



2012 Citizen of the Year

WHEREAS, William Christel served on the New Berlin Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission from October 1992 thru April 2011 - 19 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Bill's leadership has always been respectful, focused, and professional; and

WHEREAS, Bill Christel, as Chairman of the Commission, facilitated significant quality of life changes to our community including, but certainly not limited to:

- *Growth in the recreational programs offered to the Community*
- *Completion of 3 editions of the City's Park & Open Space Plan*
- *Acquisition and development of 7 park sites including Biver, High Grove, Maple Ridge, Weatherstone, Deer Creek Sanctuary, Stigler Nature Preserve and ProHealth Care Park*
- *Acquisition of additional park lands including Quarry Park, Stormy Acres, Rustic Ridge, and Milham future park site*
- *Acquisition of the Weston Orchard and Freewill Church completing our Historical Park*
- *Construction of a New Berlin Hills Golf Course Clubhouse*
- *Renovation of the old library into the Community Center, now serving our Senior Citizens, as well as the New Berlin Food Pantry*

WHEREAS, in addition, it was Bill Christel's work in the creation of a formal Forestry component to the Park and Recreation department that has allowed the City to apply for and achieve the Tree City USA award since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christel has always focused on the youth of our community and has continuously supported the NBAA programs as well as other private youth programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jack F. Chiovero, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Berlin, do hereby tender to William Christel this 2012 Citizen of the Year Award with deep appreciation for his nearly two decades of distinguished service and leadership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Berlin to be affixed this 24th day of April 2012.



Jack F. Chiovero

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Mayor