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Phillips awarded with Friends of the City award

Richmond Hill, Georgia (August 2, 2023) – The City of Richmond Hill Mayor Russ Carpenter presented the Friends of the City award to Ellis & Jean Phillips at the August city council meeting on Tuesday.

Ellis Phillip is a Veteran who served in the local marine rescue squadron. Ellis was instrumental in the development of J.F. Gregory Park and donated supplies for the building of the current City Hall.

Ellis & Jean have a legacy of giving back. The Phillips have been hosting appreciation lunches for first responders in Bryan County for around 20 years. They began a local toy drive collecting toys for local children at Christmas, and have hosted many fundraisers to help others during difficult times in life.

Mayor Carpenter recognized the Phillips for their many years of service and contributions to our community. “Their example teaches us all how one should help their neighbors,” said Carpenter.

The Friend of the City Award was established by the City of Richmond Hill to recognize and show appreciation to those who have made exemplary contributions to our community, and to increase awareness of the importance of community involvement in the Greater Richmond Hill area.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF RICHMOND HILL:

The City of Richmond, Georgia is a quiet family community, located just minutes south of metropolitan Savannah. The city of more than 17,000 residents retains a small-town charm and offers citizens a diminished crime rate, outstanding educational opportunities, community services, recreational facilities, and beautiful scenery. Visitors are impressed by its southern charm, rich history, variety of outdoor adventures, fishing and great local seafood. With its distinctive history and scenic beauty, Richmond Hill is coastal Georgia living at its finest. Richmond Hill is a rapidly growing community located in the southern portion of Bryan County, which has been designated as the fastest-growing county in Georgia and the sixth-fastest growing in the United States according to recent 2020 U.S. Census Bureau data.

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