

Title: Support for Selecting Community Volunteer Grant Francis as the 2022 NCWP Star of the Neighborhood	
Meeting date:	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): N/A	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? No	
Additional documents attached? No	

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa select community volunteer Grant Francis as the 2022 NCWP Star of the Neighborhood

**BACKGROUND:**

For many years, the Neighborhood Council has selected an annual Star of the Neighborhood to be recognized by the NCWP and honored during the annual Fourth of July Parade. The purpose of the award is to identify and honor those unsung heroes of our community who quietly, persistently and without fanfare voluntarily perform good deeds that serve the needs of their neighbors and/or the community.

**DISCUSSION:**

Grant has been very involved with his community for a very long time. He was involved with the YMCA for many years, helping with the fundraising campaign, sponsoring a Hi-Y group, managing a summer camp, working on the Christmas tree lot for the Y's men, and starting the Westchester Hot Line in conjunction with Airport Marina Counseling Center. He has been the block captain of his block for many years and has worked with Cyndi Hensch in starting many of the neighborhood watch groups in the community. He has hung most of the Neighborhood Watch signs in Westchester. Most recently, started the Westchester Team Challenge and the Clean Up Westchester group, that goes out every month to beautify a major street in Westchester. The group has grown to about 50+ people that come out on any given month. Founded, along with Amy Frelinger, the Westchester Team Challenge is a day of field games for adults held at LMU, creating friendly competition between neighbors, businesses and community groups. It has been put on hold due to the pandemic, but Grant hopes to revive it soon.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

No fiscal implications to the Neighborhood Council unless the NCWP decides to present some type of award.

**MOTION:**

THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER PLAYA NAME COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GRANT FRANCIS THE 2022 NCWP STAR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.