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Houston -Galveston Area Council Recognizes Rally on the River

Bay City, Texas – The City of Bay City Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Rally on the River was selected for recognition in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 20th annual Parks and Natural Areas Awards Program.

H-GAC established the Parks and Natural Areas Awards in 2006 to highlight best practices and innovative approaches to parks planning and implementation. Over the year, the program has recognized more than 300 projects across the H-GAC region. H-GAC honors projects in the categories of Projects Over \$500,000, Projects Under \$500,000, Planning Process/Policy Tools, and Programming.

“Rally on the River is fun, welcoming, and a little chaotic in the best way,” said Kelly Penewitt, Parks and Recreation Manager. “Being recognized by HGAC is exciting because this program gets people outside, trying something new, and enjoying the river, no experience required, just a sense of adventure and clothes you don’t mind getting a little messy. We also love that it gives families a chance to learn about the river and how to take care of it while they’re having fun.”

Rally on the River is a free, come-as-you-are paddling adventure all about getting outside and having fun on the water. Paddlers can explore the river, while non-paddlers jump into nature-themed games, activities, and crafts, so no one is left on shore bored. Along the way, participants pick up easy, everyday tips for protecting our waterways, helping keep Texas rivers, lakes, aquifers, and bays clean for today’s fun and tomorrow’s adventures.

Projects recognized by this awards program are selected by a panel of expert judges and industry professionals.

Bay City Parks and Recreation and other winners were honored during a celebration on Feb. 6 at the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

For more information about Rally on the River visit <https://www.baycitytx.gov/508/Rally-on-the-River>.

For more information about H-GAC’s Parks and Natural Area Awards, visit h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards.

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