



# PATRONS *for* BELLAIRE PARKS

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## **PATRONS WINS TWO AWARDS BY TEXAS RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY**

PATRONS for Bellaire Parks was presented the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) State Award for Service in Austin on February 27, 2009 and the Advocate of the Year (Group) Award from TRAPS Region 4 this past January. These awards are an annual recognition of individuals and organizations that have rendered significant service to the society, have exemplary programs/services and have made outstanding contributions to the field of recreation, park resources and leisure services

PATRONS was honored to be chosen throughout the state for the Service Award. "This award is not only for the service of our many dedicated Board Members, but also for the many supporters of PATRONS, who made great contributions and pledges to improve Bellaire's parks systems," reported PATRON President Sharon Veldman. "PATRON Board members accepts this award for all PATRON supporters."

PATRONS was presented the Advocate of the Year (Group) Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Region 4 in January. 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 Jane Dembski, Bellaire Parks and Recreation director. PATRONS was nominated for the award by Bellaire Parks and Recreation Superintendent Cheryl Bright-West. "There are a lot of strong competitors for the TRAPS awards - they aren't easy to receive," said Bright-West.

"It is a great honor to win an award in TRAPS because it is judged by professionals in the Parks and Recreation field," said Sharon Veldman. "Our sincere appreciation goes to Cheryl and Jane for their continued help and support of PATRONS and for nominating us for this award."

"These are prestigious recognitions for PATRONS. We hope it will help in our continued fundraising efforts toward the completion of Bellaire Town Square" said Veldman.

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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