



Von Braun Center receives Beautification Award

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Huntsville, Ala. – Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, on behalf of the City of Huntsville Beautification Board, presented the Von Braun Center (VBC) the 2019 Beautification Award at the 45th annual awards ceremony. The VBC has received this award for over 25 years.

“Our Landscaping team, Don Russell and Tony Christa, work tirelessly throughout the year to maintain the VBC grounds,” commented VBC Director of Operations, Johnny Hunkapiller. “They take pride in their work and that is obvious to everyone who visits our grounds.”

The Beautification Awards Program is a joint effort between the Huntsville Beautification Board and the City of Huntsville to recognize businesses that have shown significant initiative in beautifying their properties. The Beautification Board sponsors the Beautification Awards in partnership with the City of Huntsville’s Green Team.

The recognition is awarded annually following a rigorous judging of the landscaping of nominated properties. Judging includes: First impression, originality, distinction and design – among other categories.

In 2018, the VBC held over 500 events and hosted over 775,000 people, including local and out-of-town guests.

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About the Von Braun Center

The Von Braun Center is a multi-purpose facility located in downtown Huntsville, Alabama. The VBC offers multiple venues for presenting cultural, educational, entertainment, sporting and social events. With over 170,000 square feet of flexible meeting space the VBC is able to accommodate events of all sizes.

About the City of Huntsville Beautification Board

The City of Huntsville Beautification Board was created in 1965 and seeks to improve the appearance of Huntsville through ordinances, and by encouraging and applauding the efforts of private and public sectors in making a more healthful and beautiful city.



Mayor Tommy Battle, Don Russell, and
Tony Christa