



**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
GREAT BROOKSVILLIAN SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Joseph E. Johnston, III Council Chambers 201 Howell Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34601

Agenda

March 20, 2025

5:00 P.M.

A. Call to Order

B. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

1. Chair Selection
2. Vice-Chair Selection

C. Approval of Minutes

1. July 18, 2024

D. 2025 Great Brooksvillian Selection Process:

1. Nomination Instructions
2. Nomination Form
3. Press Release
4. Listing of Great Brooksvillian Winners
5. Listing of Past Nominees
6. Discussion of Advertising
7. Proposed Schedule of Additional Meetings and Timeline for Nomination
 - a. June 13, 2025 Nominations Due
 - b. June 19, 2025 Great Brooksvillian Submission Review
 - c. July 17, 2025 Nominee Presentations & Committee Top 3 Selection
 - d. August 4, 2025 Council Selection of the 2025 Great Brooksvillian

E. New Business

F. Citizen Input - (Discussion will be limited to 2 minutes for each speaker)

G. Adjourn

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MINUTES

July 18, 2024

5:00 P.M.

A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Chair Skip Samples, Vice Chair Rick Carlton, Board Member Jan Knowles, and Board Member Debbie Daniel.

Also Attending: Recording Clerk Lisa Morris.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. June 20, 2024 – Motion made by Vice Chair Carlton, Seconded by Board Member Daniel to approve the June 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote: 4 – 0

C. 2024 Great Brooksvillian Nominations Presentations

1. Nominations (in no particular order) (5 Minutes)
 - a. Dr. Samuel Harvard – No one provided a presentation for this nomination.
 - b. Charles Lee Wilson– No one provided a presentation for this nomination.
 - c. Mabel Sims – Board Member Knowles spoke in favor of Ms. Mabel Sims being selected as the 2024 Great Brooksvillian.
 - d. Natalie Kahler– No one provided a presentation for this nomination.
 - e. Joel Ward Smith – Mr. K.O. Smith spoke in favor of Joel Wardy Smith being the 2024 Great Brooksvillian.
 - f. Martha Maner – Nina Mattei spoke in favor of Ms. Martha Maner being the 2024 Great Brooksvillian.
2. Selection of Top 3 Nominees
 - a. Committee Top 3 Selection – Board Members weighed the qualities of the nominees. Board Members selected Ms. Sims, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Maner as the top three nominees to forward to City Council for selection of the 2024 Great Brooksvillian. It was noted that the City Council would be meeting on August 5, 2024 and that nominator should be present in case Council had questions.
Motion made by Vice Chair Carlton, Seconded by Board Member Dainel to approve Mabel Sims, Joel Smith, and Martha Maner as the Committee’s top three selection to be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the August 5, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Vote: 4 – 0

D. Citizen Input – There was none.

E. Adjourn –

Motion made by Vice Chair Carlton, Seconded by Board Member Daniel to adjourn at 5:29 pm.

Vote: 4 – 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Attest:

Lisa Morris, MMC
Deputy City Clerk

Skip Samples, Chair



City of Brooksville



Great Brooksvillian

The City of Brooksville would like to recognize outstanding men and women who have made significant positive contributions to the history, culture and/or economy of our community. Each year the Brooksville City Council will determine the number of recipients and select from the nominees.

Website Address: [Visit the City of Brooksville Website](#)

2025 Committee Members

Skip Samples
Jan Knowles

Debbie Daniel

Richard Carlton
Gerard Lyons

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FORM

- 1 Please type or clearly print in black ink.
- 2 Please be sure your nomination form :
 - 1 One (1) original completed Nomination Form
 - 2 -If available, a photograph or electronic image reproduction of the nominee
- 3 Nominations will be accepted through **5:00 p.m. on Friday June 13, 2025.** No application postmarked after this date will be accepted. *Early submissions are encouraged.*
- 4 Please plan to attend the committee meeting on July 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm.
- 5 Mail nominations forms with an optional photo to:

City of Brooksville

Attn: Deputy City Clerk

201 Howell Avenue

Brooksville, Florida 34601

Or Email: COB-INFO@cityofbrooksville.us

Questions - contact: The Office of the City Clerk, Lisa Morris, Deputy City Clerk 352-540-3893
or email: COB-INFO@cityofbrooksville.us

Great Brooksvillian Screening Committee Meetings are announced on the City's Website Calendar and are open to the public. You can also find them on the City's Calendar Page.

PLEASE NOTE: Any materials submitted with a "Great Brooksvillian" nomination become the property of the City of Brooksville, Florida, and are public records. *Therefore, please do not send anything that must be returned or original pictures and are subject to public records laws.*



CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

The City of Brooksville would like to recognize outstanding men and women who have made significant positive contributions to the history, culture and/or economy of our community. Each year the Brooksville City Council will determine the number of recipients and select from the nominees.

- A nominee should be a person whose contributions are generally known and readily recognizable by our residents or the contribution for which they are being recognized should reflect a significant contribution to the City of Brooksville.
- Nominee may be alive or deceased at the time of nomination.
- Consideration should be given to the historical perspective of nominees.
- Individuals can be nominated by anyone in the community and a standard nomination form will be used by City Council annually during the nomination period.
- Persons nominated from previous years may be re-nominated if not selected. A nominee cannot be nominated for the award if they are a previous recipient.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Please send the original nomination form and one (1) recent photo. (Photo Optional)A cumulative plaque will be maintained in Brooksville City Hall to commemorate and memorialize the annual honoree(s) and an individual plaque will be presented to the honoree and his/her family at a ceremony.

The nominator is requested to attend the Committee meeting on July 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm to present information on the candidate. The committee meeting is held at City Hall, Joseph E. Johnston III Council Chambers located at 201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville Florida.



“Great Brooksvillian”

Someone that has made The City of Brooksville Community a Better Place to Live.

NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print clearly in black ink)

Date of Submission: _____

1. Name of Nominee -

Name of Nominee

Contact information for the person that is nominating the Great Brooksvillian:

Name

Address

Telephone/Cell No. _____ Fax No: _____

Email address (If available): _____

Photo Included? Yes ___ No ___ (Optional)

2. What positive contributions have been made to the history, cultural and/or economy of our community? Please include dates if known. Please attach one additional page if necessary.

3. Did the contributions of this nominee also benefit outside the City of Brooksville?
If so, how?

If you have questions, please contact, The Office of the City Clerk, Lisa Morris, Deputy City Clerk 352-540-3893 or email: COB-INFO@cityofbrooksville.us

Return this form to:

City of Brooksville

Attn: Deputy City Clerk

201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

City of Brooksville Accepting Nominations for the Great Brooksvillian

March **, 2025- "Great Brooksvillian" Program Nominations

The City is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Great Brooksvillian Award.

This annual program recognizes the outstanding men and women who have made significant positive contributions to the history, culture and/or economy of our great community. Each year the Brooksville City Council will select from the nominees. A perpetual plaque will be maintained in Brooksville City Hall to commemorate and memorialize each year's honoree, and an individual plaque will be presented to the honoree and his/her family at a reception held in their honor.

Information, program criteria and nomination forms are available for download on the City's website at www.cityofbrooksville.us. Or stop by City Hall. Deadline for submission of nominations is **Friday, June 13, 2025**. Completed forms must be received by the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m.** For further information, contact the Office of the City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, Lisa Morris, of Brooksville, Florida at (352) 540-3893, or by email: lmorris@cityofbrooksville.us.

City Hall
201Howell Ave,
Brooksville, FL 34601

Website: <http://www.cityofbrooksville.us/>

Download the nomination form select Forms & Reports from the left navigation then, select Applications and Forms.

City of Brooksville, Florida Great Brooksvillians

2024 Joel Wardy Smith
2023 Barbara Manuel
2022 Tom Varn
2021 Ann Mau
2020 Luther E. Cason
2019 Gail B. Samples
2018 Joseph E. Johnston III
2017 William “Ernie” Chatman Jr.
2016 Lee Slayden Gordon
2015 E.E. “Ernie” Wever, Jr.
2014 Jan Knowles
2013 John C. Emerson
2012 Julia Jinkens
2011 Dorothy M. Mason
2010 Sarah F. Davis
2009 Joseph C. Weeks, Sr.
2008 Dr. Paul Farmer, PhD
2007 Arthur St. Clair
2006 Joseph E. Johnston, Jr.
2005 Mary Alice Queiros
2004 Virginia M. Jackson
2003 Margaret Rogers Ghiotto
2002 Alfred A. McKethan

Phillips, Karen																				X				
Queiros, Mary Alice																					Won			
Raju, Dr. B.R.																				X				
Resnick, Peter																				X				
Samples, Gail B.																					Won			
Sims, Mable		X	X	X	X	X																		
Singer, James L.																				X				
Smith, Joel Ward		Won		X	X																			
St. Clair, Arthur																					Won			
Stewart, Jimmy																				X	X			
Sullivan, Elaine Crum																				X				
Treiman, Judge Monroe W.																								
Weeks Sr., Joseph C.																								
Wever, Jr., E. E. "Ernie"																					Won	X		
Wilson, Charles																								
Vance, Sharon																					X			
Varn, Tom																					Won			



City of Brooksville

2025 Great Brooksvillian



The City of Brooksville would like to recognize outstanding men and women who have made significant positive contributions to the history, culture and/or economy of our community.

Each year the Brooksville City Council asks for nominations for this prestigious award.



Deadline: June 13, 2025 by 5:00 PM

Download the Nomination form from the City Website:

<http://www.cityofbrooksville.us>

Pick Up a Printed Copy

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- City Hall -201 Howell Ave., Brooksville, FL
 - Jerome Brown Community Center