

# Citizen of the Year Nominations Being Taken

4/17/09

Do you know someone that deserves to be recognized for what they do for the community? If so, this is your opportunity to nominate them for the 2009 Citizen of the Year Awards, sponsored by the Mayor and City Council.

There are seven categories for Rock Island Citizens – Business, Professional, Education, Individual, City Employee, Organization, and Youth. There is a special category for someone that does not live in Rock Island but has contributed to the good of the community. This person/organization is not eligible for the overall Citizen of the Year award, but may be nominated as the Honorary Citizen of the Year.

The committee, which is composed of the winners from the previous year along with two Council representatives and a representative from the Labor Day Parade Committee, will review the nominations and interview each nominee before making their decision.

The winners in each category will be announced at the City Council Meeting on August 10, 2009. At the August 24, 2009 City Council Meeting, the winners will be honored at a reception prior to the meeting in City Council Chambers and the Mayor and committee members will present the awards to the winning recipients. The overall Citizen of the Year that is selected from the winners in the categories for Rock Island residents will also be announced at that time. The winners will ride in the annual Labor Day Parade, to be held Monday, September 7, 2009. The overall Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshal of the parade.

These awards have been presented since 1987 when Dick Motz of Oakwood Realty was selected as overall Citizen of the Year. Since then, other winners have been Metropolitan Youth, Charles Austin Jr., Norm Moline, RIPD Lt. Bill Sowards, Elma “Mooch” Gay, Helen Park Thomson, Constance Bell, Valley Construction/John Hass, Charles and Annie Robinson, Ken Martin, Rock Island Evening Lions Club/Rock Island High School Key Club, Hyman’s Furniture/Stanley Goldman, City Manager John Phillips, Sarah Hultquist, Maggie Stutsman, Phil Dennis, Gary Miner, Kevin Koski, Vietnam Veterans of the Quad Cities Chapter 299, Rev. Daniel Mirabelli, CSV, and Carroll “Red” Pearson. Who would you like to see as Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade this year?

We invite you to submit a nomination for someone that deserves the recognition of this award. Please include their address and telephone number so they may be contacted. It is important to include your name and telephone number so we may contact you for additional information if necessary. **The deadline for receiving nominations is June 19, 2009. You may nominate more than one person for the award.** Please be sure to complete the information on the form. If you have questions, please call Committee Co-Chairpersons/Aldermen Joy Murphy at 721-3254 or Stephen L. Tollenaer at 794-9099 or City Clerk Aleisha L. Patchin at 732-2010.

Thank you for being involved! We look forward to your nominations.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – 2009**

Deadline for returning this form is June 19, 2009.

**Please PRINT (in black ink for duplicating purposes) OR TYPE information.**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Their Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: (Check One)

(City of Rock Island Residents ONLY, except for honorary citizen)

\_\_\_ BUSINESS

\_\_\_ EDUCATION

\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL

\_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL

\_\_\_ CITY EMPLOYEE

\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION

\_\_\_ YOUTH

\_\_\_ HONORARY CITIZEN (Non Resident of Rock Island)

Please list significant contribution(s) nominee has made to the City of Rock Island with specific attention to their involvement within the past year. You may use additional paper if necessary.

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(Information needed in case we need to call you for additional information)

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**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 19, 2009 TO:**

**ALEISHA L. PATCHIN, CITY CLERK  
1528 THIRD AVENUE  
ROCK ISLAND IL 61201**