

Nominations are being accepted for the naming of Volunteer Drive

Recognizing the immense value that volunteers bring to the quality of life in our village, the Village of Chatham is now accepting nominations for the annual honorary naming of Volunteer Drive, the road that winds through Community Park.

Since 2017, the Village has honored residents who have been leaders and volunteers in the local community by naming this street after them. Previous recipients of this honor, who are now members of this year's selection committee, include Rollo Saucier (2017), Jane Hay (2018), and Diane Vanderkooy (2019). In 2020, the exceptional commitment of the entire Village during the pandemic was recognized. The road was named for Les Morgan (2021) and Tracy Formea (2022). John and Maggie Moore were honored in 2023, and Graham McCoy in 2024. The individual recipient for 2025 is expected to be named in July.

Village President Dave Kimsey emphasizes, "The contributions our volunteers make to the Village of Chatham are invaluable. From sharing their knowledge and expertise on village boards and planning commissions, to dedicating time and effort to improve our parks and beautify our village, to organizing and facilitating youth sports and group activities, and showing compassion by helping feed those in need and providing support services to families and institutions, our volunteers are the foundation of our community and are essential to the quality of life in our village."

Nominations for this year's honoree should be sent by email, along with a narrative explaining why the individual is being nominated, to Village Manager Patrick McCarthy at pmccarthy@chathamil.gov before May 23, 2025. Nominations can also be mailed to the Village of Chatham, Attention Patrick McCarthy, 116 East Mulberry Street, Chatham, IL 62629.