



Legislation Text

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Presentation of the “Art Hewitt Volunteer Spirit Award” and the “Steve Jones Inspiration Award” (Mayor Hallisey)

Art Hewitt dedicated 60 years of his life to the League City community by serving as a League City volunteer firefighter and inspiring countless others to make a commitment to service in League City. The City of League City honors Hewitt and keeps his passion for volunteerism alive through the Art Hewitt Volunteer Spirit Award.

After its announcement with the passing of Mr. Hewitt, the Art Hewitt Volunteer Spirit Award was given for the first time in 2013. The award is open to all volunteers; nominees do not need to live or work in League City but must volunteer for a City-related cause or project. Nominees will have made a significant contribution to League City by volunteering time and service to a City-related cause or project (including but not limited to, Helen Hall Library, Volunteer Fire Department, Animal Shelter, Leaders Make Readers, Volunteers in Policing, etc.) Nominations for the 2019 award were accepted through the City’s website.

Steve Jones worked as a page at the Helen Hall Library for fifteen years and served as the library’s official greeter at all events, ultimately becoming the face of the library, as well as its heart and soul. Steve was dedicated and devoted to League City, and despite dealing with health issues and other challenges, he managed to uplift and enlighten everyone he met. His contributions to League City prove that every individual has the power to inspire others through their actions and make a positive impact on the world around them.

In 2013, the City created the “Above and Beyond Award”, which is presented to a volunteer along with the Art Hewitt Volunteer Spirit Award. In May 2019, this award was renamed as the “Steve Jones Inspiration Award”. City staff members can nominate a City volunteer for this award. The award will be given yearly to an individual who is not only dedicated to serving a City cause or project but whose everyday actions and contributions, no matter how big or small, have made a lasting impact on our community and have inspired others to serve and engage in our City. The first award will be presented in 2019.

The winners of the 2019 Art Hewitt Spirit Award and Steve Jones Inspiration Award were selected by a committee that included members of City staff and will be announced at the Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Data Sheet