



Headlines



August 10, 2004

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2004 Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following individuals selected as winners in the following Citizen of the Year Categories:

CATEGORY

WINNER

Business

Bike and Hike / Steve DePron

Professional

Gary Miner

Education

Vic Boblett

Organization

Broadway Presbyterian Church ABC Group

Individual

Fred Houlton

City Employee

Bob Towler

Youth

Eddie Williams

Honorary

Xochi Herrera Pannell

One of the winners in the first seven categories will be named as the Overall 2004 Citizen of the Year during the City Council meeting scheduled for August 23. A reception will be held to honor the winners at 6:15 p.m, followed by the awards ceremony at 6:45.

All winners will ride in the [Labor Day Parade](#) on Monday, September 6. The overall Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.

The Selection Committee is comprised of the winners from the previous year along with two Council representatives and a representative from the Labor Day Parade Committee. The overall Citizen of the Year is selected from the winners in the categories for Rock Island residents.

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 and Phil Dennis.