

2023 Millcreek Community Champion Award Nomination & Letter of Recognition

A Millcreek native born and raised here, Diane Angus started her long tenure in community service more than 35 years ago. As a community leader, friend, neighbor, and small business owner of one of Millcreek's best kept secrets (42nd Street Greenhouse), Diane has been a steady and trusted fixture of Millcreek, particularly west Millcreek, in an ever-changing, and sometimes uncertain, municipal environment.

The first time I met Diane was at a Community Council meeting when I showed up wanting to join the Council. She was warm and welcoming, and I was immediately in awe of the historical and institutional knowledge she had about her community.

Through the many years of watching Diane lead the Millcreek Community Council as Chair, I was always impressed by her quiet but effective ability to lead. She asked fair and thoughtful questions, offered collaborative suggestions, and showed the utmost patience and respect for others in the heat of conflict—all while maintaining her ground as a devoted local steward, and always considering the welfare of the greater community.

Diane has seen Millcreek in so many different phases; from a small suburban landscape with wide open spaces and many farming and industrial uses, to a developing county township, to the incorporation of Millcreek City, and she has never wavered in her loyalty to the people here. She has cultivated an attitude to treat everyone as a friend—that people deserve the benefit of the doubt and most people want to be good neighbors if you give them the chance to do so. She has always been vocal about the exclusivity of this great place being open to anyone. To Diane, everyone is welcome here! She has long been the eyes and ears for this community, and countless residents have looked to her guidance and support about local issues over the years. If it matters to you, then it matters to Diane.

Diane is setting an incredibly high standard for those who receive this award in the future. We are so lucky to have had her leadership and look forward to her continued friendship and support. I am pleased to honor Diane Angus with Millcreek's first Community Champion Award.