

Smyrna names business of year

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Smyrna Parks and Recreation and the Town of Smyrna recently honored Allstar Audio as the town's Small Business of the Year.

"This award is presented to the business that has gone above and beyond by their dedicated support and commitment to the Parks Department and the Town of Smyrna," Parks Director Tom Sage said at the Kenneth "Coon" Victory Awards Banquet on Feb. 7.

"The selection process was not an easy one, because there are so many good businesses that step up to the plate for us year in and year out," he said.

Allstar Audio, founded by Mike Borne, received the award for its part in donating state-of-the-art sound stage and equipment to the city on several occasions, such as the Independence Day Celebration and Nite Out Against Crime, saving the town in excess of \$15,000.

"I cannot say enough about Mike's receptive attitude and willingness to help us when he can," Sage said.

At Northern Kentucky Technical & Vocational School, he studied electronics and discovered his true love for audio and its reproduction. Borne became a sound engineer and traveled with several bands before leaving the road to start Allstar Audio in 1984.

As the business grew, he moved to several locations, finally arriving in Smyrna in 1998. Allstar Audio is now located at the corner of Weakley Lane and Swan Drive.

The business has grown to include stage lighting, staging, and generators to compliment audio productions. ★