



DENNY AWARDS FACT SHEET

Background: Seattle Parks and Recreation initiated the Denny Awards in 2003. The awards are presented at a volunteer recognition ceremony each year. These prestigious awards reflect Seattle Parks and Recreation's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship and providing safe and welcoming recreational opportunities for all Seattle citizens. The awards acknowledge and honor the hard work and dedication of people who volunteer their time, energy, and resources to enhance parks, facilities and recreation programs.

Purpose: The purpose of this annual award is to recognize individuals, businesses or organizations deemed to have made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to parks and recreation in Seattle.

Criteria: Denny Awards nominees should meet the following minimum qualifications. The nominee must have:

- Demonstrated exceptional stewardship to parks and/or recreation;
- Provided stellar leadership related to enhancing and preserving parks and/or recreation programs;
- Demonstrated a significant personal commitment of time and effort to assist Seattle Parks and Recreation, and
- Gained respect of community peers for efforts to help Seattle Parks and Recreation.

These contributions or qualities foster a spirit of teamwork in pursuit of a better quality of life for citizens of Seattle, and in helping to preserve and enhance parks and recreation facilities and services. Awards recipients are not advocates of any particular philosophy, or agenda, but act in a way that helps us leave a positive parks and recreation legacy for future generations.

Selection process and presentation: Seattle Parks and Recreation's Volunteer Recognition Committee will make recommendations on award recipients to the Parks and Recreation Superintendent, who will make the final decision. The Committee will base its recommendations on information provided in the nomination in keeping with Denny Awards criteria. The Department retains the right to bestow more than one award, if so merited, or to bestow no award in the unlikely event of receiving no qualified nomination.

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