

Jerry Brinson

In 1986 Jerry a Master electrician and his wife Delois along with their son moved to Portland to start and raise his family.

In 1992 Jerry got involved with the Portland little league as well as the Salvation Army boys and girls club. Him and his wife helped cook a community thanksgiving dinner with the boys and girls club for many years. Ultimately he wanted to be involved with making a better environment for his kids.

In 1994 when the big snow hit he took out the tractor from the little league and started plowing the streets as the city trucks couldn't push through for days. He helped so many families in the community that year.

By 1997 Jerry had taken over the little league with just 150 kids and 12 sponsors. By the time his reign had ended he pulled together 400 kids and 54 sponsors. He fell in love with the game. And watching his kids as well as all the neighborhood kids play, gave him purpose as well as meaning.

In 1998 the community started to recognize all the things he was doing and had done. So there were a few people from the community that nominated him for the Good Neighbor Award. On September 13, 1998 he was invited to the Seelbach Hotel Ballroom to receive the award he was nominated for.

For years his dedication to the community was persistent. He dabbled and helped with many things. Including numerous Portland festivals to sitting on various community boards and leading political fights against whoever he thought was wrong.

In 2003 he led a fight against the city by asking for a building moratorium. They believed that the more rentals that were available the more the crime rate would soar. They were granted the moratorium and stopped the quickly built rentals for 5 years.

December 13, 2003 Jerry received the Kentucky Colonel Award, for all of the astonishing things he had done.

When Jerry retired from the little league he teamed up with another community activist Molly Leonard. Molly started the Police Auxiliary and watched Jerry over the years and convinced him to start helping her. Jerry and Molly created a program called Staples for Seniors. Which assisted people who could still cook but couldn't make it to the grocery store.

In 2007 the mayor's office considered closing fire stations in Portland, Clifton and Old Louisville. Jerry stepped in making yard signs t-shirts and rallying against the mayor. (Jerry Ambramson) which ultimately led to the mayor deciding against it. And Portland got a new firehouse built at 2500 Griffith ave. Brinson received a fire helmet as an award for his time contributed to help the fire department.

From then on he helped organize and throw countless Christmas parties. Helped many organizations complete tasks. And let the entire world know exactly how he felt while not sugar coating anything for anyone. Without question you knew his standpoint on anything he was involved with. That's why he had drawn in so many people, he was loud and seen. And I believe for that very reason he was able to accomplish all the extraordinary things he did.

In December of 2019 Mayor Greg Fisher Presented Jerry with The Mayor's Proclamation Award. For a lifetime of devotion to his community, the mayor saw fit to acknowledge and present this award at the annual christmas party.