



2024 Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards

These awards are given for projects completed in Fort Worth Nov. 1, 2023 to Nov. 1, 2024. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

Fort Worth Pride is awarded to a neighborhood association with a successful physical beautification or revitalization effort in 2024. The award recognizes neighborhoods that improve their physical space—including, but not limited to, parks, housing, lighting, traffic control, or other improvement projects.

Spirit of Fort Worth celebrates a neighborhood association that makes residents feel connected by focusing on social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood. The award is given to the association that exhibits the best spirit of neighborliness in 2024 through activities that promote working, playing or celebrating together.

Mayor's Civic Engagement and Community Collaboration Award honors a significant partnership and creative civic engagement initiative by a neighborhood organization or alliance to define a challenge, speak out, organize fellow neighbors, and work with their city, elected officials and/or other key stakeholders (schools, businesses, other neighborhood organizations) to find solutions that bring about positive change in their particular neighborhood and/or the city as a whole.

Mayor's Health and Wellness Award honors a significant effort in 2024 on the part of a neighborhood organization to come together in the name of improving their health and wellness. This could be anything from forming a weekly exercise group to hosting community exercise events to improving access to recreational amenities.

For each of the above categories, a first place award may be given to both a voluntary association and a mandatory association. **Neighborhood of the Year** will be selected from all finalists in the Fort Worth Pride, Spirit of Fort Worth, Mayor's Civic Engagement and Community Collaboration and Mayor's Health and Wellness award categories.

Code Compliance Officer of the Year recognizes an officer who—in addition to performing duties of investigating, documenting and ensuring compliance with city zoning, codes, ordinances and regulations—also responds to public inquiries courteously and efficiently, maintaining positive customer service relationships at all times.

Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) of the Year recognizes an NPO who—in addition to providing additional patrols and identifying crime trends in specific neighborhoods and/or geographic areas—also communicates with residents and business owners, attends community meetings and events, and fosters community leadership by recruiting volunteers for Citizens on Patrol, Crime Watch and other crime prevention tools.

Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award recognizes a person who, in their everyday life, has raised awareness of living a life of value with a disability and made impactful changes in Fort Worth that improve life opportunities for persons with disabilities. Nominees must reside in the City of Fort Worth, their contributions must have a demonstrated impact in Fort Worth, and only volunteer activities are eligible for consideration.

The Distinguished Service to Veterans Award recognizes individuals, businesses, or groups who have demonstrated remarkable dedication to supporting veterans and the veteran community in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year recognizes an individual who has given outstanding service to positively affect the lives of individuals in their neighborhood—a true “unsung hero” of the community.

Neighborhood Newsletter Award acknowledges excellence in communicating news about neighborhood events and issues, as well as helping develop interest and involvement in neighborhoods. Printed and electronic newsletters published in 2024 will be judged on content and overall appearance.

Questions? Please call the City of Fort Worth Community Engagement Office at 817-392-6201.



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Eligibility and Judging:

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- Awards are given for projects completed in Fort Worth Nov. 1, 2023 to Nov. 1, 2024.
- Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.
- Neighborhoods and individuals may self-nominate.
- The city will verify nominations with neighborhood association officers.
- Selection of winners will be based on the following criteria and the degree to which nominees are able to overcome obstacles, mobilize community resources and include stakeholders of diverse ability, age, culture, economic background, race, etc.:
 - ✓ Self Help/Financial Capability
 - ✓ Grassroots Involvement
 - ✓ Innovativeness
 - ✓ Community Benefit
 - ✓ Sustainability
 - ✓ Leadership Development
 - ✓ Partnership Building
 - ✓ Volunteerism
 - ✓ Replicable
- Judges will be appointed by the City of Fort Worth.
- Winners will be announced in March 2025, during the Mayor's Neighborhood Awards ceremony.

Submission Instructions:

1. Nomination forms and answers to award questions may be sent electronically **or** copied and hand-delivered.
 - a. Email: send to engagement@FortWorthTexas.gov with "Neighborhood Awards" in the subject line.
 - b. Copies must be on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Limit answers to no more than six (6) pages. No binders or sheet protectors. Hand-deliver two (2) copies of each nomination to:

Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
Community Engagement Office – 2nd floor
818 Missouri Ave., Fort Worth
2. Nominees are **encouraged to submit up to five (5) digital photos per award nomination**. Submit photos via email, a separate CD or thumb drive with the neighborhood association name in the subject line/file name. In submitting photos, you give the City of Fort Worth permission to reproduce photos for awards program, education and promotional purposes.

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