

## **Alexandria Beautification Commission Announces Special 2021 Commercial Award Winners**

This year was not easy for anyone, especially restaurants. Yet many were creative in so many ways despite the profound and extraordinary challenges endured amidst COVID-19, and it did not go unnoticed.

Winners were chosen for demonstrating business resilience while providing a wonderful customer experience by creatively embracing their outdoor environment during unprecedented times.

Nominations were comprised of feedback from the community and Commission members who toured the City looking for candidates who represent the best of making the City of Alexandria more beautiful by bringing the indoors to the outdoors.

### **The Winner**

**Tequila + Taco and Sweet Fire Donnas from the Carlyle neighborhood**



**Mayor Justin Wilson and Councilman Canek Aquirre** presented the owners of Tequila + Taco and Sweet Fire Donnas with their award on Friday, August 6.



**U.S. Congressman Don Beyer Jr.** provided a Letter of Accommodation highlighting “Your ability to bring the indoors to the outdoors represents Sweet Fire Donna’s and Tequila + Taco’s gift of initiative, adaptability, and innovation and suggests a well-deserved, long-living success.



## The Honorable Mentions

**Cheestique from the Del Ray neighborhood**



**Fontaine Coffee and Creperie from the Old Town neighborhood**





**Ramparts Tavern & Grill from the  
North Ridge neighborhood**



**Silver Diner from the West End  
neighborhood**



**Congratulations to all for beautifying Alexandria by embracing the outdoors while  
delivering a wonderful customer experience!**