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**2016 Citizen of the Year  
Village of Richton Park**



RICHTON PARK, IL. March 28, 2016 – The Village of Richton Park held its annual Commissioners and Committee Member’s Dinner on February 19, 2016. More than 100 Commissioners, committees and groups who worked throughout the year to make a difference for others, were honored for their service and dedication. Richton Park resident, Warrette Coleman was recognized as “Citizen of the Year” for her involvement, dedication, and commitment to the community within the past year.

Individuals are nominated to receive the distinguished honor of “Citizen of Year” as a resident of Richton Park who has volunteered their services to Village residents or in the community.

Warrette Coleman has lived in Richton Park for over 21 years with her husband, Brian. She is a mother of two handsome young men Brian II and Quentin, and is extremely involved in the community.

As a Richton Park resident, Warrette has participated on several committees such as the Beautification, Sister City, Village Manager Selection and Community Center Development. These committees are geared towards growing and improving our Village and community, where she serves as an advocate both publicly and privately.

Warrette is Vice-Chair of the Richton Park Beautification Committee, where she not only attends the regular meetings, but records minutes, participates in special program planning sessions, and works hard each summer in selecting the most beautifully maintained homes throughout the community.

Over the past few years, she has focused her efforts on raising funds for the Lincoln Crossings Homeowners Association, Southland Charter High School, Richton Park VFW Post 311 and the Richton Park Public Library. She contributes her time and talents by working on flyers, meeting people, selling tickets, preparing food, serving seniors or whatever is needed to make a positive impact on the activity.

Ever since joining the neighborhood, Warrette has made a commitment to enriching Richton Park. One of her obvious goals is to make our area a safe place filled with productive things for our children, our seniors and our veterans. She is involved with the Southland College Prep



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Charter High School PTSO and band booster parent organization, where her efforts with the band booster parent organization have help to raise over \$4,000 dollars towards band uniforms for the students.

Warrette Coleman is also the President of the Richton Park Public Library Board. Being on the Richton Park Library Board for the past 11 years, she began as Secretary, and now as President for the last 3 years. During her service to the Library, she oversaw the referendum process in which the residents of Richton Park overwhelmingly voted for a new library site and facility. She actively participated in the concept, design and construction of the new library, which is now a premier fixture and landmark within the community. She led her team through design sessions, public forums for resident feedback, and participated in tough discussions with Village staff and officials for favorable opportunities as well.

Warrette never ceases in being a strong advocate for the library either. She is an active member of “The Friends of Richton Park Library” as well, which raises money to provide funds for library programing as well as scholarships to qualified graduating seniors in the community. She was instrumental in organizing and executing the “Friends” first Wine tasting event which successfully raised funds for the scholarship program. She has received much recognition from the Village of Richton Park for her volunteer efforts.

Warrette works diligently throughout the Village and her efforts help to reinforce Richton Park’s mission of a Proud Past and a Bright Future, and we are very proud to claim Warrette Coleman as one of our own.

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