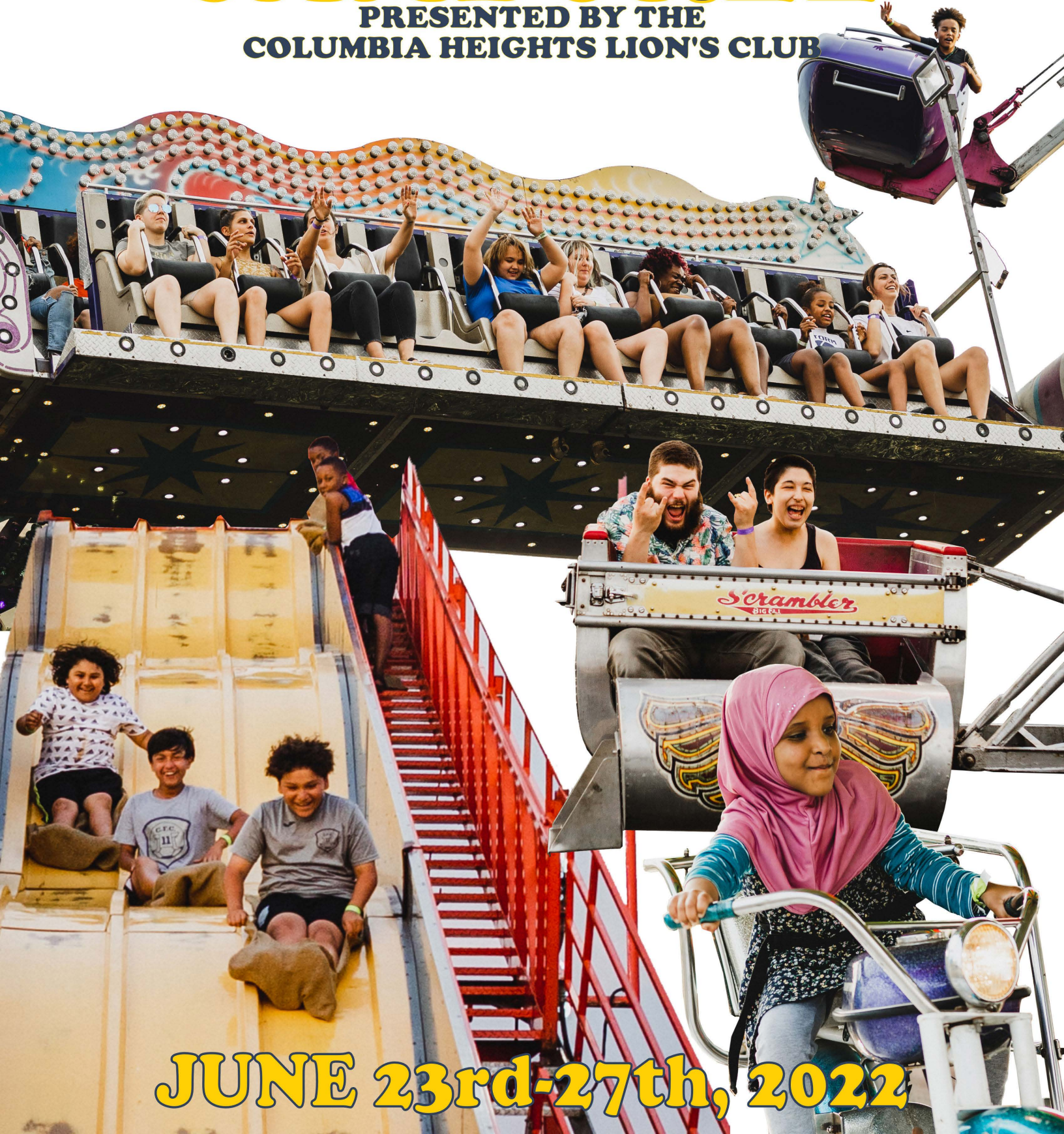




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We are thrilled to celebrate the annual Columbia Heights Jamboree! All your favorite events will take place, including the carnival, fireworks, parade, car show, pancake breakfast, beer garden, softball tournament, medallion hunt, and community art and info fair. Find out about these events and more in our handy map and events tab in the center pages, and additional information located throughout this booklet. Please like us on Facebook at **Columbia Heights Lions** and **2022 Columbia Heights Jamboree**. Also check out www.columbiaheightslions.com for the online booklet and even more photos and information.

Over 85 businesses and organizations have contributed their time and treasure to make the 2022 Columbia Heights Jamboree a success. Please take the time to look at our sponsors and consider patronizing them.

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Columbia Heights Lions President



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Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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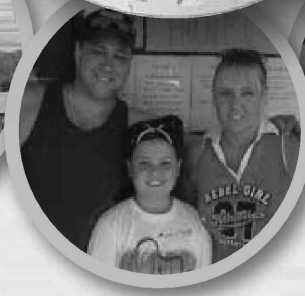
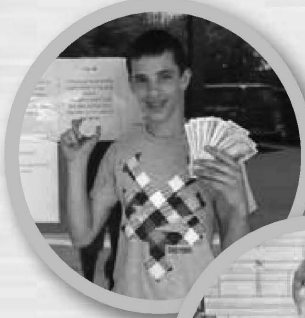


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2022 Columbia Heights Jamboree Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 22

Tasty Pizza Medallion Hunt Begins!
CLUES POSTED AT 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM
UNTIL FOUND

Thursday, June 23

Carnival: 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Lions Beer Garden: 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM
City Knights Perform: 7:00 PM

Friday, June 24

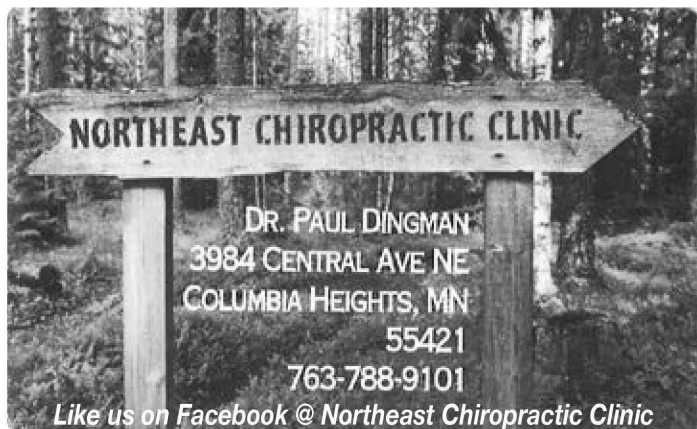
Carnival: 3:00 PM – midnight
Lions Beer Garden: 3:00 PM – midnight
Jamboree Parade: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, June 25

Carnival: 1:00 PM – midnight
Lions Beer Garden: 1:00 PM – midnight
Fireworks: Begins at Dusk
Joe Macko Performs: 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 26

Carnival: Noon – 6:00 PM
Lions Beer Garden: Noon – 6:00 PM



Jamboree Hotline
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\$8: Adults and Teens

\$5: Kids 5–12

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JAMBOREE RECYCLING & COMPOSTING

- All food vendors at the Jamboree Carnival use compostable products.
- There will be organics/composting, recycling, and trash options for event attendees to put their waste. Look for the labels!
- The City of Columbia Heights and Jamboree organizers are excited to have these options to reduce City and event waste.
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Community Art & Info Fair



June 23, 5-7:30 pm, Huset Park West. Art vendors, craft sales, info booths, live music, food trucks, ice cream, and a petting zoo! To register a vendor booth, call 763-706-3730 by June 16. This annual event takes place near Murzyn Hall and the park splash pad with more than 50 art and info stations.



Movies In the Park

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the outdoors at the movies for free! Free popcorn will also be available at each screening as supplies last.

Aug 11, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, 8:30 pm, Huset Park West

Aug 25, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, 8 pm, Huset Park West

Sept 16, Encanto, 7:30 pm, McKenna Park



Music In the Park

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy music in the park from a variety of bands! This free event series returns for its second year to Huset Park and includes food trucks on site and beer sales from the Lions Club.

July 6, The Jolly Ramblers, 6:30-8 pm, Huset Park East, food trucks on site

Aug 3, Pickle, 6:30-8 pm, Huset Park East, food trucks on site

For info on these and many other summer events in town, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/events, or call 763-706-3614. Also find updates on our Facebook page @columbiaheightsmn, our Twitter page at @heightsmn, and our Instagram feed @columbiaheightsmn.



CONTEST: 2023 Art of Columbia Heights Calendar

Calling all visual artists! The City will be making an Art of Columbia Heights Calendar for 2023 featuring photographs of art, artists, and artistic things in Columbia Heights, as well as visual art submissions from Columbia Heights residents. All photos must be taken within Columbia Heights, and all non-photo art submissions must be by a City resident. Artists whose images are chosen to be included in the calendar will receive recognition in the City Newsletter and two free copies of the calendar to keep. The submission deadline is Nov 1, 2022. Full guidelines at columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos.

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos for details. Call 763-706-3615 with questions.

For another way to keep informed, the City sends out a monthly e-newsletter:

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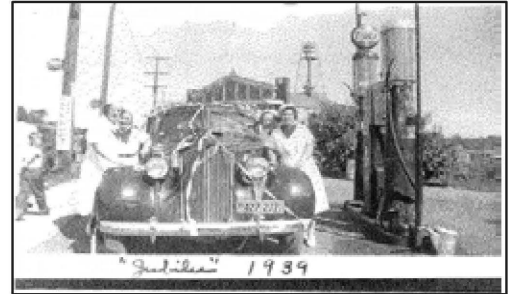


Columbia Heights Jamboree History

The first Columbia Heights celebration was called the "Heights Jubilee"

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, the city prepared to hold the 1st Heights Jubilee Program to celebrate the completion of the pavement and the opening of Central Avenue. The festivities started at 10 am that morning. Governor Floyd B. Olson gave the principal address at 2:30 pm, and the city's businesses were closed to honor the Governor's visit. The Jubilee featured children's programs at the High School athletic field on 41st Avenue. There was a parade featuring school children, the fire department, and floats that moved down Central Avenue to 37th and returned. There were also races planned for the children which climaxed with a blueberry pie eating contest.

The committee for the Jubilee was composed of Chairman Matt Milner, Chris Anderson, Walter Sochacki, Peter Deanovic, Gust Lindberg, and J.B. McCann. At 2:15 pm, Mayor Ralph Crisp officially opened the celebration when he presented the keys to the city to the public. After the Governor's remarks, the High School Band had a concert. Following the concert, the highway department's Chief Construction Engineer, O.L. Kipp, and Executive James Kelly of the Bureau of Public Roads addressed those present. At 4 pm there was entertainment at the High School field. Being that this was an election year, all candidates seeking office were permitted to speak. In the evening, US Senator Henrik Shipstead and Congressman Ernest Lundeen addressed the crowd. The day's events culminated with vaudeville show and a street dance. All the businesses decorated their store fronts, helped sponsor concessions, and contributed to the fund to purchase prizes for all the events. Some of the prizes given were for those who had come the farthest distance, oldest couple present, largest family present, and the oldest (in years of residence) Columbia Heights citizen.



You can read more of this article by Marlane Szurek at www.columbiaheightslions.com.



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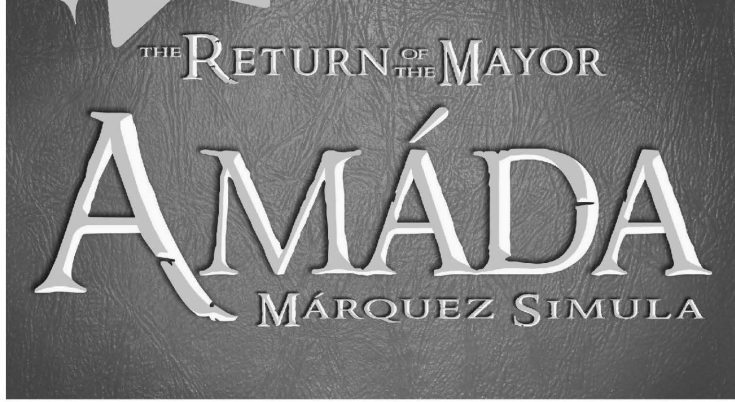
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2022 Grand Marshal NICK NOVITSKY

It is our honor and pleasure to introduce you to the 2022 Jamboree Grand Marshal, Nick Novitsky. Lion Nick Novitsky is a lifelong Columbia Heights resident and current City Councilmember. His first experience with the Columbia Heights Lions Club was when he won the Drug Awareness Poster Contest as a young child; ever since, his heart has been with the Lions Club and their mission to help better the community. As a cub scout and with his youth sports teams, participating in events like the Jamboree and parade made the yearly city celebration a fun family event. Nick and his wife Angie have continued the tradition with their daughters, consistently marching in the parade with girl scouts or for our local rec programs.

After Nick officially joined the Lions in 2014 it was not surprising that soon after he chose to take on the role of Jamboree Coordinator; along with the many other roles he's taken throughout the years. Under his leadership numerous updates and additions have been achieved that continue to make the Jamboree a safe and welcoming event for everyone to attend and participate in.

Since joining the Lions Nick has served as Club President (2 years), Vice President (2 years), Bar Captain (3 years), and continues to serve as Chair on multiple committees (i.e., membership, speech/vision, public relations, scholarship). He does all this and leads other Lion projects; such as the twice yearly Adopt-a-Highway pickup event that continues to grow and evolve into a city-wide clean-up initiative, bringing multiple volunteer groups together to achieve a cleaner and more connected Columbia Heights.

Our environment has always been an important topic with Nick and is also an International Lions Club goal. Nick has made sure that the Columbia Heights Lions Garden is being maintained as a pollinator-friendly garden, by working with other groups and organizing the building and installation of our future Bee hotels, located at the public library and silver lake.

He has done an outstanding job as a councilmember and has shown tenacity and fairness by listening to anyone and everyone needing or wanting to be heard, he introduces the best solutions he can find for any issues and isn't afraid to compromise with differing opinions when needed.

Lion Nick Novitsky is a wonderful representation of our club, and he actively involves the Columbia Heights Lions with other clubs in our district. He was even able to help carry the district flag at the 101st International Lions Club Convention.

As an exemplary example of leadership and his successful recruiting efforts for our club, the Columbia Heights Lions are now more involved and farther-reaching as an organization that totally embraces the Lions motto "We Serve".

Nick has shown an uncanny energetic zest for the Columbia Heights community, and we strongly believe he will continue to move this city forward with the best intentions and amazing outcomes.

Once again, it's our honor and privilege to introduce to you the 2022 Jamboree Grand Marshal, Nick Novitsky.

Lion Nick Novitsky is a life long Columbia Heights resident that had his first experience with the Lions Club when he won the drug awareness poster contest as a young child with his Garfield drawing. (He had lead the postor contest for several years as well). Participating in Jamboree events like the parade as a cub scout or with his youth sports teams made the yearly celebration a family event. Nick and his wife Angie continued the tradition with their daughters being in parade for girl scouts or the rec programs.

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What made you want to be in Columbia Heights?

I've spent almost all my life here and I worked at this Cafe for 10 years before owning it.

How have the changes of Columbia Heights over the last few years changed your business practices?

None of the changes of Columbia Heights has changed my restaurant, other than the kindness of the community, specifically during Covid and the help of Marsue Anderson and Taylor Seawell and the rest of Staff.

What is your favorite thing about Columbia Heights and owning your business in Heights?

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		2001	Denny Long
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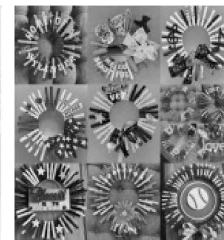
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2022 Outstanding Citizen Award Winner

When Veronica Johnson heard she was named the 2022 Columbia Heights Outstanding Citizen of the Year, her first thought was of all the other people in town just as deserving of the honor as she is.

“There are so many people more worthy of this title,” Johnson said, asking that this article be less about her and more about the thriving volunteer community in Columbia Heights and all the ways people can get involved.

“It’s so easy to volunteer in this town,” Johnson said. “I’m just one of the many people who show up.”

In fact, Columbia Heights keeps a running list of volunteer and service opportunities in town on its website at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/volunteer. Right now, you’ll find information about Adopt-a-Drain, Anoka County Community Action, Athletic Boosters, the City Beautification Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bitty Kitty Brigade, Community Farmers Market, First Lutheran Church, Friends of the Library, HeightsNEXT, Kiwanis, Key Club, Lions Club, the City’s Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Monarch Pledge, Neighborhood Watch, Rotary, the Sister Cities Committee, Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA), Government Advisory Commissions, City events and sponsorship opportunities, and Toastmasters, as well as a few paying public service opportunities like working as an election judge or being an on-call firefighter. Do you want your community organization or non-profit to be added? Email details to bsandell@columbiaheightsmn.gov.



2021 Employee of the Year Winner

The 2021 Columbia Heights City Employee of the Year is Human Resources and Administrative Assistant Nancy Becker. Her co-workers described her as the center of their department, a team player who performs diligent and detailed work. Employees from all departments can attest to her wisdom, kindness, and professionalism, as well as her sharp sense of humor. Nancy’s work duties keep her incredibly busy, but even so, she drops what she’s doing to assist any colleague with a project or answer questions. If she doesn’t know an answer, she will know the right person to ask. Nancy regularly partners with all departments in the City and is known as an information source. She is the first point of contact for potential new employees and newly hired employees and is always kind and helpful to people as they complete the process of filling out an application or scheduling an interview. As the administrative assistant for human resources, Nancy is the key person for hiring and onboarding. Her attention to detail and hard work helps the City maintain its staffing levels and proper placement of employees in time sensitive roles.

As for Veronica, we can’t end this article without talking about her at least a little bit. Veronica is the current president of the local Kiwanis Club, a long-time member of the Sister Cities group and American Association of University Women, a regular volunteer at SACA, Community United Methodist Church, and the League of Women Voters, an Anoka County Recycling Ambassador, a regular Adopt-a-Drain participant, a dependable election judge for City elections, member of the Community Centennial Committee, and regular volunteer at City events.

She was nominated by Dolores Strand and Karen Karkula and selected by the Mayor in consultation with last year’s Outstanding Citizen winners. To find out more about the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, learn about past winners, or to nominate someone, visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/outstanding. Congratulations, Veronica!



Veronica Johnson (right) serving as an election judge in 2018.



Veronica volunteering at the Community United Methodist Church plant and rummage sale May 6.

She is very much missed on the days when she’s out of the office. In her 10 years with the City, Nancy has been trusted many times with major projects outside of her job description. She helped fill in for the City Clerk position multiple times and acted as a deputy city clerk during the highly stressful 2020 elections.

The Employee of the Year nomination review committee is composed of former Employee of the Year recipients who are still employed by the City. On an annual basis, all employees have the opportunity to nominate themselves or a co-worker for the award based on three criteria: Public Relations, Consistency of Performance, and Significant Accomplishments. We congratulate Nancy for meeting these criteria and being an asset to our entire workplace and our lives!



Becker (right) with City Manager Kelli Bourgeois



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From the Mayor's Office



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I love seeing all the families, children, community organizations, and first responders who attend the Art & Info Fair. I love watching children's faces light up with thrill at the rides.

I love meeting up with friends to enjoy cheese curds and corn on the cob. I love volunteering with the Lions club at the front gate! I love the parade, and I love being with you.

In fact, what I love most is seeing our community come together to make Columbia Heights and our Jamboree a fantastic place to be! It takes all of us, even you. You are part of what makes the Jamboree so unique.

Amáda Márquez Simula
Mayor of Columbia Heights, MN

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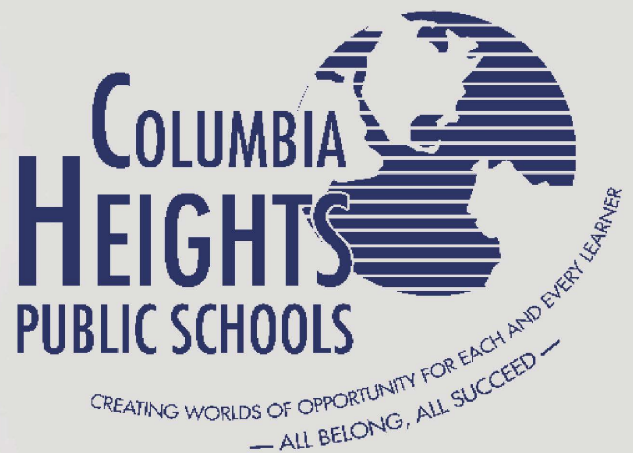
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