

## Hats & Heroes: 2022 Shining Star Award

It is often said that it's the "little things" in life which make the biggest difference. When considering the success of any given project, we might hear that it's all "in the details." When every "i" is dotted and every "t" crossed, you can rest assured that it's a job well done. Tonight's honoree exemplifies these qualities in all that they do, and we hear, with a smile!

One might say, 'well, it sounds like this nominee is simply doing their job.' Yes, however, when 10 separate nominations come in for one person, I'd say you are doing more than your job. You're making a profound difference, and changing the climate in which you work.

Our submissions for this award say the following:

"No matter how hot it is outside or how cold the winds might be blowing, he shows up and is always pleasant. He takes great pride in helping to keep Marshall clean, safe and beautiful. "

"He is the unsung HERO of our beloved downtown Marshall. We are blessed by his dedication and honored to nominate a person of such character, loyalty and unprecedented work ethic for this year's 'Hats & Heroes of Harrison County' award."

Presentation is everything, and our honoree not only completes his tasks, but leaves things better than he found them...enriching the lives of others along the way.

His efforts "... immediately changed the look of Main Street. Not only that, any encounter you have with him, you are immediately changed personally.

He exhibits a true servant's heart. He doesn't look for fame or recognition - in fact he shies away from the spotlight...I would bet he was raised being told to do any job well, no matter how big or how small. To seek out things that need attention and **BE** the one to give it attention; not to step over a piece of trash waiting for someone else to pick it up, but pick it up and dispose of it *yourself*. “

“When I see him at work, whether watering flowers early in the morning & blowing off storefronts before business owners even arrive, or sweeping up leaves or sand, he is always doing so with a happy heart. I am reminded each and every time...of this Bible verse: Phillipians 2:14 “Do everything without grumbling or arguing”. Mr. Carlisle reminds me as I may be tired, hot and even cranky, to do just that....do everything without grumbling or arguing.”

A final submission says this:

“Hiring him has been one of the best moves that the City of Marshall has by far ever made.”

“Our recipient recognizes issues that need to be addressed and takes it upon himself to get it done. He's proud of the job he does, and it shows. We're proud of him, too, and we're proud to call him our friend. Marshall needs more Thomas Carlises!”

Join me in honoring tonight's recipient of the Hats and Heroes “Shining Star” award for 2022, Mr. Thomas Carlisle, City of Marshall Mainstreet Maintenance and Grounds keeper.

*Main Street Merchants, investors, & City administration please come forward in honor of Mr. Carlisle for a photo.*