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If you have played softball at Hidden Creek Sports Complex, you know why Guadalupe Fajardo was named the Parks and Recreation department's Employee of the Year. The honor was presented at the City's annual awards luncheon Dec. 10.

Fajardo serves as a one-man crew at the sports complex.

"He is in charge of the maintenance and grooming of the complex for recreational ball during the week and for numerous softball tournaments on the weekends," Ike Vera, assistant director of parks, said. "In the two years Guadalupe has been in charge of the complex he has taken it to another level by doing an outstanding job."

Fajardo, 52, was born and raised in Mexico. He saw an ad in the newspaper for the Burleson job and was hired in to the parks department. His love for gardening and landscaping have served him well at the complex which includes three lighted softball fields, a concession stand, picnic area and bleachers.

"He has a very good work ethic," Vera said. "He is very dependable and is polite to our citizens when concerns arise."

The award winner and his wife Maria share two children, 23-year-old Carlos and 22-year-old Tonya. He has three brothers. Fajardo's father is a farmer and his mother takes care of their home.