

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: December 1, 2009	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review: N/A	Work Plan #	Agenda Location: Presentations	Agenda Item: 6A1
Subject: PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY HEROISM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CITIZENSHIP RECOGNIZING HELENE MCVHEY FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THE "HEIMLICH MANEUVER" TO A CHOKING FRIEND.					
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Reviewed by: John Staley		Presented by: City Council			

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- To honor Helene McVey for her heroic efforts in recognizing the immediate need to take action for a choking victim.
- Ms. McVey supported the victim and began to perform the Heimlich maneuver and directed others to dial 911.
- Due to the efforts of Ms. McVey the obstruction was dislodged and the victim began breathing again.
- In the evening of Monday, October 5, 2009 Helene McVey attended a dinner party at her neighbor's house when her neighbor began choking on a piece of food and stopped breathing.
- Helene McVey, who learned CPR as an employee of the Thornton Recreation Center, took immediate action and performed the Heimlich maneuver several times before the obstruction became dislodged.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends that City Council recognize Helene McVey for heroic efforts in saving the life of a choking victim by presenting her with the Thornton Fire Department, Community Heroism for Excellence in Citizenship Award.

HISTORY:

- None.