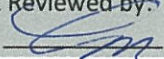


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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 4, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Council Subcommittee: Vice Mayor Neysa Hinton; Councilmember Sarah Gurney; Public Works Superintendent, Dante Del Prete
Responsible Department: Public Works Department
Subject: Approval of the Subcommittee Recommendation of the Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) Recognition Program Honoree
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee’s recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.
Funding: Currently Budgeted: X Yes _____ No _____ N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$6,369 2018/19 Funding Source: 124-4103-4330

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request that the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee’s recommendation to announce and recognize the succeeding honoree of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program was created to acknowledge and thank members of the Sebastopol community for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Honorees are announced and recognized with banners lining Sebastopol’s Main Street and Downtown Plaza, a proclamation by the City Council, and on the City website. There are three honorees each year, with each honoree being featured for approximately four months.

DISCUSSION:

On November 14, 2018, the LWMAD Subcommittee met and reviewed the nomination applications for the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program Honoree for this round.

The year-to-date nominees are as follows:

Gayle Bergmann	Emily Cline	Carson Pforsich (First LWMAD Honoree)
Tashi Dhargyal	Roger and Linda Collins	Meg Mizutani (Second LWMAD Honoree)
Mari Stusser	JP Merlaud and Jim Brown	
Myriah Volk	Evan Wiig	

Pending approval by the City Council, it is the LWMAD Subcommittee’s recommendation that **Roger and Linda Collins** be announced and recognized as the next City of Sebastopol Locals Who Make a Difference Honorees.

For over 18 years, Roger and Linda Collins have organized, prepared and served a Community Thanksgiving Dinner for people in need. Here are a few excerpts from their nomination application:

“Roger and Linda have probably served more than 10,000 Thanksgiving meals to folks who might not otherwise enjoy a hot meal on Thanksgiving, making sure that anyone who wants to take an extra meal home has plenty for their plate.”

“Their dinners are a real treat and people look forward to enjoying his special style of turkey year after year.”

“Not only do Roger and Linda organize and cook the whole thing, they also stay to the very end until the last dish is washed!”

“They are a local Sebastopol couple who truly make a difference and make our community a better place.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the LWMAD Subcommittee’s recommendation to announce and recognize Roger and Linda Collins as the succeeding honorees of the Locals Who Make a Difference Recognition Program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None