



# PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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## **PATRONS WINS 'ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR' AWARD**

PATRONS for Bellaire Parks was presented the Advocate of the Year (Group) Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Region 4 at the TRAPS Region 4 Workshop on January 16, 2009. Accepting the award at the George R. Brown Convention Center was PATRONS President, Sharon Veldman. PATRONS has also recently been honored and will receive the State TRAPS Chapter award.

TRAPS Region 4 extends across 21 counties in the Gulf Coast area. "PATRONS work has paid off by helping create a wonderful aquatic facility for Bellaire, and it should be commended for its hard work and dedication," said Bellaire Parks and Recreation Superintendent Cheryl Bright-West. PATRONS was nominated for the award by Bright-West. There are a lot of strong competitors for the TRAPS awards - they aren't easy to receive," notes Jane Dembski, Bellaire Parks and Recreation Director.

"It is a great honor to win an award in TRAPS because it is judged by professionals in the Parks and Recreation field who know and value the work needed to sustain our park lands," said Sharon Veldman. This award is for all our current and past board members who have given up so much of their time, talent and energy to help build a great park for Bellaire. "Our sincere appreciation goes to Cheryl and Jane for their continued help and support of PATRONS and for nominating PATRONS for this award." PATRONS was in the company of Bellaire Park and Recreation Aquatics Director, Buster Adams and Pauline McRae of BLIFE who were also presented with awards.

"These are prestigious recognitions for PATRONS. We hope it will inspire and help in our continued fundraising efforts toward the completion of Bellaire Town Square" said Veldman. We are anticipating the construction of the new playground this Spring. PATRONS is also planning a new event for our residents this March. We will be organizing an urban campout, 'Tents in Town.'

For more information on PATRONS and Bellaire Town Square call 713-661- PARK (7275) or visit [www.BellaireParks.com](http://www.BellaireParks.com). PATRONS for Bellaire Parks (PATRONS) is a 501(c) (3) non profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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