

Barrett F. Pedersen
President

Irene Avitia
Gil Hagerstrom
John Johnson
Trustees



Roberta Johnson
Clerk

Bill Ruhl
Karen Special
Andy Ybarra
Trustees

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
March 12, 2020

For More Information
Dawn Catanzaro 708-203-3745

MAYOR BARRETT PEDERSEN EARNS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Pedersen Honored with the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

Franklin Park - Mayor Barrett Pedersen was awarded the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). This prestigious honor is given to an Eagle Scout who has uncommonly demonstrated his commitment to making our community a better place to live, and to achieving career and life success. It is rarely presented.

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award,” said Mayor Barrett Pedersen. “I am proud of my rank as an Eagle Scout and try to apply the principles of the Scout Oath in my work as Mayor and in my everyday life. I hope to inspire others to choose a path of public service and to share their talents with their community as a volunteer.”

MEDIA RELEASE (continued)

The Outstanding Eagle Scout Award was implemented in 2010 in conjunction with the Boy Scout of America's 100th anniversary. The goal of the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is to recognize Eagle Scouts whose efforts have made a significant impact and have inspired others closer to home. Previous recipients include famous authors, explorers, television personalities, military flag officers, scientists, government officials, and prominent business professionals.

The award consists of a round silver medallion bearing an eagle in flight and the words "BSA NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout". The medallion is suspended from a blue neck ribbon. The recipient also receives a lapel pin miniature of the medallion.

Mayor Pedersen attained the rank of Eagle Scout while in high school by organizing a walk-a-thon for the Reed Mental Health Facility. He hopes to encourage young men and women to recognize the life-long benefits scouting programs offer.

"The Eagle Scout program inspires, challenges and motivates scouts to be their best self. It is molding the participants to be better parents, better friends and mentors and better citizens. The positive effects on my life are immeasurable and the program has enabled me to become the man I am today. I am humbled by this award and thankful for my time as an Eagle Scout," Mayor Pedersen concluded.