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PARKS AND RECREATION**

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**South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Jim Priddy Retires after
Lengthy Career Managing Parks and Open Spaces**

Texas native Jim Priddy was a recent graduate of Texas A and M, when he moved to Colorado and joined South Suburban Park and Recreation District. His first job with South Suburban developed into a long and fruitful career. Priddy served as the District's Director of Parks and Open Spaces and was publicly honored for his 42 years of dedicated service at the South Suburban Board meeting on Wed., June 10. He retired on May 1.

When Priddy joined South Suburban in 1973 as the District Parks Supervisor, the District consisted of approximately 37 parks and 50 miles of trails. That was a walk in the park compared to the District's current inventory of 100 plus parks and nearly 90 miles of trails.

Highlights of Priddy's contributions to the District include implementing the District's annual vehicle replacement program, the asphalt parking lot and trail replacement program, tree replacement program, irrigation systems replacement program and water conservation programs. He developed a system of management that conserves water, preserves open space and supports effective management standards for park maintenance, resulting in green parks, well maintained athletic fields and a complete and thorough network of safe and well maintained trails.

One of his proudest accomplishments was acquiring a new service center, to accommodate the growing needs of the District. This was made possible through the acquisition of the former Boatworks facility located just south of County Line Rd. in 2012.

Priddy is widely respected by his peers and received the Manager of the Year award from the Colorado Special District Association in 2007. He was actively involved in the District's three Gold Medal 2020 long-range planning citizens groups. Priddy is a member of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and National Certification Board, and he has been a licensed, certified leisure professional for 24 years. Jim and his wife Connie are active members of the south metro area. They resided in Littleton for many years where they raised their daughters; they now live in Highlands Ranch, CO.

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