



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 27, 2026
SUBJECT: Presentation of the 2026 Earl Borden Award

REQUEST:

To present the 2026 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 12, 2026 to review potential recipients and voted unanimously to recognize the following individuals for their outstanding leadership and efforts:

The Stoney Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the City of Rochester Hills Public Library and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, who brought the American Revolution Experience to the Rochester Hills Public Library from January 11 - January 17 of this year. The experience included display panels and interactive digital kiosks that used storytelling, illustration, technology, unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with a focus on the more common people and places that shaped the birth of our nation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Historic Districts Commission request that City Council present the 2026 Earl Borden Preservation Leadership Award to the Stoney Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American

Revolution, the Rochester Hills Public Library, and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm for their efforts in telling the 250-year history of America, including the City of Rochester Hills, as a part of “The American Revolution Experience” earlier this year.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A