

Honoring Glenview's Best

Recipients of the 2016 Glenview Civic Awards will be recognized Friday, April 21 at North Shore Country Club.

In addition to "Citizen of the Year" Jill Brickman, the following award winners will be recognized:

Youth of the Year Award

According to Dr. Jim Shellard, assistant principal student activities at Glenbrook South High School, John Schurer "embodies the definition of a leader in the school and in the community. President of the student body, co-leader of the Key Club, editor-in-chief of the literary magazine, Calliope, and recognized by his peers as the embodiment of the class of 2017."

His accomplishments, which fill a four-page resume, feature his involvement as class president all four years, Key Club president for two years, founded GBS Random Acts of Kindness campaign, president for two years of Students for Students: Drug & Alcohol-Free Club, to name a few.

Public Safety Award

Chief of Police William T. Fitzpatrick nominated officer David Maize for this award because of his "quick response and pivotal actions" related to an emergency

medical incident Nov. 16. Officer Maize responded to an ambulance assist for an unresponsive 83-year-old male who was sitting under his carport. After checking for a pulse, not finding one, he grabbed his AED (automated external defibrillator) device and learned a CPR was recommended. By lowering the man to the ground, it opened his airway and helped to restore blood flow. Paramedics arrived at the scene and conducted CPR which resuscitated the individual.

Public Service Award

Chief of Police William T. Fitzpatrick nominated five civilians for not only being witnesses during a crime in Glenview, but for pursuing the burglar of a local food and liquor store before the police arrived.

Special Committee Award

Michael McCarty of the Glenview Park District nominated Steve Swanson, director of The Grove, for his 38 years of dedicated service to the park district. McCarty stated that Swanson developed The Grove into a nationally known historical museum and a thriving recreational and educational facility which is visited by thousands of people a year. Swanson was "instrumental in the restoration of the Kennicott House" and oversaw construction of various

educational buildings on site.

Helping Hands of Glenview was nominated by former Village President, Tom Smith, and his wife, Samantha, for assisting thousands of needy Glenview seniors and residents who are disabled for 30 years. Helping Hands volunteers provided necessary transportation to doctors appointments and other essential transportation amounting to 30,000 rides over the years. Helping Hands of Glenview coordinated matching Glenbrook South High School students with seniors to assist in yard work. The non-profit organization also helped local seniors through difficult financial situations.

Paul Klicker, deputy fire chief of the Glenview Fire Dept. and Stefan Johnson, deputy chief of police of the Glenview Police Department nominated Chris Falcon who is the owner of Reactive Performance Enhancement in Glenview and founder of Take No Bullying, an anti-bullying organization. He also established a community-based mentoring resource that bridges students and business owners so students learn about careers. They also nominated Ebrahim Valliani who represents the Ismaili Jamat Khana center on Shermer Road. The organization, which is based in Glenview, informs residents about civic opportunities and

presents programs and events that benefit the community. Falcon and Valliani hold food drives that benefit the local food pantry and Greater Chicago Depository. They also are available for search and rescue efforts and to assist in natural disasters. They established the first Glenview Community Connect hed at the Ismaili Center in 2016.

Stephen W. Ellis, past president Friends of the Glenview Library and Wendy L. Goldstein, vice president Glenview Public Library Board nominated Irene Overman Kreer for the Citizen of the Year award. She will receive a Special Committee Award for her devotion to the community since 1948. She has served on the Dist. 34 and 225 PTA boards and high school caucus. She has been a Girl Scout troop leader and taught Sunday School. Has served as a Glenview Library Trustee and board officer, spearheaded major fundraising activities for the Friends of the Glenview Library. Supports the Endowment Card program, which sees that all Glenview children benefit from having a library card. Lecturer, tour leader and study group coordinator for the library. Worked to make the Friends Used Book Store and the library's Amazon online storefront successful. She continues to manage the volunteers of the bookstore.