

History of the Hometown Spirit Award

In 2008 a Cary citizen proposed a “Small Town America Award Program,” which the Town Council approved after staff made recommendations.

The award program is now known as the “Hometown Spirit Award,” and it utilizes the same criteria approved by Council in 2009.

Past Award Recipients

2016 – Sheila Ogle
2015 – Anne B. Kratzer
2014 – David J. Martin
2013 – Jerry Miller
2012 – Betsy Dassau & Joy Pike
2011 – Keith Bliss
2010 – Kay Struffolino
2009 – Alisa Wright Colopy

Eligibility

- Cary resident, 21 years of age and older
- Demonstrates leadership and integrity
- Respected by peers

The following persons will not be considered for the award

- Town of Cary employees
- Past or present Cary residents who are elected officials
- Deceased Cary residents
- Other disqualifying factors listed online at www.townofcary.org/spirit

Nominees must exhibit at least one of the characteristics below:

Helps Out Neighbors and Fellow Cary Citizens

- e.g., starting a program where residents can volunteer to help each other with home repairs or simply going beyond the call of duty in assisting other citizens

Demonstrates Hospitality

- e.g., someone who welcomes new residents, citizens and visitors, and helps them get to know the town, its small-town culture, and adjust to a new environment, or simply a citizen who exhibits “Southern” or “Cary” hospitality in an ongoing or extraordinary manner

Promotes and Preserves Traditional American Past-Times

- e.g., bringing citizens together as a community in traditional ways by organizing or volunteering for such events as a founder’s day celebration, a heritage music event, hayrides, ice cream socials, picnics, bandstand events, etc

Shows a Concern for Preservation and Works to Preserve Traditions and the Small-Town Atmosphere in the Community

- e.g., working to preserve historical Cary documents, structures, or events or someone who leads the charge to make Cary more family friendly

Promotes Entrepreneurship through Supporting Locally Owned Business

- e.g., starting a local currency program that rewards citizens for shopping locally

Promotes a Sense of Community in Their Neighborhood and All of Cary

- e.g., starting fun family friendly activities in his/her neighborhood where citizens have the chance to meet and interact with one another

Demonstrates Patriotism through Promotion and Preservation of the Country's Symbols and Dedication to the U.S. Military, Past and Present

- e.g., organizing or being a key volunteer for a formal event to honor our veterans or current military members

Serving the Community through Business

- e.g., a business owner who goes above and beyond their role to support and provide a service to the community in a down-home, hospitable manner

Nominate your Hometown Spirit Award candidate August 28 – September 22, 2017.

www.townofcary.org/spirit

Award/Recognition

- Nominees will be recognized on the Town's website and receive a *certificate* at the Hometown Sprit Award reception prior to the November Council meeting.
- The Mayor will announce the recipient and present him/her with a plaque at the November Council meeting.
- A photo of the current recipient and an excerpt from the nomination form will be displayed at Town Hall.
- The recipient's name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque at Town Hall.
- Current recipient will be asked to participate in the Tree Lighting ceremony in December.
- A tree will be planted in honor of the recipient at the Town's Arbor Day Celebration.



Recognizing citizens who
make a difference in our
community

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Nomination period
August 28 – September 22, 2017