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Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award Nominees Sought

Nominees are being sought for the 2009 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award, according to Alderman Robert J. Bauman, primary sponsor of the legislation that established the public service award for city residents.

Last year, the award’s inaugural honorees were Jack and Lucia Murtaugh, community volunteers who worked for years with the award’s namesake, the late former Milwaukee Mayor Frank P. Zeidler. The award acknowledges residents whose efforts most embody the values and vision of former Mayor Zeidler. Elected public officials are not eligible to receive the honor.

Alderman Bauman, a member of the award’s selection committee, said he hopes individuals and organizations will again submit nominations for the award. “It is important for our city, for our community, to recognize the contributions of those who give of themselves for the greater good of the community and our society,” he said.

Chaired by former alderman and Acting Mayor Marvin Pratt, the selection committee is comprised of Alderman Bauman, two community members appointed by Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., and a representative of the Frank P. Zeidler Center for Public Discussion.

Nomination forms are available on the city website, or by contacting Linda Elmer (414-286-2232 or lelmer@milwaukee.gov). Anyone can nominate themselves or others, but nominees must be city residents who are not publicly elected officials. Please submit six copies of the nomination letter (three pages maximum) by June 30, 2009, along with the nominee’s resume and any supporting materials that would help the committee make its selection. Nominations will be announced before August 31 and the award will be presented in September.

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