

**Memorandum
Community & Economic Development Department**



To: Randall Tweet, City Manager
Subject: Rain & Community Gardens Award Presentation
Date: October 12, 2016

The Beautification Commission is pleased to announce this year's awards for "Best Rain Garden" and Community Garden recognition for City Council's October 24th meeting. Mayor Pauley will say a few words about each award and call the winners forward and Beautification Commission Chairman Bob Towler will congratulate them and present them with a certificate. Afterwards, a group photo will be taken of all the winners.

This is the 11th annual "Best Rain Garden" contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize citizens who show pride in their properties and their neighborhoods by keeping remarkably neat and well-maintained rain gardens. Pictures were taken of each rain garden and Commission members voted on the most outstanding rain gardens of 2015-2016. A list of recipients' names and addresses are listed below; many are expected to attend the October 24th Council meeting.

2015-2016 Rain Garden Awards

1st Place: Patrick Mahar, 1845 30th Street
2nd Place: John and Tierney Brosius, 3210 29th Avenue
3rd Place: Michael and Lenore Knock, 1816 36th Street

The purpose of the Community Garden Awards is to recognize citizens and organizations who show pride in their gardens and their neighborhoods by keeping remarkably neat and well-maintained community gardens. Pictures were taken of several community gardens located on the City-owned/Leased Garden Lots list and the Beautification Commission members voted to recommend the following Rock Island Community Garden supporters and participants with a certificate. An overall winner is not chosen, nor are winners ranked. A list of recipients' names and addresses are listed below and many are expected to attend the October 24th Council meeting.

2016 Community Garden Awards

Lea Nzeyiamana, 431 9th Street and 917 5th Avenue
Elisabeth Ndikumana, 612 5th Street
Fanstine Munyaiakaz, 930 10th Avenue
Seraphine Avegnon, 1015 9th Street
Broadway Church, 1123 9th Street
Jaques Barutwanayo, 1927/1929 9th Street

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