

Call for Nominations

2009 Neighborhood Resource Center *COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS*

Since 1987, the Neighborhood Resource Center, Inc. (NRC), has annually recognized outstanding public officials, organizations, publications, businesses and citizens for their unique or continuing record of service to a neighborhood and/or the Albany community in general by awarding the *Thomas J. Senchyna Neighborhood Service Award* and four *NRC Certificates of Recognition*.

This year, the NRC Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, and we are asking members of our community to nominate individuals or groups for consideration (deadline March 10, 2009) of the following awards:

Thomas J. Senchyna Neighborhood Service Award - Presented to a person who best exemplifies those qualities of commitment and service to the neighborhood, community and City of Albany that Tom Senchyna represented and demonstrated daily in his life and actions. Tom Senchyna was on the NRC Board of Directors from 1975 until his untimely death and he brought with him a deep, active and committed concern for improving our quality of life.

Prior Award Winners: 1988 – Maria Markovics; 1989 – Peter Rumora; 1990 – Patricia Barr; 1991 – Nancy Wiley; 1992 – Mark Yolles; 1993 – Henry M. Madej; 1994 – Elfrieda Textores; 1995 – Marilyn Hammond; 1996 – Mariateresa Canosa; 1997 – Aaron Mair; 1998 – Linda Miller; 1999 – Louise McNeilly; 2000 – Dominick Calsolaro; 2001 – Mary Connair; 2002 – Joyce Keenan; 2003 – Mac Mowbray; 2004 – Helen Black; 2005 – Kathleen Kearney; 2006 – Tom McPheeters; 2007 - Ellen Picotte; 2008 - Matthew Nehrbauser.

Neighborhood Resource Center - Certificates of Recognition are presented to the

- **Public official** who has been particularly responsive to neighborhood issues.
- **Organization or group** who has made a special impact on our neighborhoods.
- Noteworthy community or neighborhood based **volunteer publication or website**.
- **Local Retail Business** that is an asset to its neighborhood.
- **Rental Property Owner** who has improved his or her neighborhood.

Criteria for consideration of each award are listed below:

Thomas J. Senchyna Neighborhood Service Award

This award is presented to a person who best exemplifies the meaning of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” by demonstrating commitment and concern for their neighborhood and community. His/her selfless donation of time and effort has resulted in their betterment and a positive effect on the quality of life in the neighborhood and community. Albany residents, neighborhood associations, community groups or members of the NRC may nominate an individual for this award.

The Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III Outstanding Public Official Certificate of Recognition

This award is given to a public employee/official who has made a significant direct contribution to: a neighborhood or neighborhoods; improving the quality of life in Albany generally; and/or to neighborhood revitalization by having proposed a significant administrative or policy change.

NRC Organization or Group Certificate of Recognition

- A significant individual contribution made to neighborhoods generally and/or an individual neighborhood.
- A significant contribution made toward improving the quality of life in Albany.
- Development of a plan or program which has encouraged participation of neighbors or city residents in an activity which enhances community life.

NRC Volunteer Publication or Website Certificate of Recognition

- A newsletter, flyer or brochure that stands out in its ability to effectively communicate the events and activities of the neighborhood and/or provides important information regarding access to community and city resources.
- Nominations must include at least one sample of the publication to be eligible for recognition.

NRC Local Retail Business Certificate of Recognition

- Awarded to a local retail/service business that is an asset to its neighborhood by providing a useful service to community residents.
- The business maintains its property in an exemplary fashion, operates during hours convenient to residents and participates in neighborhood activities.

NRC Rental Property Owner Certificate of Recognition

- Awarded to a rental property owner who has purchased and improved a nearby property into safe and decent rental housing that is an asset to the neighborhood.
- The owner has converted a blighted building into code-compliant rental units
- The rental property owner must be a resident of the city of Albany, and preferably lives in the same neighborhood as the rental property.

Neighborhood associations are urged to make award recommendations based on experience in their neighborhoods.

To apply, all nominations are to be typed and received at the NRC office or received via email (gsolan1@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in order to be considered.

Please note the following requirements:

How to apply

This nomination form must be completed and accompanied by a supporting statement or letter and any required documentation. Incomplete forms or documents will not be considered.

Deadline

All nominations must be received no later than **Tuesday, March 10, 2008.**

Material

All nominations must include appropriate supporting documentation including sample publications and detailed letter of support or statement documenting the contribution of the nominee.

Eligibility

Albany neighborhood residents, associations, community agencies or groups may submit nominations. Previous nominees are eligible. However, a complete and updated nomination package must be submitted as if this were the first time. Current NRC board members are ineligible for awards. (Aimee Allaud, Tom Gebhardt, Holly Katz, Marggie Skinner, Paul Bray, B.J.Costello, Francine Frank, Cynthia Galivan, Andrew Harvey, Susan Holland, Jim Lyons, David Phaff, Harold Rubin, Gene Solan)

Questions?

Call the NRC at 964-6208, or email gsolan1@yahoo.com.

2009 Neighborhood Resource Center Community Service Award Nomination Form

Nominee:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

Email: _____

Nominated by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

email: _____

Deliver to

All materials must be delivered by **Tuesday, March 10, 2009** to:
NRC, 38 Catherine Street, Albany, NY 12202
or emailed to gsolan1@yahoo.com by that date.

Application

(Pick One)

NRC Award Category (*check only one box*)

- Senchyna Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III Recognition Organization
 Publication/Website Local Retail Business Rental Property Owner

Please use the following space, back of this form or a separate page for your letter of nomination and be certain to submit it with any other suggested documents. Incomplete applications or those not including prerequisite documents cannot be considered.

Please mark your calendar for the

**Neighborhood Resource Center
Annual Meeting & presentation of the**

Thomas J. Senchyna Neighborhood Service Award & NRC Certificates of Recognition

Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6pm Venue to be announced