



What is a Hometown Hero?

The City of Sand Springs has established the “Hometown Hero” program as a means to provide official recognition from the City for those individuals who, through their unselfish efforts, contribute in some significant manner to the quality of life in the community and/or through community advancement of community goals and visions.

The award program is an ongoing process with nominations being accepted throughout the year, and presented at the annual Sand Springs Herbal Affair Festival. The award recipient will be presented with a plaque from the City in recognition of their specific deeds, actions, or contributions to the Sand Springs community based on the following three categories. The categories are:

Community Involvement – In recognition of volunteer service in activities which promote the welfare of the citizens of Sand Springs and the Sand Springs community.

Community Leadership – In recognition of those individuals who have assumed a positive leadership role in the community and whose leadership activities have resulted in the advancement of the goals of the community, the enhancement of the community quality of life, and economic vitality and/or livability.

Noteworthy Citizen Action – In recognition of an act or acts of a private citizen which are above and beyond the normal responsibilities of citizens and that result in a positive event or outcome of benefit to the community. Such actions include acts of heroism, significant donations of financial resources to fund community programs, and other humanitarian acts.

How do I nominate a Hometown Hero?

Nominations for the Hometown Hero Award program must be submitted in writing to the Sand Springs Parks office. A letter of nomination is attached and should include the following:

1. Nominee’s full name and address
2. Home and business telephone number
3. Nominee’s occupation and/or title
4. Name of the nominating person/persons
5. Detailed examples of the nominee’s contributions to the Sand Springs community using the criteria listed above
6. Three letters of support for the nominee from members of the community

Nominations will be reviewed by the Sand Springs Parks Advisory Board at their February meeting. Recipient of the award will be officially recognized at the annual Sand Spring Herbal Affair & Festival in April. **The date for the 2023 Herbal Affair and Festival is Saturday, April 15, 2023.**

Nominations will be accepted through February 3, 2023. Please email the completed application form to: jamedli@sandspringsok.org

What is the grading criteria for a Hometown Hero?

Hometown Hero's will be evaluated via a point scale system. The highest pointed candidate will be recognized as the successful nominee and named as that years Hometown Hero. Below are the weighted points for each category:

Volunteer service (welfare of citizens): 20 total points

What did the nominee do to offer services directly to citizens?

Volunteer service (built environment): 15 total points

What did the nominee do to offer services directly to infrastructure needs in the community?

Volunteer Hours: 25 total points

How many unpaid volunteer hours did the nominee contribute to the community?

Community leadership role: 5 total points

What leadership role did the nominee hold?

Community leadership role advancement: 15 total points

What advancement did the nominee make while in their leadership role?

Heroism: 10 total points

What act of heroism did the nominee perform?

Humanitarian acts: 10 total points

What other (if any) humanitarian acts did the nominee perform?



Application Form

YOUR Name:

Nominee Name:

Nominee Address:

Nominee Phone:

Home

Work/Mobile

Nominee Occupation/Title:

Please provide detailed examples of the nominee's contributions to the Sand Springs community using the criteria listed above: *(use additional space on a separate paper if needed)*

Hometown Hero Criteria