



2009 - 2010
Community
Service
Awards

INFORMATION

Deadline: January 15, 2010

We Create Community through People, Parks, and Programs!

Categories and Information

Community Service

MRPA Community Service Awards are presented to individuals, groups and organizations that support Parks and Recreation. Through their outstanding contributions, they make a difference in their community.

Youth Sports Staff Member of the Year

Each year we honor one youth sports staff member for his or her involvement and dedication. The nominee can be a referee, umpire, field director, or another position that is critical to a program's success. The individual can be full-time, part-time or a volunteer that is a positive role model for kids. The nominee must work or volunteer for an MRPA member agency and have passed a background check within the last year.



Youth Sports Coach of the Year

Each year we honor one youth sports coach for his or her accomplishments. The characteristics of an outstanding youth sports coach include: placing the emotional well-being of the players above the personal desire to win, treating each player fairly, providing a safe and fun environment, leading by example and demonstrating fair play, sportsmanship, knowledge of the sport rules and understanding that the game is for the kids. The nominee must coach with an MRPA member agency and have passed a background check within the last year.

Margaret Whitehead Senior of the Year—Service and Leadership

Margaret Whitehead served with the Lansing Recreation Department and established the first senior center in Michigan. In 1967, she co-founded the Annual Senior Get-Together at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. In a tribute to her involvement and commitment to senior services, the MRPA Margaret Whitehead Senior of the Year Award was created 25 years ago to honor two outstanding seniors annually. There are two categories: Service and Leadership. Candidates must be at least 50 years old and legal residents of the State of Michigan.



Winners are awarded a three-day stay at the Grand Hotel for themselves and one guest. This trip must be scheduled during the MRPA Grand Experience program. Transportation to and from Mackinaw City and incidental expenses are the sole responsibility of the winner or nominating agency.

Nomination Eligibility

Communities under 50,000 residents	One nomination annually
Communities 50,000 – 99,000 residents	Two nominations annually
Communities 100,000 – 199,999 residents	Three nominations annually
Communities over 200,000 residents	Four nominations annually

New
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2010

The 2010 Community Service Award Ceremony will be held March 10, 2010 at the Hannah Community Center. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, which includes a reception, award presentation, and entertainment.

Schedule of Events

Reception: 5:45 pm – 6:30 pm
Award Ceremony: 6:30 pm

Applications must include:

- A completed nomination form – available online only at www.mrpaonline.org.
- A narrative of no more than 250 words which should include the specific contributions the nominee has made directly to the program and how it has been enhanced by the nominee's contributions.

Local re-presentation of awards is encouraged. Please contact Carla Scruggs at cscruggs@city-saline.org if you would like an Awards Committee member to assist you in recognizing your award recipient.



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