

These awards are given for projects completed in Fort Worth Nov. 1, 2024 to Nov. 1, 2025.

Application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

Fort Worth Pride Award

Honors a neighborhood association that achieved a successful beautification or revitalization effort in 2025. The award recognizes neighborhoods that enhance their physical environment — including, but not limited to, improvements to parks, housing, lighting, traffic control, or other community infrastructure projects.

Spirit of Fort Worth Award

Celebrates a neighborhood association that fosters connection and pride through social or cultural engagement in 2025. The award recognizes neighborhoods that best demonstrate the spirit of neighborliness through activities that bring residents together to work, play, or celebrate as a community.

Community Collaboration and Engagement Award

Honors a neighborhood organization or alliance that demonstrated exceptional civic engagement and collaboration in 2025. The award recognizes partnerships and initiatives that defined community challenges, mobilized residents, and worked with city leaders, schools, businesses, and other stakeholders to create positive change for their neighborhood and Fort Worth as a whole.

Healthy Neighborhood Award

Recognizes a neighborhood organization that made a significant effort in 2025 to improve community health and well-being. The award honors neighborhoods that promote active lifestyles, organize health-focused events, or increase access to recreational amenities for residents of all ages.



Safety First Neighborhood Award (New)

Recognizes a neighborhood association's outstanding commitment in 2025 to creating a safer community. The award honors neighborhoods that partner with public safety agencies and take proactive steps to enhance the safety and well-being of all residents.

Partners in Learning Award (New)

Honors a neighborhood association that supported education and inspired a love of learning in 2025. The award recognizes neighborhoods that partner with schools, promote lifelong learning, and create opportunities for residents to grow and achieve together.

Neighborhood Newsletter Award

Acknowledges excellence in neighborhood communication and outreach in 2025. The award recognizes printed and electronic newsletters that effectively share news, promote events, and encourage resident engagement through high-quality content and presentation.

For each of the above categories, a first-place award may be given to both a voluntary association and a mandatory association.

Neighborhood of the Year will be selected from all finalists in the Fort Worth Pride, Spirit of Fort Worth, Mayor's Civic Engagement & Community Collaboration, Mayor's Health & Wellness and Safety-First Neighborhood categories.



In addition to our Neighborhood awards, we also have awards that recognize outstanding individuals in our community.

Code Compliance Officer of the Year

Honors a code compliance officer who demonstrated exceptional service in 2025. The award recognizes an individual who, in addition to investigating, documenting, and ensuring compliance with city zoning, codes, ordinances, and regulations, consistently responds to public inquiries with professionalism and courtesy, maintaining positive relationships and delivering outstanding customer service.

Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) of the Year

Recognizes a Neighborhood Patrol Officer who provided exemplary service in 2025 to strengthen safety and community trust. The award honors an officer who, beyond performing patrol duties and addressing crime trends, actively engages with residents and businesses, attends community meetings and events, and fosters community leadership through volunteer programs such as Citizens on Patrol and Crime Watch.

Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award

Honors an individual who demonstrated leadership and advocacy in 2025 by raising awareness of living a life of value with a disability. The award recognizes someone who has made meaningful, lasting contributions that expand opportunities and improve quality of life for persons with disabilities across the Fort Worth community.

Fort Worth Neighbor of the Year

Recognizes an individual who provided outstanding service and dedication to their neighborhood in 2025. The award honors a true "unsung hero" whose actions have strengthened community connections and positively impacted the lives of neighbors through generosity, compassion, and civic pride.



Eligibility and Judging:

- Awards are open to all associations and alliances that are registered with the City of Fort Worth.
- Awards are given for projects completed in Fort Worth Nov. 1, 2024 to Nov. 1, 2025.
- Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2026.
- The city will verify nominations with neighborhood association officers.
- Judges will be members of the Neighborhood Engagement & Revitalization Alliance of North Texas. City staff will not participate in the judging.
- Winners will be announced March 7, 2026, during the Mayor's Neighborhood Awards ceremony.

Submission Instructions:

- All applications can be submitted using the link on the engagement webpage.
- If you have difficulty using the online submission form, reach out to the Community Engagement Office and someone will assist you.
- Nominees are encouraged to submit up to five (5) digital photos per award nomination. In submitting photos, you give the City of Fort Worth permission to reproduce photos for awards program, education and promotional purposes.

Criteria:

Selection of winners will be based on the following criteria and the degree to which nominees are able to overcome obstacles and mobilize community resources:

- Self Help/Financial Capability
- Grassroots Involvement
- Innovativeness
- Community Benefit
- Sustainability
- Leadership Development
- Partnership Building
- Volunteerism
- o Replicable

Questions? Contact the Community Engagement Office at 817-392-6201.