

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****March 3, 2020**

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SUBJECT: THE 2019 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update to the Mayor and City Council about **The Mayor's Community Engagement Workshops & 2019 Neighborhood Awards**, held on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex, located at 505 W. Felix.

Event Preparation

During the summer of 2019, The Community Engagement Office offered the "In It to Win It: A Neighborhood Awards How-To Workshop" to share best practices, tips and examples with neighborhood leaders interested in applying for a neighborhood award. The workshop was offered to individuals, board leaders and in large-groups at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods.

Completed awards applications were accepted October 15 - December 18, 2019.

Members from the Neighborhood Engagement & Revitalization Alliance (NERA), an alliance of city staff representing over twenty DFW cities judged all award applications.

Workshops

After last year's event was held, more than 350 paper and online surveys from neighbors, exhibitors, workshop presenters and internal staff was received. Based upon their feedback, the team decided to limit the number of workshops offered and create a new series focused on the *Essential Principles of Neighborhood Leadership*.

Six workshops were presented:

- Can you hear me now? Tips on making a presentation to City Council, Board or Commission
 - Mary Kayser, City Secretary
- Putting Collaborative Decision Making and Robert's Rules of Order into Practice
 - Thenisha Smith, Toastmasters
- How Engaged Neighborhoods Can Guide the Future of Fort Worth
 - Catherine Huckaby, Community Engagement Office
- Leadership Transitions: Tips for Incoming and Outgoing Neighborhood Leaders
 - J.T. Auldridge, Toastmasters
 - Bettie L. Williams, Toastmasters
- Minimizing Neighborhood Conflicts
 - Belinda Gonzalez, Tarrant County Public Health
- Hello, My Name is: A Networking Session for Neighborhood Leaders
 - Ruth Assi, Tabitha Butler and Madelyn Gibbs, Community Engagement Office

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Forty educational exhibits were available between 8-10:30 a.m.:

- Alzheimer's Association
- Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County
- Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)
- Boys/Girls Club of Greater FW, Inc.
- CFW City Manager's Office - Directions Home
- CFW Code Compliance Dept. - Animal Care & Control, Code Rangers, Consumer Health, Keep Fort Worth Beautiful
- CFW Diversity & Inclusion Dept.
- CFW Economic Development Dept.
- CFW Emergency Management Dept.
- CFW Environmental Stormwater Dept.
- CFW Fire Dept. - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- CFW Municipal Court
- CFW Neighborhood Services Dept.
- CFW Park & Recreation Dept.
- CFW Park & Recreation Dept. - Graffiti Abatement
- CFW Police Dept. - Citizens on Patrol, Crime Prevention Unit
- CFW Police Explorer Program
- CFW Public Library
- CFW Transportation & Public Works Dept.
- CFW Water Dept.
- FitWorth
- Fort Worth ISD
- Fort Worth Museum of Science & History
- Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge
- Fort Worth Public Art
- Girls Inc. of Tarrant County
- Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County
- Northside Inter-Community Agency Inc.
- Sixty and Better, Inc.
- Sunlight Foundation
- Tarrant Area Food Bank
- Tarrant County College - Trinity River Campus
- Tarrant County Master Gardener Association
- Tarrant County Public Health
- Trinity Metro
- UnitedHealthcare

Neighborhood Awards

More than 350 neighborhood leaders and city staff registered to attend the event. Awards recipients included:

- Fort Worth 2019 Neighborhood of the Year - Las Familias de Rosemont
 - Two representatives from Las Familias de Rosemont will be invited to attend the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas this May to compete in the NUSA Neighborhood of the Year national competition and represent neighborhoods across Fort Worth.
- Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year - Daniel Guido
- Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award - Jim Teague
- Neighborhood Patrol Officer of the Year - Officer Allen Pennington

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- Neighborhood Newsletter Awards
 - HOA winners: Crawford Farms, Marine Creek Estates, Park Glen and Villages of Woodland Springs.
 - Voluntary NA winners: Berkeley Place, Carter-Riverside, Eastern Hills and Ridglea North
- Fort Worth Pride Award
 - HOA winner: Eagle Ranch Property Owners Association. Residents
 - Voluntary NA winner: Historic Rosedale Park
- Spirit of Fort Worth Award
 - HOA winner: Villages of Woodland Springs
 - Voluntary NA winner: Las Familias de Rosemont
- Civic Engagement and Community Collaboration Award
 - HOA winner: Eagle Ranch
 - Voluntary NA winner: Garden of Eden
- Mayor's Health and Wellness Award
 - HOA winner: Park Glen
 - Voluntary NA winner: Garden of Eden

Partnerships

This annual event is organized and hosted by the Community Engagement Office in collaboration with over fifty area agencies, nonprofit organizations and city departments. This was the fourth year that UnitedHealthcare graciously agreed to sponsor the event.

For more information about this or future events, please contact the Community Engagement Office at: 817-392-6201 or via email at: engagement@fortworthtexas.gov.

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