**W.H.A.T.**'s Up?

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**H**eroes

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It's coming! Sponsored by the Williamston Sunrise Rotary.

A time for HONORING OUR WILLIAMSTON AREA HEROES who stood by this Community during the past 18 months of the pandemic. They stayed on the job, facing the possibility of contracting Covid-19, and dealt with the Community area's needs to provide REQUIRED SERVICES for local heath and welfare.

We will select 15 people representing such service necessities as Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Care Protection. Individuals - representing education, water treatment, grocery provision, counseling, food preparation, trash removal, religious service provision, area beautification, community information provision, utility services, and local government.

I have attached a detailed list covering the greater Williamston area, where letters could be sent depending on what is to be given in acknowledgment.

If a plaque is given, the cost would approximately be $25.00 per person. If 20 persons are selected by the Board, the cost would be about $500.00. If a certificate of appreciation is given, the cost would be only about $100.00, unless all certificates are framed and presented. Then, costs would be approximately the same as a plaque.

I can obtain at least two sponsors at present at $200.00 EACH if the Board so desires.

The letters to the agencies/businesses would go to the agency/business director, asking for them to select an individual who is the best representative of the agency’s services at this time and indicate why. Their response would be summed up and referenced at the presentation.

We could only allow 1.5 minutes to present to each person, unless we set them up by category and present them by category, just reading their names. If the presentation is made at the park during a concert, as is the intent, we could take two 15-minute periods during the concert to give the musicians a break and make the presentations quickly.

We would invite Fire, Police, and EMS to have vehicles on site, which will help draw a bigger concert crowd, and provide opportunity for children to see them up close.

The larger the number of award recipients, the greater time it takes to present.

Advertising:

We can add banners, signs, or stickers saying, “W.H.A.T.’s Coming!”, “W.H.A.T.’ll be in the park July 3rd?”, “W.H.A.T. and Honor!”, or “What’s W.H.A.T.? Ask a Rotarian.”

If we send letters out no later than June 1st, asking for a selected representative by June 15th, we’d have plenty of time to prepare acknowledgments by July 1st.

Respectfully,

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