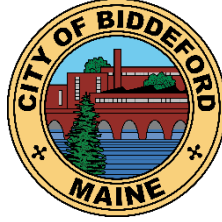


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PRESS RELEASE

Biddeford Mayor Presents 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award

BIDDEFORD (March 11, 2021) — Mayor Alan Casavant has awarded the City of Biddeford’s 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award to the organizers and volunteers behind the La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival. Paul Gagne, a member of the Board of Directors, accepted the award at City Hall on Thursday on behalf of past and present La Kermesse volunteers.

The La Kermesse Festival is a Biddeford tradition that celebrates the City’s local Franco-American culture. The festival has been held annually since 1983 up until last year's postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and features a parade, fireworks, live music, entertainment, and more.

“The board of La Kermesse, as well as the group's many volunteers, selflessly give so much of their time year after year to make their festival a success,” said Mayor Alan Casavant, “but they do so much more. Because of their love of our city, they are involved in numerous events during the year, from RiverJam to decorating the downtown with holiday lighting. Whenever they are needed, they are there. We are very grateful for their dedication and the joy that they bring the community, and we're looking forward to a time when we can safely celebrate with them again.”



Above: Mayor Alan Casavant and Paul Gagne pose with the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award plaque.

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