

CITY OF GAINESVILLE
Public Recreation and Parks Board

ALBERT “RAY” MASSEY CITIZEN VOLUNTEER AWARD

Definitions and Criteria

2-3 Individuals are usually recognized each year.

These awards will go to citizen volunteers who have made outstanding efforts to promote recreational activities in the City of Gainesville. The Public Recreation and Parks Board will select the award winners based on the following set of criteria:

- The depth of commitment that the nominee has made to one or more of the city’s recreational activities or programs. This commitment will be measured by the impact that this individual has had on these programs, and the amount of time that the nominee has dedicated to promoting recreational activities in Gainesville.
- The Board is particularly interested in awarding those citizen volunteers who have made significant contributions over a sustained period of time.
- The Board is particularly interested in recognizing those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to youth-oriented recreation activities.
- **We need you to help us identify potential nominees for this award:** Community Program or Event Volunteers, Tutors/Counselors, Instructors/Coaches, Mentors/Educational Speakers

Award Selection Guidelines

- The Board reserves the right to change the number of awards granted in any particular year.
- Anyone can submit a nomination. Nominations should be completed on the Albert “Ray” Massey Citizen Volunteer Award form and forwarded to staff:

Can be submitted online, by email, call or mail.

City of Gainesville
Public Recreation & Parks Board
PO Box 490 – Station 24
Gainesville, FL 32627-0490
Attn: Ray Massey Award
Fax: 352-334-3299

Please contact: Glenda Walton-Tucker
WaltonTucGY@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8357

Nominations must be received by Friday, November 29, 2019

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Nominee: Shauna Dixon

Address: PO Box 358995, Gainesville, FL 32635

Telephone: 352.262.9261 ***Email:*** depotpark@parkrun.us

Nominator: Kristen Bryant

Address: 2115 NE 17th Ter., Gainesville, FL 32609

Telephone: 352.226.9045 ***Email:*** femgator@gmail.com

Describe the nature of the service that the volunteer has provided to recreation activities/programs in the City of Gainesville. Shauna brought the parkrun program to Gainesville in September of 2018, a free weekly 5K that is completely volunteer supported. Shauna raised the startup costs, recruited a core team and has consistently been out supporting the event every week since it started. Shauna arrives before dawn to setup manages the volunteers and stays after each event to clean up and process results

Describe the impact that the nominee has had on the City’s recreation activities/programs.

The nature of parkrun is to include all abilities and all age levels. Shauna has worked tirelessly promoting parkrun to help the community commit to a healthier lifestyle. There have been 61 events at Depot Park, with 715 participants running or walking a total of 7913 miles. We have had families, seniors, local school sports teams and visitors from around the world join us at parkrun!

Describe any personal attributes of the nominee that you feel contribute to his/her volunteer success.

Shauna has been inspirational through developing parkrun at Depot Park. Her dedication to the program each week shows her passion for helping people who never thought they could complete a 5K achieve their goals and build on them. She is such a caring person, learning everyone's names and fostering a true community that supports one another. Shauna is parkrun!