

Nominations for volunteer, good neighbour awards open Jan. 22

Jan. 22, 2020 — The City of St. Catharines is seeking to recognize those who step up in the community and donate their time to make the city the compassionate, vibrant and inclusive home it is for so many.

Nominations open today, Jan. 22, for the City's annual Volunteer and MyHoodSTC Awards. The awards, returning this year in a digital format, will recognize volunteers and good neighbours from across the city during Canada's National Volunteer Week from April 18 to 24.

"This year has been a trying one for a community, and, despite all the challenges there are individuals who have stepped up day after day to help carry our community through these challenges," said Community and Events Supervisor Brianne Wilson, adding, "these are real heroes that keep our community moving forward, they build our community and inspire others to do the same with their dedication."

Volunteer awards are divided into three categories, the Volunteer Recognition Award; Mayor's Adult Volunteer of the Year; and the Margaret and Robin MacLennan Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.

"Young and old alike, our community is filled with dedicated and compassionate volunteers, we're looking to residents to nominate these individuals and help us share their stories," said Wilson.

The MyHoodSTC Awards will also return, recognizing two residents — one Youth Award and one Connection Award — from each of the city's six wards. The MyHoodSTC Awards recognize those who have made a difference in the neighbourhood they call home.

The MyHoodSTC Youth Award applies to individuals under 25 years of age who have taken on leadership roles in their neighbourhoods, while the Connection Award salutes those who have initiated efforts and activities improving the quality of life, culture, and/or inclusivity in their neighbourhoods.

A full list of awards, and nomination forms, can be accessed at www.engagestc.ca/VolunteerAwards. Nominations close Feb. 26. Nominees will be provided with awards delivered to their homes, alongside online recognition during volunteer week.

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