

# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association is a non-profit membership based organization. MRPA is committed to education, training programs and representing the membership in advocating for the betterment of our agencies with policy-makers in the Commonwealth and on a national basis.

We take pride in continuing to evaluate our membership services and we strive for everyone's voice in shaping our methods of support. Our goal is to be a significant contributor and key to your professional growth.

Now over 500 members strong, MRPA has been advocating on behalf of our membership for over 40 years.

## MEMBER RESOURCES

- \* Awards and Honors
- \* Buyers Guide
- \* Continuing Education
- \* Leadership Opportunities
- \* Email Listserve

- \* Job Announcements
- \* Membership Directory
- \* MRPA Review
- \* Network Opportunities and Professional Contacts
- \* Ability to Post open Employment Opportunities
- \* Professional Certification
- \* Professional MRPA Staff
- \* Regional meetings
- \* State Conference
- \* Salary Surveys (Part-time and Full-time positions)
- \* Therapeutic Recreation Resources
- \* Web Page Information

**AND MUCH MORE.....**



If you need additional information please contact the MRPA Office  
 Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association  
 PO Box 783  
 Westfield, MA 01086-0783

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### OUR GOALS

- \* To unite professionals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under one professional organization
- \* To foster and maintain high standards of professional qualifications and ethics
- \* To encourage and promote continued training and education for your professional and personal growth including national certification
- \* To educate the public regarding the important life values and benefits to Parks and Recreation
- \* To act collectively in the interest of our profession
- \* To provide services and resources to our professional and citizen members



## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**Professional:** Professional employment by public or private agencies providing Recreation, Park, Therapeutic or Leisure Services and persons employed as an educator of Recreation, Park, and/or Leisure Services at any college or university.

**Retiree:** Individuals who have retired from the profession with a minimum of five years MRPA membership.

**Associate/Citizen/  
Student/Retiree:**

Individuals serving on Park, Recreation, and/or Leisure Services Advisory Boards, or individuals not employed in the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services field, but interested in or involved in the promotion of the Parks, Recreation, and/or Leisure Services profession.

**Agency Membership:** Any public or private Parks & Recreation department,

organization or commercial business in Massachusetts. This includes Recreation & Parks departments, universities and colleges, Recreation & Park boards, city and county commissioners, hospital boards, state and district agencies and association boards. This membership includes the Director, up to three additional staff and up to seven (7) Board/Commission members or elected city officials. In the case of a commercial business it will allow up to seven (7) staff members.

**Commercial Individual:** Individuals employed full-time or part-time as commercial vendors, consultants, architects, planners, entertainers, or suppliers of goods desiring and involvement in MRPA. These persons are actively involved in the promotion of Parks, Recreation, and/or Leisure Services profession.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS & FEES

To become a member of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association is simple. Just complete the enclosed application form and send it to PO Box 783, Westfield, MA 01086-0783. You can forward the fee with the application or we can bill you. If need be, please provide Purchase Order Numbers so that we can put them on the invoice for you.

### FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Professional:** \$75  
**Retiree:** NO Charge  
**Associate/Citizen/Student:** \$25  
**Agency:** \$350  
**Commercial Individual:** \$75



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## APPLICATION FORM

Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association  
Membership Application Form  
Make Copies of this form as needed—please submit all names for Agency and Commercial Memberships

Dept./Org.	
Name	
Title	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone and Fax Numbers	
Email	
Web Address	

- Professional \$75
- Retiree (must have been a MRPA member for five years) No Charge
- Associate/Citizen/Student/Retiree \$25
- Agency \$350
- Commercial Individual \$75

**Make checks payable to:**  
Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association

**Return to :**  
MRPA  
PO Box 783  
Westfield, MA 01086-0783

**Standard Membership Year — July 1 to June 30**  
**Special Rates apply**  
Join in Jan, Feb or March—pay half annual dues  
Join in April, May or June— full membership dues are required and membership will be credited to the next full year