



NEIGHBORHOOD GEM AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

SHARON HOWER

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: Eileen Ellenbecker

Summary of Nomination:

Sharon is a true gem in her neighborhood, known for her kindness, warmth, and unwavering community spirit. Through her dedication to St. Peter the Apostle, she volunteers her time and energy, offering a helping hand or a word of encouragement whenever needed. Her presence uplifts everyone she meets, creating a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for neighbors and friends alike.

As an avid walker, Sharon brings a sense of connection to the streets she travels. She greets neighbors with a warm smile and friendly wave, taking the time to stop and chat, brightening the days of those around her. Sharon has also contributed to her community through nearly 20 years of participation in a local book club. She regularly opens her home to host thoughtful discussions, share delicious snacks, and foster camaraderie, creating a space that encourages friendship and connection.

Sharon's generosity and friendship extend far beyond organized activities. She listens, celebrates the triumphs of others, and provides support whenever it is needed. Her integrity, compassion, and dedication strengthen her neighborhood, making it a more joyful and caring place to live.

On behalf of the Village, we honor Sharon with the Neighborhood Gem Award, recognizing her extraordinary commitment to uplifting neighbors, fostering connection, and leaving a lasting, positive impact on the community she calls home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Jeff Pruyn

September 7, 2025