



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Chris McLeod, Planning Manager, ext. 2572
DATE: May 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2024 Earl Borden Award

REQUEST:

To present the 2024 Earl Borden Awards which recognize individuals, families, businesses and organizations who have made a positive impact in Historic Preservation in the City of Rochester Hills.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the City's Historic Districts Commission reviews nominations for the Earl E. Borden award. The Earl E. Borden Historic Preservation Award was created in 1989 by the Rochester Hills Historic Districts Commission upon recommendation by Patrick McKay, Director of Interpretative Services at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farms.

The Award was developed to honor both Mr. Borden and those award recipients who have demonstrated their love of our historic heritage by restoring, preserving and/or maintaining their properties according to the principles outlined in the U.S. Department of the Interior's Standards for preservation and the City of Rochester Hills Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The Historic Districts Commission may present two different types of awards and may also present more than one award in each category. The two different awards include; the Historic Preservation Award which recognizes buildings/structures that serve as outstanding examples of historic preservation, architectural integrity, and adaptive reuse and the second award, is the Historic Preservation Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding efforts to support historic preservation in our Community.

This year, the Historic Districts Commission met on March 14, 2024 to review potential recipients and voted unanimously to recognize multiple individuals for their outstanding leadership and efforts:

the Residents of Stoney Creek Historic District, for their dedicated efforts of preserving Stoney Creek Village and surrounding area and celebrating the Village's Bicentennial this past year. The Stoney Creek Village Historic District was originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 and subsequently amended several times, resulting in its current configuration and name, the Stoney Creek Historic District. From the original settlers of Lemuel Taylor and his five sons and their respective families that originally established the Stoney Creek settlement to the residents that maintain many of those same houses today, the Stoney Creek Historic District is a gem of the greater Rochester area and deserves much recognition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Historic Districts Commission request that City Council present the 2024 Earl Borden Preservation Leadership Award to the residents of Stoney Creek Village for their dedicated efforts of preserving Stoney Creek Village and celebrating the Village's Bicentennial this past year.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A