

2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Kathy and her husband, Jeff, have lived in Fairview Park for 35 years. They have raised three sons: Tyler, 33; Nathan, 31; and Evan, 27, all of whom attended Fairview Park City Schools and graduated from Fairview High School.

Kathy was actively involved in the PTA for 25 years. Kathy served in various leadership roles, including president of Garnett PTA, Gilles Sweet PTA, and Middle School/High School PTA.

She has also chaired and participated in numerous school committees, successfully introducing new programs and fundraising opportunities. Some of the initiatives she introduced include the Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Event, Battle of the Bands, and Middle School/High School Basketball Concession Fundraiser. She has also chaired the Senior Citizen Luncheon, Super Saturday at Parkview Elementary School, Field Day at Garnett Primary School, and After Prom committee. She served as the Vice President of football boosters.

Since 2015, Kathy has been a key member of the Fairview Park Summerfest Committee, taking on several responsibilities, including coordinating kids' activities and organizing the PTA Spaghetti Dinner. In 2017, she became Chair and significantly raised the event's profile as an essential element of community participation. Thanks to her leadership, Summerfest has seen considerable growth in both attendance and its beneficial impact on the community. It has gained recognition in the area, drawing visitors from nearby areas and fostering strong community connections. She is also the Vice President of the Fairview Park Municipal Foundation.

In 2022, the Fairview Park Youth Association honored her with the Youth Association & Community Service Volunteer Award for her exceptional contributions. Kathy has dedicated five years to the Fairview Park Women's Club, providing numerous hours to support the group's fundraising initiatives.

Kathy proudly belongs to the Fairview Park Chamber of Commerce, a commitment stemming from her travel business that she has built for over 35 years. She consistently strives to create the ultimate enjoyable vacation experience for all. In 2013, she embarked on her journey as a travel agent with Travel Leaders, and she has recently taken the step of becoming a business owner, all while managing it from her home. Additionally, she has begun writing quarterly travel articles for Northeast Ohio Thrive after 55! To enhance her expertise, Kathy

travels extensively, ensuring she has first-hand knowledge to better assist her customers.

She enjoys gardening, and her flower garden was one of the recipients of the 2024 Garden of the Year award from the Fairview Park Garden Club. She also enjoys Birding. She loves the Christmas holidays and considers herself a Vintage Christmas decorating enthusiast.

Her family time is what she values most, and she takes every moment that she can to spend with them as often as possible.

A quote from one of the nominations that she received states: "Her commitment, guidance, and generosity have profoundly shaped Fairview Park. Her kindness toward friends and the community knows no limits."

Kathy Yarian is the epitome of what a Citizen of the Year embodies and an example to our residents of the kind of person our community holds dear.

We will celebrate Kathy Yarian at the Citizen of the Year dinner on Wednesday, May 7, at the Fairview Park Senior Center. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. After dinner, there will be a recognition ceremony and award presentation. Contact [Denise Devine](#) for ticket information.

As part of our efforts, we will once again collect non-perishable food items for donation to the Fairview Park Hunger Center.

Fairview Park Community Council comprises over 20 community clubs and groups. Its mission is to establish a networking platform that enhances visibility, raises awareness of their activities, and facilitates the sharing of ideas and information. The council meets quarterly to discuss announcements and updates.