

Burien Citizen of the Year Award Winners: 1995-2021



Since 1995, the Burien City Council has honored community members who make outstanding contributions to our community by presenting them with the Citizen of the Year award. Recipients are nominated annually by Burien residents.

Business Leader Awards		
Year	Name	Business
1995	Thomas Crawley	Downtown Burien Association
1996		Nice Day Coffee Co.
1997	Tom Gehl	Gehl Flowers
	Daniel House	Dan The Sausage Man
1998	Linda Isernio	Interwest Bank
1999	Brian Gemeroy	Auto Paint Specialty
	Judy Gill	The County Garden
2000	Jim Davis	Ty-con Plastercraft
2001	Duane Quande	Burien City Garage
2002	Kevin Fitz	Meal Makers Restaurant
2003	Douglas Moreland	Attorney at Law
2004	Dean Parkins	Business Consultant
2005	Mark Minium	Owner of Burien Honda
2006	Jim Hughes	Sal's Delicatessen
2007	Ryan Warnes	BBC Dodge
2008	Mick Purdy and Adrian	Mick Kelly's Irish Pub
2009	Harvey Aulgur	
2010	Jerry Robinson	Highline Newspaper
2011	Debra George	

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Educational Leader Awards	
Year	Leslie Perry, Principal - Hazel Valley Elementary
1995	Dr. Joseph McGeehan, Superintendent – Highline School District
1996	Rowena Chaney – Highline School District Museum
1997	Florence Smallwood – Literacy Program
1998	David D. Branson – Burien Community Computer Center
1999	Gertrude Pearson – Highline Fitness and Swim Club Instructor
	Dorothy and Homer Lockett
2000	John Leonard
2001	Gloria Witters
2002	New Futures
2003	Darrell and Barbara Williams
2004	David Cotlove
2005	Carol Bobanick
2006	Highline High School Alumni Foundation
2007	Victoria Hall
2008	Alice Madsen
2009	Luke Cruise
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Environmental Leader Awards	
Year	
2003	Lucy Krakowiak
2004	Emelie McNett

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2005	Environmental Science Center
2006	Ede Seaman
2007	Jean Spohn
2008	Larry Moormeier
2009	Kevin Alexander
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2011	Brooks Stanfield
Community Activist Leader Awards	
Year	Name
1995	Minnie O. Brasher
1996	Kathy Parker
1997	Al and Barbara Reamer
	Ken and Carol Selander
1998	Joann Lawrence
1999	Mickey Kraut
2000	Pam Harper
2001	Margie McLaughlin
2002	Peggy Sharkey
2003	Dick Dahlgard
2004	Reverend Charles Kothe
2005	Mauricio Ayon
2006	Rochelle Flynn
2007	Fay Alpaugh

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2008	Joan Cox
2009	Dane Johnson and Kathy Justin
2010	John Nelson
2011	Maggie Larrick and Eric Dickman
Citizen of the Year Award	
2012	John Feeney
2013	Michael Noakes and Donna DiFiore
2014	Neighbors of Seahurst Park, Betty Olson Vaaca, and Maureen Hoffman
2015	Eric Mathison
2016	Cassidy Huff
2017	Larry Cripe (Quiet Skies Coalition) and Wendy Meyers-Wenger
2018	Para los Niños
2019	Cynthia Upthegrove
2020	Lina Thompson, Jenny Partch, Grace Stiller
2021	Roxana Pardo Garcia and Don and Charlotte Berg