

COMMUNICATIONS MEMORANDUM
#8-2021

DATE: Aug. 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: Diana Wilson, Director of Communications *DMW*
Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator

SUBJECT: Good Neighbor Awards August Recipients

PURPOSE

To honor the residents nominated for the Good Neighbor Award.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the City of Northglenn created a Resident Recognition Program to honor residents who made a difference in the community. The program was implemented during the 50th anniversary of the City, and the goal of honoring 50 residents was exceeded. The success of the Resident Recognition Program spurred the “Good Neighbor Award.”

The Good Neighbor Award is presented by City Council to individuals, families, or other groups who better the community. Nominations are made by current or former Northglenn residents. Residents of any age are eligible, and though the award is intended for City residents, if a nominee resides somewhere else but has a regular “neighborly” impact in Northglenn, they may be eligible. Nominations are accepted year-round; recognition is three times a year. Details and the nomination form are at www.northglenn.org/goodneighbor.

Though an in-person reception and recognition is intended to be a part of the program, with COVID-19 the recognition has been virtual with award items delivered to recipients. Recognition items include a mini yard sign, Northglenn logo items, and a gift card to a local restaurant.

The recognition will be in presentation format for the Aug. 9 Council meeting, and honorees will be recognized if they attend in person or join the meeting electronically. A return to the intended format is anticipated for the Nov. 9 Council presentation of the Good Neighbor Awards.

The August 2021 Good Neighbor Award honorees are:

- Maria Cardenas
- Dale and Diane Fairbanks
- Richard and Stephanie Gardner
- Russ Johnson
- Justin and Rachel Price
- Mike and Alicia Romero
- Henry Vargas

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the program are included in the General Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for informational purposes only.

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STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Diana Wilson, Director of Communications, at dwilson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8713.

ATTACHMENT

1. Presentation



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GOOD NEIGHBOR
AWARD HONOREES



Maria Cardenas

Nominated by Eric Duran

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She helps the elderly neighbors pull in their trash cans to prevent a fall from happening. She also helps with shoveling snow so they can get out and go to their mailbox.

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Dale and Diane Fairbanks

Nominated by Burton and Christine Wilcox

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When my husband's father passed away unexpectedly last summer we were scrambling to find someone to check on our cats and watch our puppy. Dale and Diane graciously offered to take her into their home while we traveled. They took wonderful care of her and have watched her many times since. She is their favorite grand-dog-ter :) They keep a watchful eye on things if we are away, and have mowed our lawn and snow-blown the driveway if needed.

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Richard and Stephanie Gardner

Nominated by Teresa Walker

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Rick and Stephanie have raised the bar and redefined the term “neighbor” due to their unwavering kindness, help, and support of my parents. We are all eternally grateful to them.

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Russ Johnson

Nominated by Mary Dickens



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He always shovels for me and a few other neighbors. If I have a repair that needs tending to he is always willing to do it. He checks in on me to make sure I'm okay.

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Justin and Rachel Price

Nominated by Candy Kammerzell

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They help shovel for the majority of their block that consists of several seniors. They provide meals often and inspire their neighbors to improve their yards by the total transformation of their own.

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Mike and Alicia Romero

Nominated by Mark Budde

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Mike and Alicia Romero are some of the best neighbors we've ever had and we've lived in our community for 20+ years. They are constantly looking out for my elderly mother and checking on her to make sure she's okay. When the COVID pandemic was at its peak, they were constantly offering to go to the store for us to pick up Mom's medicine, groceries, or anything else we might need.

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Henry Vargas

Nominated by Bonita Hernandez

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Great neighbor! Very friendly and always waves at everybody that drives by. Always goes around the neighborhood doing snow removal and he mows the neighbor's lawn. He always takes care of our community mail driver, Steve.

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