



NEIGHBORHOOD GEM AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

CARMELA PRIMAVERA

The Neighborhood Gem Award honors individuals whose care, generosity, and everyday actions make their corner of the village a better place. They look out for those around them, offer a helping hand without hesitation, and bring warmth and kindness to the people they live near. Their dedication quietly strengthens the bonds in their area and makes life better for everyone nearby.

Nominated by: Christopher McAllister and Faith Bernardi

Summary of Nomination:

Carmela is the heart and soul of her neighborhood, a beacon of generosity, kindness, and care. Through her love of cooking and baking, she brings people together, spreading joy and comfort to neighbors and friends alike. She donates home-cooked meals to residents who are sick or in need, shares treats with the police and fire departments, and regularly delivers her delicious creations to families throughout the area.

Her generosity is personal and heartfelt. While many might offer a gift card or a simple gesture, Carmela gives something even more meaningful: her time, her effort, and dishes made with love. Whenever someone calls asking for help feeding a neighbor, she is ready to get the oven going or put a pan on the stove, ensuring that no one feels forgotten or alone.

Carmela embodies the spirit of an Italian Nona, filling homes with warmth, laughter, and the comforting aromas of her cooking. She brightens every day with her meals and baked goods, going out of her way to make others feel loved, valued, and remembered.

On behalf of the Village, we celebrate Carmela with the Neighborhood Gem Award. Her dedication, thoughtfulness, and unwavering willingness to serve others leave a lasting impression, making her neighborhood brighter, more welcoming, and full of heart for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruyn", written over a white background.

Mayor Jeff Pruyn

September 7, 2025