

Attachment A

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Community Service Award Procedure

Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is presented by the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission (PB&R) in the spirit of showing their appreciation to those individuals who contribute to the community and improve the quality of life in Newport Beach.

Awarded to individuals, agencies, community organizations, foundations, businesses, or educational institutions for outstanding public service in the support of creating community through people, parks and programs. Recipients are chosen based upon their significant effort of time and/or monetary contributions to influence and improve the quality of the Newport Beach community through contributions towards programs in parks, recreation, beaches, senior and community services.

Procedure

Nominations will be accepted from Commissioners, staff and residents anytime when deemed appropriate throughout the year on the attached form. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted. A subcommittee consisting of three PB&R Commissioners will review the nominations. Nominations that receive a majority of the subcommittee vote will be presented to the full commission for final vote at a future PB&R meeting. Presentation to the award winner will be made at the earliest available Commission meeting that the award winner is able to attend.

Selection Criterion (at least 3 criterions must be met)

1. Be a resident of the City of Newport Beach or actively teaching or volunteering in the community.
2. Active in Newport Beach programs including recreation, parks, beaches, open space, senior or community programs for at least one year.
3. Contributed to the development or improvement of new equipment, apparatus, parks, maintenance, facilities or programs in Newport Beach.
4. Proven record of outstanding volunteer service to the Newport Beach community.

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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: Karen Yelsey

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Program involvement:

- Decades of service to the PTA at every level from classroom volunteer to leadership
- As a PTA volunteer, rose to Chair the 1994 Spirit Run for all participating schools
- As a PTA volunteer, instrumental in helping Corona del Mar High (CDM) become recognized as a California Distinguished School and National Blue Ribbon School
- PTA President for Lincoln Elementary and CDM for 2 years each
- Board Member, including 4 terms as President, for the Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD)for 16 years
- As an NMUSD Board Member, in 2016, served on the Newport Beach Hometown Special Olympics Committee
- As an NMUSD Board Member, from 2011 until retirement, was a very active liaison for Spirit Run
- As an NMUSD Board Member, was a very active liaison to our Mayor's Youth Council Chairman of Board of Newport Police Foundation

Explain why you are nominating this person / group / organization: (choose one)
A Newport Beach resident for more than 45 years, Karen Yelsey and her husband Arthur raised three children here. Two of her adult children still reside in the City, and Karen and Arthur were also proud to welcome Newport Beach grandchildren. Over these many years, Karen has served her community in many capacities. She is highly respected throughout the community for her professionalism and work ethic. In the words of a close and knowledgeable friend, "Karen always puts those she serves first. It's never about her."

The list of Karen's service and accomplishments is lengthy. Below are a few highlights.

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As a NMUSD Board President and Member, Karen was committed to helping make NMUSD a high achieving, welcoming and safe environment for more than 19,000 students and 3,500 employees. A few of her contributions specific to Newport Beach included:

--being a very active liaison to Mayor's Youth Council, an unpaid internship program for high school students comprised of three different parts: education, service, and outreach. Youth members (1) learn, in depth, about the different career paths in the City; (2) plan, organize, and implement recreation special events as well as community outreach programs to share their knowledge with their peers; (3) create and enact charitable works; and (4) participate in a mock City Council meeting on a relevant topic to the community.

-- as a member of the Newport Beach Hometown Special Olympics Committee, connecting Orange County Special Olympics with NMUSD Special Education to begin the Young Athletes Program (YAP) and thereafter hold an annual NMUSD Special Olympics.

-- being instrumental in the construction of the new CDM track, turf fields, and lights, a lengthy process that involved a tremendous amount of community engagement. These features improved student athlete safety and enabled school teams to practice at night rather than off site.

--working closely with the school resource officers to help all members of the Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD). Through the School Resource Officer program, a partnership between the NBPD and NMUSD, Karen played a large role in ensuring all campuses were safe including the installation of perimeter fencing.

After retiring from the NMUSD school board, Karen continued her support of the NBPD. She joined and eventually became Chair of the Board of the Newport Beach Police Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to funding community outreach programs and internal department programs. A few accomplishments included and/or continue to include:

- funding the mounted force including recently bringing a second mounted horse;
- funding the K-9 activities;
- raising funds for officers' families when tragedy strikes;
- providing on duty meals for major holidays;
- sponsoring the Baker to Vegas relay race competition;
- sponsoring college scholarships for children of the NBPD.

(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Your Name: Diane Daruty Phone: 949 322-7949 Relationship to Nominee: Friend, Your email: Your email address Address: Your address

Please submit this application for consideration to:



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