

City Council Item

June 22, 2026



Item	Recognizing Kent and Deb Ludford as the Chanhassen Rotary 2026 Distinguished Service Award recipients	
File No.		Item No: C.2
Agenda Section	<u>PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	
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<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>	
The Chanhassen Rotary and City Council will recognize Kent and Deb Ludford, owners of Merlin's Ace Hardware, as the 2026 Distinguished Service Award recipients.	
Motion Type	N/A
Strategic Priority	N/A

SUMMARY

Chanhassen Rotary Distinguished Service Award Announcement

Honoring Kent and Deb Ludford, 2026 Recipients

The Chanhassen Rotary is proud to recognize Kent and Deb Ludford, owners of Merlin's Ace Hardware, as the 2026 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Since opening their doors in 1982, Kent and Deb have been pillars of the Chanhassen community. Their business has earned countless awards and honors over the years, but it is their unwavering commitment to service above self that truly sets them apart. Day after day, year after year, they show up for their customers, their neighbors, and the community they love.

The Ludfords have donated thousands of dollars in cash, goods, and services to support Chanhassen

schools, sports teams, churches, city events, and a long list of local causes. Their generosity has touched nearly every corner of our community.

Kent's service extends far beyond the walls of the store. A Navy veteran, a decades long member of the Lions Club, and a steadfast supporter of the Chanhassen American Legion, he embodies civic duty and community pride. Together, Kent and Deb have built a legacy defined by humility, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

The Chanhassen Rotary is honored to celebrate Kent and Deb Ludford as our 2026 Distinguished Service Award honorees. They accepted this recognition with the same grace and humility that have guided their service for more than four decades.

We are fortunate—truly fortunate—to have them in our community.

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