2020 Outstanding Neighbor of the Year Award Application

Name of Nominee: Kathy Regan Figley,

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Nominee’s Neighborhood: Woodland Drives

1. List and describe the neighborhood improvement(s)/project(s)/ activity(ies) this neighbor facilitated in 2019-2020. (No more than 75 words)

Social Project: Woodland Drives Board Member and Safety Committee Chair activities

Experienced disaster professional, Kathy Regan Figley, knew exactly how she wanted to serve our neighborhood when she joined our Board: she wanted to help neighbors prepare for disasters and provide guidance after impact. Kathy’s reach has extended across neighborhoods and beyond Hurricane PREP, though that remains her primary focus. She has earned a well-deserved reputation for being a go-to person when problems arise, and a voice of reason and comfort when times are troubling.

74 words

1. What critical needs were addressed by the improvement(s)/ project(s)/activity(ies) and how were those needs identified? (No more than 50 words)

Tallahassee’s Neighborhood Affairs Department took notice of Kathy’s enthusiasm and competence. In April 2019 she was invited to make a short presentation at the City’s Neighborhood PREP Workshop (Attachment 1), and to be interviewed, along with Kilisha Fain, by WTXL the following month (<https://www.wtxl.com/news/local-news/tallahassee-holds-hurricane-prep-workshops>). On behalf of Woodland Drives, Kathy applied for a Vibrant Grant (approved in 2020) to host a hurricane safety festival that would promote Hurricane PREP goals.

70 words

1. Describe the level of effort that was involved in completing the improvement(s) /project(s)/ activity(ies). For example, the finances needed, people involved, time, etc. (No more than 75 words)

Kathy freely gives her time to invest in our neighborhood and our community, at times as though it were a part-time job. She is open to learning and recently completed three courses: Neighborhood PREP (2019), Vibrant Grant Writing (2019), and City of Tallahassee Leadership Academy (2020).

She invested her time in tasks such as

* Writing articles for our neighborhood newsletter, and hand

delivering hard copy newsletter to assigned routes once per year;

* Coordinated a panel of speakers for March 2019 to present lessons learned from Hurricane Michael, and led a discussion to generate ideas about future preparedness activities;
* Administered the Woodland Drives Facebook Page (ongoing);
* Administered the WD Neighborhood Safety Facebook (ongoing);
* Relaying critical information via social media about crime and safety (e.g., TOPS database).

126 words

1. Describe the impact of the improvement(s) /project(s)/activity(ies) on the neighborhood and, if applicable, the broader community. (No more than 75 words)

As Kathy’s skills (and those of Safety Committee) have developed over the years, our neighbors have become safety educated. Our social media page has become a virtual Neighborhood Watch program, and neighbors are more sophisticated in reporting hurricane preparedness alerts and actions.

In 2021, Kathy plans to resume plans for the Hurricane Safety Fest, to work with Kilisha Fain to develop a Neighborhood Leadership Academy Alumni Association, and to continue her routine volunteer efforts as noted above. Kathy encompasses the qualities of a true Neighborhood Leader, and is deserving of the Neighbor of the Year Award.

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Nominated and approved by



Woodland Drives Neighborhood Association

Mary Frederick, President

January 15, 2020

Include 5 photos minimum

- FB photo – full face

- Leadership Academy certificate

- FB photo on bike – going out to assess damage

- safety committee photo

- FB Message & Rules re crisis above



