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SARATOGA RECEIVES TWO AWARDS AT 2015 AMERICA IN BLOOM AWARDS CEREMONY

The City of Saratoga is proud to announce that it has received two awards from America in Bloom, a nonprofit organization that promotes civic pride and the beautification of cities.

The City of Saratoga was named the winner in its population category (30,000 – 40,000) and given a special award for “Most Beautiful Canopy of Trees” at the 2015 America in Bloom Awards Ceremony held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 in Holland, Michigan.

“This was Saratoga’s first year of participation in the program and we received two prestigious awards,” Mayor Howard Miller said. “Saratoga is a beautiful community and these accolades are further proof of what residents have known all along.”

A volunteer committee made up of residents, many of whom are members of the Saratoga Village Gardeners or on a City Commission, organized the efforts. Two judges from America in Bloom visited Saratoga in May and evaluated the City on the following criteria: floral displays, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, heritage preservation, community involvement, and overall impression.

There were three other cities evaluated in the same population category as Saratoga, including Santa Paula, California; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and St. Charles, Illinois. In total, 42 communities participated in the program, according to America in Bloom.

“Participating in the America in Bloom contest was a marvelous experience,” said resident and former Mayor Jill Hunter, who led the volunteer effort and represented Saratoga at the awards ceremony. “Volunteers put in hundreds of hours of time and a tremendous amount of passion. The residents who worked so hard for this recognition should be commended for their devotion to our City. I thank everyone for their efforts.”

The City Council will host a special ceremonial presentation at its Wednesday, October 7, 2015 public meeting in the Saratoga Civic Theater, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. The awards will be presented to the Council and members of the volunteer committee will receive commendations.

For more information about America in Bloom, visit www.americainbloom.org.