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Marysville Rotarian honored for time and service to community

MARYSVILLE – Longtime local business owner Mike Leighan is often quick to credit his fellow Marysville Rotary Club members for their commitment to serving the needs of their community.

On Jan. 27, it was Leighan's turn to be in the spotlight as he was honored as December Volunteer of the Month at the City Council meeting, a governing board that he himself served on for 13 years.

Much of Leighan's community involvement comes through his years of service with the Marysville Noon Rotary Club.

The time that Leighan puts into service projects exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," his nominators said.



Leighan is instrumental in a number of community events, including last December's annual Holiday Tour of Lights at Cedarcrest Golf Course, now in its third year. He took on conductor duties driving the Merryville Express Rotary Train that whisks people on a ride along winding cart paths to enjoy a dazzling drive-by display of lighted holiday scenes. He also coordinated the roster to make sure that the trains were never without a conductor.

"I can attest to the time that it takes, especially if you step in at the level that Mike does," said Mayor Jon Nehring, who is also a Rotarian. "Mike has committed countless volunteer hours coordinating, helping set up and lending a hand at some of our most popular events in Marysville, making sure that these events give families and all participants an experience to remember."

In October, Leighan dedicates his time to Rotary's Pumpkins for Literacy campaign at the Club's Pumpkin Patch at the Plant Farm at Smokey Point. Over three weeks, Rotary brings in more than 30,000 pumpkins, raising thousands of dollars donated to local schools to buy hard-bound dictionaries and books for students.

Leighan also serves as Public Relations Coordinator for Rotary. His latest project will be leading a project to remodel the Rotary Ranch Building at Jennings Memorial Park to be converted for community meeting space.

That's plenty of volunteer activities to keep Leighan busy. Now he can add one more to the list, as he was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board later on the night of his award presentation.

Leighan's wife, Sarah, co-owners of Vinyl Signs & Banners, also attended the award ceremony.