

2023 Volunteer of the Year Award



Background

- Volunteer of the Year Award began in 2012
- **Past winners:**
 - Elizabeth Start - 2022
 - Brandi and Tom Johnson - 2021
 - Hamid Shibata Bennett - 2020
 - Lisa & Stephan Lashbrook - 2019
 - Greg Hemer - 2018
 - Lisa Gunion-Rinker - 2017
 - Joel Bergman - 2016
 - David Aschenbrenner - 2015
 - Alicia Hamilton - 2014
 - Dion Shepard - 2013
 - Ed Zumwalt – 2012



2023 Nominations

- The nomination process for 2023 began on Nov. 21, 2023 and ended on Feb. 14, 2024
- Ten community members were nominated. Listed in alphabetical order by last name.
 - Robby Bricker-Voyles
 - Christi Cawood
 - Pam Denham
 - Terri Geier-Brindell & Pam Denham
 - Heather Hobson
 - Charlotte Navarre
 - Stephanie Pino-Hess
 - Samantha Swindler
 - Dennis Ward
 - Steven Watkins

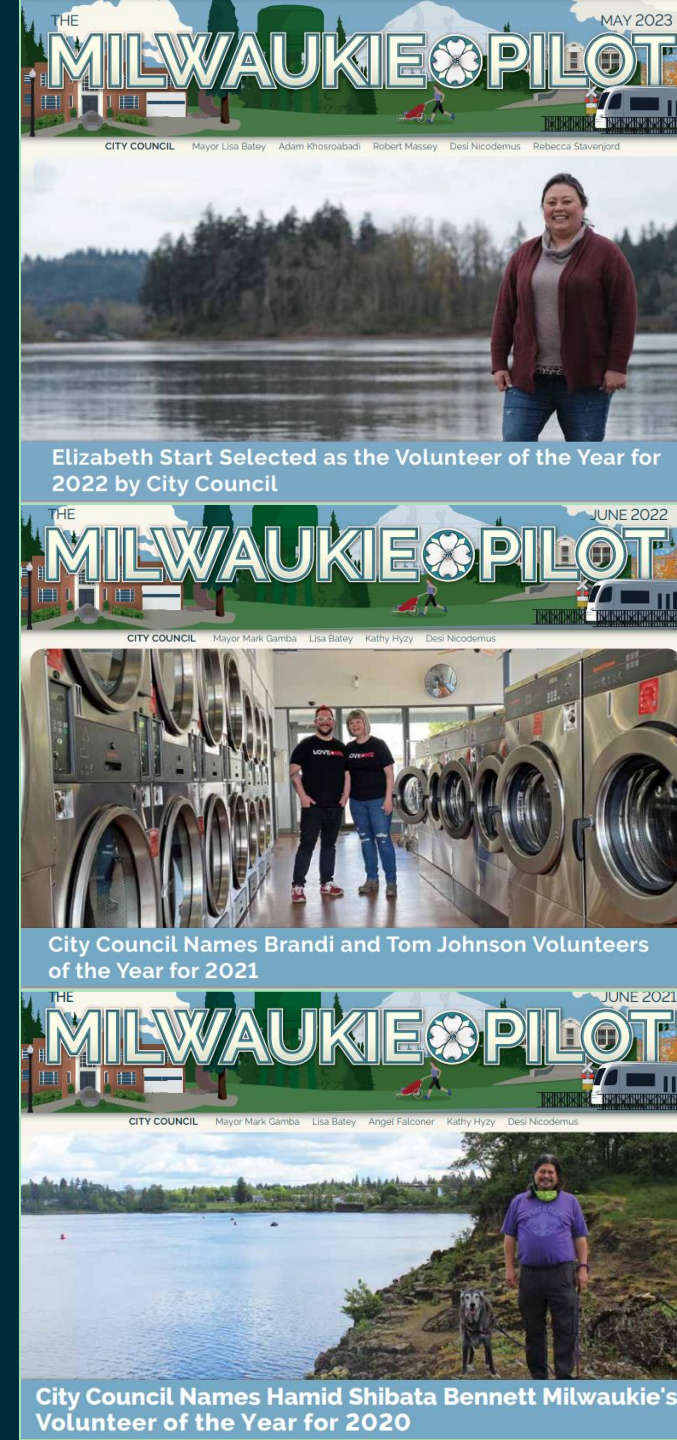


Criteria for Choosing the Winner

- Anyone who resides in Milwaukie or members of a non-profit organization/business that serves the Milwaukie community
- Longevity of service to the community
- Some contribution of volunteer service in 2023 within the nominee's total volunteer efforts
- Service within the city limits of Milwaukie
- Some contribution to a city related activity within the total effort is preferred (i.e. board, commission, committee, NDA, etc.), but not required

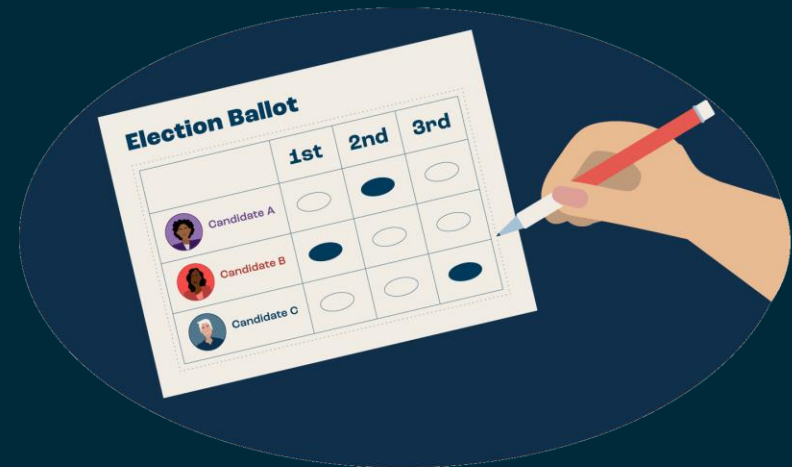
Thanking and Honoring the Winner

- Recognized at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in July
 - All members of boards, commissions, committees, and NDA officers are invited
- Featured in the Pilot newsletter (May or June)
- Social media posts
- Added to the Volunteer of the Year plaque at City Hall
- Loved and revered for eternity!



Process for Choosing the Winner

- Any questions about history or criteria?
- All nominees are highlighted and thanked!
 - Each Councilor talks about two nominees
- Winner chosen using ranked choice online voting tool
 - [RCV123.org](https://rcv123.org)
- Winner is announced!



Next Steps

- Staff will return to the April 16 City Council meeting to officially announce the winner and thank them
- Winner will be featured in the May or June Pilot Newsletter
- 2023 Volunteer of the Year honored at Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, July 11, 2024



