

Jean Turnbaugh Memorial Citizens Award

Qualifications:

History: The NRPS Jean Turnbaugh Memorial Citizens Award was initiated in September 1999, in memory of a long time NRPS/NRPA member, Mrs. Jean Turnbaugh. Jean was active, involved, and dedicated to the recreation and park movement on the local, regional, branch and national levels for over twenty years. She was one of the first Nevadans to serve on the NRPA Board of Trustees, as a citizen member.




She held many voluntary positions, and at one time concurrently served on the Clark County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Chair), Sunrise Manor Township Board (Chair), Citizen Board Member Representative to the NRPS Executive Board, CBM Representative to the Pacific Southwest Regional Council, CBM Board of Directors, and NRPA Board of Trustees.

Jean's enthusiasm and dedication to parks and recreation, along with her ability to inspire other citizens to take a more active role, made her an exceptional member. We are proud of her many accomplishments and saddened by her passing.








Eligibility: In order to encourage and stimulate involvement of citizens in NRPS activities, a Citizens category shall be awarded.

Citizen Award criteria require special achievement through a specific program, project, event, or contribution of exceptional merit, which has extensively and directly benefited the public at large.







This category is slightly different in the fact that nominated individuals are not necessarily professionals, and may not have access to the resources available to paid staff.

-  There will be leeway given in evaluating the impact of their service. In order for this to be an appropriate state award, there should be evidence of achievement at the State level.
-  There is currently no limitation on how many citizens may receive an award. This award should not be used by agencies to recognize routine local volunteer service.
-  This should not preclude truly significant local achievements in terms of leadership, major gifts, pioneering efforts influencing the profession, or creation of new groups, or financing methods of significance. As this category is more subjective, it is more difficult to score. The scoring system will include:
 - Contribution to the local parks and recreation program.
 - Volunteer work with the community.
 - Contributions to parks, conservation and/or recreation.

Individual citizen (s) who have made an outstanding contribution to the park, recreation and conservation movement, in the form of, but not limited to, the following:

-  Preparing and/or sponsoring legislation.
-  Supporting and promoting the movement on all levels.
-  Serving as a board or commission member.
-  Serving on a citizens' committee, which worked to raise funds, secure approval of bond issues, and promote special projects, etc.
-  Outstanding volunteer services to the field, for a neighborhood, community or state level.
-  Generate grants of land, money, equipment, scholarships, or other gifts, which affect the total field.
-  Other services, which in the opinion of the NRPS Awards Committee, entitle the individual to be considered.

Organization(s) involvement which affected the general field, rather than for commercial reward or profit in the form of, but not limited to, the following:

-  Outstanding volunteer services to the field.
-  Active support of NRPS at the neighborhood, community, or state level.
-  Development of professional operation procedures, significant research, or method of recruitment of personnel to the field.
-  Development of improved college curriculum in the field.
-  Development of new equipment, apparatus, or facility design.
-  Generate grants of land, money, equipment, scholarships, or other gifts of state, regional, or national significance.