



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS:**

March 13, 2026

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be presenting its **61st annual**
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
 This prestigious award will be presented at the Chamber's Dinner & Awards Banquet. This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellent leadership and citizenship in the community and has made substantial contributions to the betterment of the Greater Rochester area.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

1. Adult resident of Rochester/northern Strafford County and activities should be in the same area..
2. Contributed to the general benefit of the community as a whole.
3. Demonstrates excellence in the community, for instance in civic affairs, church, PTA, etc.
4. Some activities performed should be over and above the normal duties of one's paid or salaried position; activities performed in the course of one's normal duties are also considered.
5. Services need not be confined to only current activities, but should be recent enough to have current significance.
6. Prior winners are ineligible.
7. Individuals nominated do not have to be members of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce or the business community. Individuals from all walks of life are encouraged.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Complete the form and attach it as the nomination cover page along with a separate sheet detailing the explanation of distinguished activities for why the nomination is submitted.

Letters of recommendations are encouraged to accompany nomination.

Nominations without detailed information may not be considered.

If a candidate is not selected this year, the nomination will be automatically resubmitted for the next three years.

**All nominations are kept confidential. Please DO NOT notify this individual of the nomination.
We will contact you to contact others should your nomination be selected.**

PAST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

1963 - Judge Leonard Hardwick	1983 - Jan Nelson	2004 – Charles G. Ward
1964 - Elyer "Doc" Lyndes (Courier Publishing)	1984 - Bea Craig	2005 – Robert "Cider" Berry
1965 - Herve Lagasse	1985 - Victor Hamel	2006 – R. Bradley Trafton
1966 - Kenneth Denton (J. Zuromskis - Honored)	1986 - Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rose	2007—Fred Hall, Jr.
1967 - Vi Bliskey	1987 - Bernice Bickford	2008—Frank Callaghan
1968 - Dr. Albert Barcomb	1988 - Alfred Benton	2009—Gerard "Gerry" Gilbert
1969 - James Foss (General Conrad Snow - Honored)	1989 - Cynthia Edgerly (Roger N. Allen - Honored)	2010—Linda Gaskell Bisson
1970 - Albert Miltner	1990 - Vincent J. DeNobile	2011—Ken Billings
1971 - Kennett R. Kendall, Sr.	1991 - Dorothy Callaghan	2012—Kenn Ortmann
1972 - Joseph Zuromskis	1992 - Richard W. Creteau (Posthumously)	2013—Gerard Gravel
1973 - Dr. Alexander Smith	1993 - Marilyn R. Berry	2014—Gerald & Claire Bisaillion
1974 - Roland Keans	1994 - Harvey Bernier	2015—Jane Cooper Fall
1975 - Gerry Rainville	1995 - Roland Roberge (Posthumously)	2016—Derek Peters
1976 - Mayor John Shaw (refused award)	1996 - Robert "Bob" Brown	2017—Walter Hoerman, MD
1977 - Helen Berry	1997 - Daniel Lacroix	2018—Hoagy Higgins
1978 - Judge Richard Cooper	1998 - Terry McGarhan	2019—Patricia Rainboth
1979 - Arnold T. Clement	1999 - Kevin Flynn	2020—Lisa Stanley
1980 - Bud Carlson	2000 - Marion Veno	2021—Jeanne Grover and Alicia Frye
1981 - Elmer R. Waitt	2001 - Janet Pelley	2022—Kathleen H. Sessler
1982 - Fr. Donald Marsh	2002 - Steven B. Dore	2023—Jackie Fitzpatrick
	2003 - John Rigazio	2024—Mary Henderson
		2025—David Stevens

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CONFIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF THE 2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

NOMINEE:

Full Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

NOMINATOR (INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING NOMINATION):

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOMINEE:

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF NOMINEE:

Signature of Individual Submitting Nomination

Date

Nomination form and attached documentation must be submitted by **March 13, 2026** to:

Awards Committee

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