

The Waunakee Community Services Department
presents the
Friend of the Community
Award
to
Waunakee Rotary
2022

The Village of Waunakee Community Services Department is thrilled to present our “Friend of the Community” award to Waunakee Rotary.

Throughout the years there have been many wonderful partners who help our department provide quality programs, activities, and facilities to the citizens of our community. None, however, have been as consistent and generous in their contributions as the Waunakee Rotary. The club has left their imprint on our Village in a wide variety of ways

One of the most impactful ways that the Rotary has helped our community is through their park improvement projects. They have supplied the expertise, funding, and volunteer help to facilitate many projects in the last 15 years including the replacement of the Village Park main playground equipment. They have completed many projects at the Village Center Pond creating a beautiful walkway with lights, installation of an aeration system to keep the water clear and the fish thriving, and built a beautiful, accessible fishing pier for all to enjoy. In the Castle Creek Conservancy Waunakee Rotary has installed walking bridges that connect a trail system that supports walking, bird watching, and nature exploration year-round. At Village Hall they transformed a busy intersection into a beautiful urban park called Rotary Plaza. Most recently the club has gained approval to install solar lights in the Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area which will extend the operation hours of the much-used facility throughout the spring and the fall seasons.

The Waunakee Rotary has also been an instrumental partner assisting with our recreational programs – supporting our team and the community both financially and with much-needed volunteers. Examples of the events that they support include the Easter Egg Hunt; Tri 4 School Youth Triathlon; Live from the Park concert series; Chalk Walk Waunakee; Summer Senior Picnic and Santa at the Village Center. They support the Senior Center, the Waunakee Public Library, WaunaFest, Waunakee Food for Kidz, the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection, the Waunakee Food Pantry, the Waunakee Schools, and many others. One of their most notorious events is the annual Rotary Lights with over 20,000 feet of lights in beautiful Village Park. Each evening throughout the month of December you will find families from all over Dane County driving or walking through the park to view the lights. Donations received through this wonderful community event are used to further support projects throughout the Village.

According to their website, the motto of the club is “Service Above Self” and we wholeheartedly agree that for Waunakee Rotarians this is more than a slogan – this is their way of life. A huge thank you to the Waunakee Rotary for your continued commitment to our community!