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Mayor Dave Ament Names Michael D. O'Donnell Winner of the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award

New Berlin, Wisconsin— Mayor Dave Ament is happy to announce **Michael D. O'Donnell** as the recipient of the **2022 New Berlin Citizen of the Year Award**. Michael has lived in New Berlin since 1996 and has profoundly impacted our New Berlin Community.

In 1998 Michael served two and a half years as an EMT on the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department. In 2000 he was appointed to the Police and Fire Commission and is currently serving his 22nd year on the Commission. Michael was president of the Commission for four years, and has served as secretary since 2015. Michael served on active duty for four years in the U.S. Navy, seventeen years in the U.S. Navy Reserves in the Medical Service Corps., and was discharged as a Commander from the U.S. Navy in 2001.



Michael's other contributions to the New Berlin community are as follows:

- Graduate, Citizen's Police Academy
- Safety Saturday
- Assisted with DEA's Prescription Drug Takeback event at Moorland Reserve
- Fire Department Pancake Breakfast – "Chef"
- Volunteer Guardian *ad litem* for an elderly resident of Linden Grove
- Ran a segment of the Law Enforcement Torch Run with NBPD to support Special Olympics
- Volunteer driver for New Berlin Senior Taxi Service

Mary Claire Lanser, current Police and Fire Commission Commissioner and former Mayor of New Berlin states, "Mike O'Donnell is a servant leader, eagerly doing the work while giving credit to others. He is unfailingly positive and professional. Mike is a nurse who advanced to leadership roles while always looking for practical ways to help others. One recent example: When COVID raged and there weren't enough nurses, Mike answered the call through WEAVR (Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry) to administer immunizations. Any group that counts Mike as a member is better for it."

Mayor Ament will present the award on Thursday, October 27th at 2:45 pm at New Berlin's Public Safety Building, located at 16300 W. National Avenue. The presentation will take place in the Court Room. Individuals or groups are encouraged to attend in support of this outstanding New Berlin resident who has given tirelessly to the community.

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