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BURNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARDS

The City of Burnsville has a proud tradition of strong volunteer involvement and people pitching in to build a brighter future for the community. In that respect, the Burnsville City Council annually recognizes residents and business through a “Community Builders” award program. The City Council honored four individuals or groups as “Community Builders” at their Tuesday, October 20 meeting.

Elizabeth Kackman

Elizabeth Kackman along with her husband Tom were active in creating the IOC Community Garden at 1512 Woodhill Road. This garden brings people of all cultures together for gardening to grow food - and - to grow relationships with neighbors at the same time.

Burnsville Lions Club

The Lions Club’s motto is “we serve” and they have been doing just that in Burnsville since 1966. Lions Club President Terrie Moen accepted the award on behalf of the club. The Lions have been strong supporters of our schools and youth. They have donated materials such as dictionaries, eyeglasses, school supplies and scholarships to help ensure school success. The Lions have also been very supportive of the city and have donated to multiple city projects such as the Police K-9 program, portable radar devices and thermal imaging cameras for fire. Whether it be support of area senior citizen programs, the adopt a street program or supporting holiday and food shelf efforts of 360 communities, the Lions club works to build a “brighter future for Burnsville.”

Michael and Shirley Esch

Each year Michael and Shirley serve as Mrs. and Santa Claus on a Saturday night in front of their house for any children who want to “see Santa” at no charge. Parents are able to make a food or cash donation and the effort has raised over \$12,000 and 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of food per year for 360 Communities. They also do a fall “leaf tour” in which they have friends follow clues to see who can get to a specific destination fastest. The “cost of entry” is again a donation to 360 Communities. Michael and Shirley also volunteer each year to pass out candy canes as Mrs. and Santa Claus at the Annual Winter Lighting Ceremony.

Nicollet Commons Park Flag Poles/Walk of Honor Partnering Organizations

The Burnsville Community Foundation, Baseball Association 191, Burnsville Rotary Club and Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Club joined forces and spearheaded a drive to erect three flagpoles in Nicollet Commons Park and install US flags on the street lights in the Burnsville’s Heart of the City area. The cost of the poles, flags, lights and concrete work was borne entirely by these partners. In addition to the flags, they also established a Walk of Honor in the park to honor American veterans.

Photo Gallery



Tom and Elizabeth Kackman with Mayor Elizabeth Kautz



Lions Club President Terrie Moen accepts the Community Builder on behalf of the Lions Club from Mayor Kautz



Michael and Shirley Esch are awarded the Community Builders Award from Mayor Kautz



Partnering Organizations for the Nicollet Commons Park Flag Poles/Walk of Honor are shown with members of the City Council: **Duane Francher**, Burnsville Breakfast Rotary, Charlie Crichton, **Fred Lange**, Burnsville Rotary, **Rich VanderLaan**, Baseball Association #191, Dan Gustafson, Dan Kealey, **Alan Spillers**, Burnsville Community Foundation, Mary Sherry, and Mayor Kautz.

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