



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

SHINING STARS WINNERS ANNOUNCED; GALA CANCELLED

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As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the area this winter due to the Delta and Omicron Variants, the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission has decided to cancel the 2022 Shining Stars Gala honoring the 2021 Shining Star winners. In an effort to keep the public safe at this time and in the near future, the event which would have taken place on February 5, 2022, is cancelled.

The Special Events Commission solicited nominations for Shining Star recipients in October, when it looked as if the gala would return after being cancelled in February of 2021. With nearly 80 nominations, the Special Events Commission chose 8 winners to be honored at the 2022 event. "We are very disappointed to not be able to honor the 2021 winners in a way we have been able to in the past." Said Special Events Commission Chair, Brian Lambel. "We are still looking for alternate ways to honor the recipients later in the year when the COVID-19 spike diminishes."

The Shining Star Award Recipients for 2021 are:

- Best Neighbor Award: Zeno Lenczuk
- Invigorated Youth Award: Robyn McCluskey
- Living Legend: Carol Tortorello
- Open Arms Award: Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department
- Rising Star Award: Kelly Robinson
- Star Spangled Banner Award: Chuck Ohrn
- There ought to be more people like this: John Junius, Jr.
- Unsung Hero: John Koziol

Congratulations to all the winners!

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