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## **Joines named STARS winner for September, 2013**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Murfreesboro's Parks and Recreation Department Fitness and Wellness Coordinator Jennifer Joines has been named the City's STARS award winner for September, 2013.

She was recognized for her work at Sports\*Com and the Parks and Recreation Department during the Sept. 26 meeting of Murfreesboro City Council for "Succeeding Through Attitudes Reflecting Service Excellence (STARS).

Joines was accompanied by her husband and son at the meeting, whom Joines credited with helping her keep the runners and athletes moving. It is an honor to recognize one from among the City's greatest assets – its employees. Joines is the third part-time employee, and the first from the Parks and Recreation Department, to receive the STARS award.

Over the summer, Joines was nominated by a Sports\*Com patron who described Joines as the motivation and inspiration for her to run half-marathons and begin triathlon training.

Joines has helped runners for years in training and meeting their goals, and this year, she helped start a triathlon training program that had over 60 participants during the first class.

Joines adds great value to our City by developing new ways to get members of our community involved in getting more fit, the nominator said. Joines should also be recognized for all of her hard work to implement new programs for our community, which are so valuable and appreciated by community members that would never attempt such activities on their own.

The award-winning Parks and Recreation Department's continued offering of wellness options are an invaluable resource for the City of Murfreesboro. No matter what physical activity preferences are, the department has many options for the community to participate and be healthier. The entire department is committed to helping the City of Murfreesboro community in meeting its health and fitness goals. The City is proud of our Parks and Recreation Department, and we would encourage the community to learn more at

[www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks).

Murfreesboro is fortunate to have employees so caring, dedicated and involved. When the City notified Joines of her award, not only was she pleased, she responded with “What an honor”.

Lanny Goodwin, Parks and Recreation Department agreed.

“Jennifer is a great employee and a joy to be around, loved by both the customers and the staff,” he said. “She exemplifies Service Excellence by always striving to provide outstanding service and truly focusing on the customer.

“ Service Excellence is effortless for Jennifer,” he continued.

Congratulations to Parks and Recreation Department employee Jennifer Joines on the September STARS award!