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### **JOANN NORTH RECEIVES FIRST 'ANN CHAPMAN LEGACY AWARD'**

*Metro Beautification creates award to honor former director*

Citing her many years of dedication and service in keeping Nashville clean and beautiful, the Metro Beautification and Environment Commission (MBEC) has named former Davidson County Property Assessor JoAnn North the inaugural winner of the Ann Chapman Legacy Award.

The award was presented Tuesday, September 23, at a reception held to thank Ms. North for thirty-two years of public service. The Commission recently established the Ann Chapman Legacy Award in honor of Ms. Chapman, who was the Commission's first director, and who passed away in 2004.

“Ann was a tremendous advocate and worked diligently to increase community awareness of the damaging impact that litter, graffiti, and illegal dumping can have on a community as well as promoting numerous beautification projects throughout our city,” said the MBEC’s Veronica Frazier. “The Commission was unanimous in both the desire that this award be established and that JoAnn North be the first recipient.”

Ms. North retired earlier this month after serving 16 years as Metro Nashville’s Assessor of Property. She earlier served as a delegate to a Tennessee Constitutional Convention and three successive terms as a Metro Councilmember at Large. In addition to her many political and civic achievements, Ms. North has given countless volunteer hours to litter prevention and community clean-up efforts.

For over twenty years, she participated in Metro Beautification's Adopt-a- Street program and numerous neighborhood clean-ups. Since MBEC began collecting data in 1997, Ms. North and more than 2500 volunteers that she personally recruited collected 49.99 tons of trash and debris during their roadside clean-ups.

“Ann Chapman and I were in college together at David Lipscomb,” Ms. North said. “She was a good friend and a wonderful public servant admired by all who knew her. Her tireless energy, commitment and leadership were responsible for making our city a much cleaner, more beautiful home. I am truly honored to receive an award named in her honor.”

Added MBEC Chair Russell Brecheen Jr., “It is her leadership by example – not just the incredible numbers generated -- that made JoAnn the perfect choice for this award. She is a true Nashville treasure and the Beautification Commission remains grateful for her years of support and enduring commitment to our mission to improve the quality of life for us all.”

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