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2016 Kenilworth Independence Day Parade

Kenilworth celebrates our nation's freedom with our 44th Annual Independence Day Parade. "Star Spangled Celebration" is our 2016 parade theme.

The parade rolls at 6:30 pm on Sunday, July 3, 2016, and is sponsored by the Kenilworth Civic Association (KCA). Thousands of spectators enjoy this event, showered with beads, trinkets, and candy by the many parade participants as all celebrate our nation's birthday.

Kenilworth's 2016 Residents of the Year are Mark and Vicky Tiller. The KCA honors Vicky and Mark for their many years as neighborhood volunteers.

The Grand Marshal of the 2016 parade is Sylvia Weatherspoon, anchor of WAFB News 2 in Baton Rouge.

"We are proud to celebrate our freedom and honor those who have served and continue to serve to defend that freedom," said KCA President Skip Rhorer, Jr.

The parade includes a festive mix of local civic groups, military and veteran's groups, bands, and political and government organizations celebrating Independence Day. The parade runs along Kenilworth Parkway; it begins and ends at Kenilworth Science & Technology School, on Boone Drive just east of Kenilworth Parkway.

Information on the Parade, including a map of the parade route, is available on the KCA website at:

<http://www.kenilworthneighborhood.com>

2016 Kenilworth Residents of the Year
Mark and Vicky Tiller

The Kenilworth Civic Association is happy to honor Mark and Vicky Tiller for their long history of involvement and support of the Kenilworth neighborhood.

Mark and Vicky moved to Baton Rouge and Kenilworth with their two young daughters, Amy and Emily, in February 1986. They moved into their current home that November and have been proud to call Kenilworth home for thirty years.

Mark was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toledo. He received an M.S. Degree from Purdue University. Vicky was born in Mississippi and lived her younger years in Mississippi and Louisiana. A move to Toledo with her family in 1970 provided the opportunity to meet Mark. They were married in 1976 (40 years this year) and lived in Baytown, Texas where Mark began his career with Exxon before transferring to Baton Rouge. Vicky completed two degrees at LSU and worked there as a Research Associate for 17 years. They are actively involved at Christ Covenant Church located on Lee Drive where Mark serves as deacon. Both daughters live in the area and provide lots of opportunities for babysitting and enjoying the three granddaughters!



Mark and Vicky have been involved in KCA for a number of years in a number of ways. They have served as host house for the 4th of July parade dignitaries over the years when their wonderful neighbors, the Bosworths, were unable to do so. The past several years they have hosted the luminary candle sales and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many Kenilworth neighbors. Mark was on the KCA board for several terms and served as President. He has been active in the Independence

Day Parade including float decorating, assisting with parade set up and was parade co-chair in 2000. Vicky is currently on the KCA Board and has served several terms as secretary and vice president. Serving on the float decorating committee is one of her favorite activities! She is also on the Kenilworth Parkway Preservation Committee. Mark and Vicky consider it an honor and a blessing to live in such a wonderful neighborhood. They plan to spend their retirement years here and to continue to help make Kenilworth one of the best neighborhoods in Baton Rouge.

2016 Parade Grand Marshal
Sylvia Weatherspoon

The KCA is honored to have Sylvia Weatherspoon, anchor of WBRZ News 2, as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Independence Day Parade.



Sylvia joined the WBRZ team after working as the news director for WJBO-AM & WFMT-FM radio in Baton Rouge. She initially pursued a career in radio news reporting, but the technical side of TV news caught her attention. She spent her spare time in the newsroom of a local TV station. Sylvia said television news felt natural to her, and she loved it! She found TV news challenging, allowing her to be creative in her reporting.

Sylvia serves on numerous community boards, including the Advisory Board of Junior League of Baton Rouge, a member of Sunrise Rotary Club of Baton Rouge and serves on the Executive Board of Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area.

In 2007, Sylvia received the Excellence In Medical Journalism Award in Television Broadcasting when she reported on "Reduce Your Risk", WBRZ's series of health segments. During her career, the Louisiana Associated Press awarded Sylvia second place Best Spot News on her story of a house fire, "In Just Minutes", and third place for "Miracle on the Mississippi", a report covering an accident on the Mississippi River Bridge. She is also the recipient of the 2007 Women in Media Award of Excellence in Television. She has also received the 2007 Laurie Smith Anderson Award for Excellence in Health Care Reporting from the Arthritis Association of Louisiana. Most recently, Sylvia received the 2008 Louisiana Role Model Award from the Baton Rouge Chapter of The Links, Inc. as well as the 2008 NAACP Community Service Award and 2008 Best Local TV News Anchor in *225 Magazine*. The Louisiana Associated Press has named WBRZ News 2 at 10 pm 'Louisiana's Best Newscast' in 2011 and 2012.

Sylvia resides in Baton Rouge with her husband and two children. In her spare time she enjoys vacationing with her family, gardening and Bible study.