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## Bill Brunner Receives 2021 Citizen of the Year Award

[Wentzville, MO — Jan. 13, 2022] At the Jan. 12 Board of Aldermen meeting, the Wentzville Board of Aldermen presented community leader and Wentzville resident, Bill Brunner, with the 2021 Citizen of the Year award. This award recognizes outstanding community members whose actions and accomplishments make life better for others.

"It's always exciting to present the Citizen of the Year award. It's humbling to know there are so many amazing people, like Bill, who love and support the Wentzville community," says Mayor Nick Guccione.

Bill selflessly volunteers his time and efforts to whoever is in need and is an active leader for many organizations. He is the founder and co-president of the Wentzville chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides beds to children who are sleeping on the floor. Bill also serves on the Board of Wentzville's Senior Citizens Corporation, where he recruits volunteers to build wheelchair ramps, porches and sidewalks. In his spare time, Bill organizes quarterly blood drives and participates in Operation Backpack to ensure children have meals when they are not attending school. Bill is a youth leader, activity organizer and an Eagle Scout. He has truly made an outstanding impact on anyone he meets and strives to help kids reach high levels of achievement.

With tears in his eyes during the Board meeting, Bill thanked everyone for the honor, "Thank you very much! I give all the glory to God."

The City of Wentzville recognizes Bill's incredible efforts and acknowledges his great contribution to our City. Congratulations, Bill!

The Citizen Recognition Program was created by the Citizen Recognition Award Committee of Wentzville to acknowledge outstanding individuals and groups that make a significant contribution, a positive impact or improve the quality of life for citizens in the community. In 2021, residents, Wentzville business owners and employees of Wentzville businesses were invited to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year award. The nominations were reviewed, and the final selection was made by the Citizen Recognition Award Committee.

Applications are accepted year-round. Don't wait to nominate your favorite Wentzville resident or business owner for the 2022 Citizen of the Year award. Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.wentzvillemo.gov/coty">www.wentzvillemo.gov/coty</a>.