



Joe Baczynski Named Good Neighbor for Valparaiso

The City of Valparaiso has named Joe Baczynski as its Good Neighbor recipient for 2022, recognizing his exemplary commitment to the community. “Joe Baczynski gives generously of his time and energy to support veterans, seniors, children and the Valparaiso community. He makes a difference for so many, and we’re pleased to highlight his good works with this recognition,” said Mayor Matt Murphy.

Joe Baczynski has been an active volunteer in Valparaiso since moving here in 1991. He is a former Marine who served in Vietnam who gives of his time to support veterans, children, seniors and the Valparaiso community in general. He is active in the veteran community, organizing fundraisers and events that support and honor their service. He is a longtime volunteer with the Valparaiso Popcorn Festival and organizes the annual Soapbox Derby. As a member of the Dunes Leathernecks, he organizes an annual golf outing that helps to fill six local food pantries and leads the Toys for Tots drive during the holidays, among other volunteer efforts. “Joe gives freely of his time, and you can spot him making tacos at the American Legion, supporting Valpo Parks events like the annual Night Ride, hosting events to honor veterans or collecting toys for children,” said Murphy.

“Joe’s time enriches the lives of many people of all ages and backgrounds. We’re so pleased to recognize extraordinary people like Joe with our Good Neighbor recognition,” said Murphy. The City of Valparaiso introduced the Good Neighbor recognition program in 2020 to promote neighborhood involvement and community service. To learn more about the annual Good Neighbor recognition, view the nominees and learn how to nominate someone, visit the Community Engagement page at Valpo.us.

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Mayor Murphy named Joe Baczynski as Valparaiso’s Good Neighbor for 2022. Baczynski is an energetic volunteer for organizations and events that celebrate veterans, children, seniors and the Valparaiso community. For more information about the award and how to nominate someone for 2022, visit the Community Engagement page at Valpo.us.