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THE TOP 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK

Before you scroll down, I encourage you to take a few moments to watch NRPA president and CEO Kristine Stratton's latest video, as she discusses the role parks and recreation plays in building community. Thank you for stepping up — from keeping people safe, healthy and connected during a global pandemic to opening your parks to people protesting for social justice and more — and you are needed now more than ever.
—Cort, NRPA Communications Manager and Top Five Editor

COVID-19 Resource Center

NRPA actively monitors developments around COVID-19 and how it impacts parks and recreation. Our COVID-19 Resource Center contains the most up-to-date information on our response, as well as resources from NRPA, health organizations and federal agencies. Today, you can find updated guidance on playgrounds, as well as the most recent Parks Snapshot survey results, which show an increased number of park and recreation agencies opening amenities to the public.

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Recognizing Excellence in Parks and Recreation

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Recognizing Excellence in Parks and Recreation

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's NRPA Innovation Awards, Spotlight Awards, scholarships and fellowships! These awards recognize innovative projects and programs at park and recreation agencies, as well as the incredible work by dedicated individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to building communities through parks and recreation. The awards will be presented virtually during the 2020 NRPA Annual Conference, in October, when we will also announce the winner of the Best in Innovation Award, which recognizes the best of the best in park and recreation innovation.

See the Winners

Open Space Radio

The June issue of Parks & Recreation *magazine*

The *Parks & Recreation* Health and Wellness Issue

Have you read the June issue of *Parks & Recreation* magazine yet? In this issue, we take a look at NRPA's Path to Recovery resources that assist agencies in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, the new role that park and recreation professionals are playing in their communities, and the ways green infrastructure in parks can enhance a community's health and well-being. Stay connected to the latest news from the field by reading the magazine online in the same format as the print edition. The *Parks & Recreation* ezine has all the things you love about your printed monthly issue. Read your favorite columns and feature stories conveniently on your tablet, smartphone or computer.

Read the June Issue

Park Access Network Call

A path to a local park. Photo by Sergey Krotov, courtesy of Dreamstime.

Partnerships to Prioritize Parks

The Park Access Network is a network of park and recreation professionals committed to driving long-term change to address park access and quality. Join us Thursday, June 18 at 2 p.m. EDT, for the next Park Access Network call led by experienced professionals working on park access and quality initiatives with the 10 Minute Walk campaign. The discussion topic for this call will be Partnerships to Prioritize Parks. We'll be joined by speakers from the May webinar, Bringing People Together: Citywide Prioritization of Parks, which explored ways various cities are comprehensively addressing park access and quality.

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How to Talk Persuasively about Greener Parks webinar graphic

Webinar: How to Talk Persuasively About Greener Parks

Join us Thursday, June 18 at 2 p.m. EDT, for the second webinar of the "Greener Parks for Health" webinar series. You'll learn how to craft communications messaging that makes a strong case for increasing green infrastructure in parks so every person in your community has the opportunity to live a healthier life. Using the real-world evidence covered in the first webinar, we will walk you through ways to use your audience's personal beliefs and values to craft specific values-based messaging about green infrastructure and its benefits. Attendees of this webinar will also get a premium first access to NRPA's *Greener Parks for Health Communications Toolkit*.

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Sample survey question. Photo by Zimmytws, courtesy of Dreamstime.

Survey: How Has COVID-19 Impacted Your Afterschool Programs?

Across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted afterschool programs and the young people and families who rely on afterschool and summer programs. It is important for funders, policy makers, education leaders and the overall public to understand the current situation, as well as the projections and concerns for the future. To help make that possible, the Afterschool Alliance will be conducting surveys throughout the summer, and possibly into the fall, to monitor the situation and help provide solutions. This survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time and your responses will be anonymous.

Take the Survey

NRPA Career Center

I'll be in your inbox this time next week to let you know about some more opportunities you're not going to want to miss out on!

And just because five is never enough...

The Abundant Life Adventure Club celebrated Family Health & Fitness Day over the weekend with hiking, kayaking and meditation. Here's one of their fearless members excited about her first kayaking experience! How did you celebrate Family Health & Fitness Day? Make sure to tag us in your social posts throughout the week for a chance to see your post here.

Abundant Life Adventure Club

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