

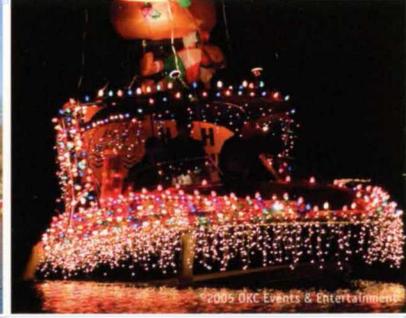
John Kilpatrick Jr.



Whether it was his family, community or state, service and devotion defined the life of John Kilpatrick, Jr. Born in Oklahoma City in 1921, John successfully pursued a variety of business interests following his service in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Outside of his business interests, John served in many top leadership roles with both state-wide and community organizations. His civic and philanthropic interests ranged from the arts, education, conservation and health care. The state's Kilpatrick Turnpike is so named in recognition of John's longtime service as chairman of the turnpike authority. His devotion to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation was evident in his service as both a Trustee and President of the Board during the 1970s. Prior to his death in 2005 at the age of 84, John continued to serve as a member of the Margaret Annis Boys Trust Advisory Committee.

Known for his charm and signature bow ties, John leaves behind a legacy of service that will benefit our community and state for generations.



The Holiday Parade *on the Oklahoma River*

A nighttime parade of boats decorated in fun and festive holiday lights attracts thousands to the annual Holiday Parade on the Oklahoma River. Initiated in 2004, the parade provides an opportunity to celebrate the revitalization of the river in downtown Oklahoma City. A Great Grant through the Fund for Oklahoma City helps to ensure the parade is free to the public.

The Oklahoma River was one of nine projects funded through MAPS, a \$360 million capital improvement program funded by a temporary one-cent sales tax. The river project involved the revitalization of a seven-mile stretch of the former Canadian River that created a series of river lakes bordered by landscaped areas, trails and recreational facilities. Held in early December, the holiday parade begins at sunset as the boats begin their trip down the Oklahoma River to the thrills of thousands of viewers seated along the river's banks. The evening's

festivities are capped off by a spectacular fireworks display.

Not only does the parade offer a unique holiday celebration along the Oklahoma River, it is also an opportunity for the Oklahoma Riverfront Authority to generate income through fees from parade participants as well as corporate sponsorships. The net revenue is added to an endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation that will provide an annual income stream to be used to further enhance the public use areas along the river.

The Fund for Oklahoma City allows us to support community-wide projects such as the Holiday Parade on the Oklahoma River. If you are interested in supporting your community through the Fund for Oklahoma City, please contact Jennifer Stewart at 405/235-5603.

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Great Grants awarded through the Fund for Oklahoma City allow the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support programs and events that have a positive community-wide impact. The Holiday Parade on the Oklahoma River is just such an event that brings a new opportunity to celebrate the holiday season to thousands of residents at no charge.

The opportunity to support projects such as the parade exists thanks to thousands of donors who have contributed to the Fund for Oklahoma City. Donors give through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation because we make charitable giving, simple, flexible and forever.

For more information about how you can help your community through the Fund for Oklahoma City, please contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org.



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