

## 2005 Community Service Award Recipients

Spannuth Boiler Company  
Patrick Botticelli  
William Casey  
Judy Shepelak

## 2004 Community Service Award Recipients

Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest  
Dominican University  
Michael Bloch  
Hugh Helfer  
Albert Love

### *Park District Citizen Committee:*

Doug Varn	Laura E. Kaufman	Mary Kay OGrady
Patience Nelson,	Katie Kelly	Rickey Sain Sr.
Martin J. Bracco	Susan Kurtenbach	David Stannard
Jessica Bullock	Gail R. Moran	Kathy Stohr
	John Mullins	

## 2003 Community Service Award Recipients

Jim Boushay		Rickey Sain, Sr.
Richard S. Nied	Joan Peters	Alice Tulley

## 2002 Community Service Award Recipients

John Armour	Pat Eichenold	Don Stapleton
Elisabeth Austin	Rick Kuner	Phyllis Swanson
Tom Brashler	Charles Ruedebusch	Joyce Taylor

## 2001 Community Service Award Recipients

Nels Andersen	Jim Hodapp
Larry Godson	The Oak Park-River Forest Garden Club

## Board of Park Commissioners

David T. Kindler, President  
Tom Philion, Vice President  
Mark Gartland, Treasurer  
Christine Graves, Secretary  
Marty Bracco, Commissioner



# 2006 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

*In partnership with the community, we provide quality parks and recreation experiences for the residents of Oak Park.*



The Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association annually present Community Service Awards to individuals and organizations in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contribution and unselfish devotion for the advancement of parks, recreation and leisure in the community and the State of Illinois. The Park District of Oak Park would like to thank and congratulate this year's recipients: Jack Barclay, Edith Kause, Sandra Sokol, Wednesday Journal and the Village of Oak Park.

## Jack Barclay

With an amazing eye for detail and a profound respect for parks and recreation, Mr. Jack Barclay has literally left his imprint all over the Park District of Oak Park. As the principal at Barclay & Associates, an architectural, engineering and planning firm located here in Oak Park, Mr. Barclay has designed parks and recreation facilities throughout Illinois and the nation without ever forgetting his Oak Park roots. Generations of Oak Park residents have benefited from Jack's creative talent; he has performed exemplary architectural work on every one of our Park District facilities across four decades. Even though he is semi-retired, Mr. Barclay continues to make an impact on parks and recreation in Oak Park by sharing his expertise with the Recreation Center Historic Stewardship Committee, the Infrastructure Committee and with his involvement in site master plan development. He has also been a strong supporter of our historic properties. We thank Jack Barclay for over 40 years of service to the Park District of Oak Park and for his continued guidance as we plan for the future.

## Edith Kause

As the longest serving volunteer at the Oak Park Conservatory, Edith Kause has spent more than 25 years planting, taking cuttings, plant grooming, and caring for the precious plant life at this well-loved historic property. She and her husband, Gill, began volunteering together in 1979 and donated the fig tree featured in the Cactus Room which bears fruit each year. Although Gill passed away ten years ago, Edith continues to faithfully volunteer her time each week to care for the plant collections. We extend our sincere thanks to Edith for her generous gift of time to help make the Oak Park Conservatory a favorite destination for residents and visitors alike.

## Sandra Sokol

Serving as the Park District's election official for more than a decade, Sandra Sokol is an invaluable resource. She has provided her help and expertise to our Park Board candidates, played an instrumental role in conducting the necessary documentation research for the Comprehensive Master Plan, and provided the knowledge and assistance of herself and her staff in the Village Clerk's office as asked. Sandra has been a friend to the Park District for many years and a dedicated supporter of parks and recreation in our community. Her quiet, yet welcoming, demeanor and her willingness to always lend a hand when called upon is why we recognize Sandra Sokol with a Parks and Recreation Community Service Award. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Sandra for her loyal and steadfast support of the Park District.

## Wednesday Journal

The Wednesday Journal is an Oak Park institution with a long history of service to our community and is a valued partner to the Park District. The Wednesday Journal has been a proud sponsor of Day in Our Village activities at Rehm Park, Amazing Afternoons at Rehm Park, Bark in Oak Park and the Frank Lloyd Wright Races. Through this support, the Journal has made a positive impact on parks and recreation here in Oak Park. This collaborative spirit has been instrumental in helping the Park District pursue its mission of "providing quality parks and recreation experiences for Oak Park residents in partnership with the community." We thank the Wednesday Journal for its deep understanding of what it means to be a community newspaper.

## Village of Oak Park

The Village of Oak Park and the Park District have worked together as partners since the Park District was established 95 years ago in 1912, maximizing resources while improving the overall quality of life here in Oak Park. Village support of the Park District has been especially significant in recent years. Together the Village and the Park District completed the Oak Park Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan which has set the future direction of the Park District for many generations to come. Since the Comprehensive Plan was completed, many individual park site plans have been designed with input from representatives from a variety of Village departments. Additionally, the staff of the Village and the Park District work together on a daily basis sharing equipment and resources.

The Park District and the Village are also partners in providing services out of Dole Center. When emergency repairs were needed at Dole this past summer, the Village acted quickly to complete the necessary work in order to allow the Park District to return to the facility in a timely manner. The Village supported the Park District with the completion of the parking lot and side drive project at Ridgeland Common, a significant improvement to this facility. Most importantly, the Village and Park District worked together last spring to successfully transfer the recreation community center properties to the Park District and the parkway properties to the Village, a win-win situation for both agencies and ultimately an important milestone for our community. It is with much gratitude that we recognize the Village of Oak Park with this Community Service Award for its continuous support of community parks and recreation.