

The City of Anderson Parks and Recreation Department held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 17th at the Recreation Center. Those who serve as volunteer coaches in the City's youth leagues were honored. Dr. Kevin McCowan of Atlanta, GA was the speaker for the evening. He spoke on the importance of giving back to the community just as someone gave to you.

This event also hosts the Recreation Department Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The 2011 honorees were announced and recognized. Listed below are those who were selected for their outstanding service to the Anderson Recreation Department.

Jessie "Dickie" Jones – helped to maintain the fields used by the young black girls softball league, also served as head umpire for the black league for 15 years

LeNell "Snookie" Starks – worked with the afterschool and summer program at the Jim Ed Rice Center for over 10 years

Carroll Emery – was involved with the Recreation Department for over 4 decades handling field and park maintenance as well as officiating and supervising the various sports programs

Arnold Howell – worked for over 40 years in various capacities such as field and park maintenance, supervisor and official, and volunteer coach

Bobby Holden – coached baseball, basketball, and football for over 10 years working with all age groups from 5 – 14 years old

Anna Wentzky – played softball and basketball in the late 90's participating on the All-Star teams in both sports that won state championships, is now coaching middle school basketball at McCants

Nicole Mattison Hood – participated in Rec Center athletic programs from age 6 – 14 excelling at them all, later worked with the basketball, baseball, and softball programs as scorekeeper, is now the interim head basketball coach at Dorman High

Kevin McCowan - played baseball and basketball in Rec Center programs; is presently the medical director for the B Well Weight Loss Center in Smyrna, GA and Chief of Bariatric Surgery at Smith Northview Hospital

Forms to nominate an individual or group for the next Hall of Fame ceremony, please contact the Recreation Department at 864 231-2232. You may also download it from the website at www.cityofandersonsc.com.