



Award Criteria

Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award is given to a local resident whose service and dedication have made a significant contribution to the community. Criteria for the Award are:

- The nominee must reside, or have their business, in Batavia or Batavia Township.
- The nominee must have assisted in an improvement or program of significant value to the Batavia community.
- The improvement must be made as a result of a personal commitment and not substantially as a result of their primary employment or public responsibilities.
- The nominee may not currently be on the Board of Directors of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.
- The nominee does not need to be a member of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce.
- The contributions of the nominee to the community should be of an extraordinary nature.

Nominations should be made in the form of a letter of recommendation to the Chamber of Commerce, no later than December 15, stating the reasons why the individual being nominated is worthy of this honor.

Citizen of the Year is selected from the nomination by a panel of previous Citizen of the Year honorees.

Ole Awards

The Ole Awards are given to businesses or organizations that have completed either new construction or building renovations in Batavia. The recipient in each category below should be that business or organization whose investment enhances the city's economic and aesthetic future, and provides interest and excitement for the entire community.

Ole Awards are given in each of two categories: Commercial Construction and Industrial Construction. The categories are defined by the City of Batavia's zoning codes.

In each category, there is an award for new construction and renovation. The award for new construction goes to the developer or owner who invests in a building that is completely new (i.e., new walls and roofs are part of the project). Renovation awards go to the developer or owner who invests in a building that already exists (i.e., walls and roofs are already in place).

In any given year as many as four awards are available; however, the awards are for *significant* investment. In many years, fewer than four awards may be given.

Nominations for the Ole Awards (see the attached nomination form) will be submitted to the Chamber's Community Relations Committee, which will then make recommendations to the Chamber Board of Directors based on the following criteria:

- Investor risk inherent in the project
- Potential return of the investment on the local economy ("Community ROI")
- Perceived aesthetic value

Awards will be determined by a vote of the Board. In case of a tie, two awards will be given.



Donna Dallesasse Award

The Donna Dallesasse Award will be given annually to an individual Chamber member in good standing for outstanding commitment and dedication to the Chamber's mission, vision, and values.

Potential awardees will be nominated by Chamber members in good standing. Nominations should be made in the form of a letter of recommendation to the Chamber of Commerce, no later than September 15, stating the reasons why the individual being nominated is worthy of this honor. The awards will be recommended to the Board by the Community Relations Committee, with final determination by Board vote. Members of the Chamber's Board of Directors and Community Relations Committee are not eligible.

The Donna Dallesasse Award honoree will be announced at the annual Chamber open house in October.



Ole Award Nomination Form

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Owner/Developer: _____

Project Address: _____ Batavia, IL 60510

Contact Address: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Award Category (indicate one): New Commercial Renovated Commercial
 New Industrial Renovated Industrial

Why do you believe this investment is worthy to be an Ole Recipient (use additional pages if necessary):

Please attach photographs and any additional relevant documentation.