebrity who feels understands the benefits of parks & recreation. In our first column we had a piece by a WNBA player who learned to shoot hoops in a rec program. In September we profiled Senator Bill Frist who runs in parks every day and appreciates what they do for him and how they improve the health of Americans. We hear that Bette Midler is a supporter...as is Clint Eastwood. We need help identifying celebrities (sports, political, entertainment) as well as help in contacting them.

Our goal is to not just tell the world why parks and recreation are improving the quality of life of people, but also to pat our members on the back for being integral parts of important movements. Can you help? Please email ideas to our editor, Scott Douglas, at sdouglas@nrpa.org.

We need the ideas and contact info.....for months to come.....thanks!

Joni has joined GreenPlay to focus on the management of sustainable, interpretive, artistic, and educational public parks, recreation, and open space projects. She will often manage GreenPlay's work with other contracted design, planning, and landscape architecture professionals. Her projects will include the planning and programming for public art; creating active healthy partnerships and alternative funding strategies; facilitating positive community/participatory processes; creating landscape narratives: as community process, design, and planning tool; and performing historical/cultural landscape research, inventory, and assessment.

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communities together...

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Young

Computer tip for Windows XP users:

Take Control of What Icons Appear in the System Tray

The system tray is the recessed area next to the clock in the taskbar area (assuming that you have the clock enabled). It's actually not called the system tray anymore, because that would be too easy! That little recessed area next to the clock is called the "System Notification Area". Whatever you call it, it can be irritating to have important icons disappear from the tray when you need or want them visible. Check this out:

Right click in an empty area of the taskbar and click Properties.

On the Taskbar tab, look down in the Notification area frame. Notice that there is a checkmark in the Hide inactive icons checkbox. If you don't want any icons disappearing from the tray ever, remove the checkmark.

If you want some icons to disappear, and some icons to always be visible, leave the checkmark in the checkbox. Now click the Customize button.

In the Customize Notifications dialog box you'll see all the icons currently in the system tray. Scroll down the list and you'll see a list of icons that have been in the tray but aren't in it currently. Find an icon you always want to show and then click on the entry in the Behavior column. You have three choices: Always show, Always hide and Hide when inactive. If you always want the icon to appear in the tray, select the Always show option.

Click OK and then click OK again.

Now that you have a better understanding of the icons in the system tray, spend some time playing around with this feature and get the icons you want to show and hide exactly how you want them!

Dear ARPA Member:

As an ARPA member please allow me to submit to you some important web-links that deal with TRAIL HARDENING and other erosion control applications. As you may recall during the last years ARPA meeting in Wasilla you may have attended some of the trail hardening presentations or actually were able to visit the Geoweb installation at the Palmer Hay Flats which was sponsored by AK Dept. of Fish & Game (Ms. Colleen Matt) and National Park Services (Mr. Kevin Meyer) .

Further, if you are interested in obtaining a that covers all the technical aspects on various erosion control and other installations, life videos etc.) you can obtain a copy of the "Technical Resource Library" by sending us your **mailing address, phone & the fax number** if available. To learn more about the various application potentials and products in use, please click on the following web links. In case that you do not have an **ADOBE Reader** the first web link will allow you to download the **ADOBE Reader** for viewing .

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at GeoCHEM,Inc.[Distributor for Presto Products (Geoweb and Geoblock) in Alaska)]. via e-mail or phone (907) 562-5755/Fax (907) 562-3032.

Sincerely,

Joseph Neubauer

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Important Dates

Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 02	Marketing & Revenue Sources Management School
Oct. 2-5, 2002	ARPA Conference
Oct. 15-19, 2002	NRPA Congress and Exposition
Oct. 21-25, 2002	Interpretive Skills Training
Nov. 10-15, 2002	Pacific Southwest Maintenance Management School
Dec 8 - 11, 2002	Leadership Development School
Feb. 25-Mar. 1, 2003	NRPA Legislative Conference & Midyear Forum

San Diego, CA
Homer, AK
Tampa, FL
Pacific Palisades, Ca.;

Palm Springs, CA,
Washington, D.C.

The Flash Pan!

The **deadline** for submission of articles and section reports will be **October 10, 2002**.

Please submit your information on disk or email in text format (.txt), or Microsoft Word for windows 2002 or earlier. Graphic are preferred in JPEG or TIFF formats. Submit your items by email as an attachment and as part of the message (in case your program encodes attachments). You can submit articles in pencil, pen, magic marker, crayon, or on napkins (please use a clean napkins!).

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