



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

August 10, 2009

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration
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SUBJECT: National Honey Bee Awareness Day Donation to
Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

Background:

- August 22, 2009 is National Honey Bee Awareness Day.
- In the fall of 2008, Faith Tiberio, President of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, sponsored a national competition among all the local branches for the promotion of education regarding the "Plight of the Bumble Bee." She recognized that our world of fruits, flowers and vegetables is being threatened by the honey bee decline.
- Mary Hrynik, a member of the Troy Garden Club, a branch of the WNF&GA in Troy, submitted an entry on behalf of the club and it was chosen as winner of a \$500 prize at the national meeting in Boston, MA on June 13, 2009.
- The Troy Garden Club has donated this award money to the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center to be used for education about honey bees. Apiary teaching equipment has been purchased for classes and exhibits at the center. The Nature Center site currently has bee hives on the trails as well as an educational observation honey bee hive inside the facility where the working bees can be observed by children and adults.
- This award was presented on August 7, 2009 in conjunction with National Honey Bee Awareness Day on August 22, 2009.