

GPA Award Winners 1987 — 2009

Chuck & Audrey Behrens Award Winners for longstanding and exemplary service to the Gifford Park Association

1987.....	Chuck & Audrey Behrens
1988.....	Mark Herzog
1989.....	Dan Miller
1990.....	Barbara Evans
1991	Norda Landers
1992.....	Pat Miller
1993	Paul Bednar
1994.....	Reggie Stephens
1995	Jennifer Van Duyn
1996	Jean Bednar
1997	Glenna Preradovic
1998.....	Karen Bach
1999	Brigitte Nobs
2000	Brian Anderson
2001	Mike Alft
2002.....	Mark Billings
2003.....	Fran Cella
2004	Bill Briska
2006.....	Durrenberger
2007.....	Deborah Allan
2009	Jeff Jacobson

Fun Awards (Initiated in 1991)

1991

Rookie of the Year	Mark Habberfield
Volunteer of the Year	Steve Schreiner
Take the Ball & Run.....	Bob Krich, Paul Bednar, Brigid Trimble, Reggie Stephens
Unsung Hero	Ed & Holly Porrett, Paul Kuester, George & JoEllen Doscher, Randy & Jennifer Van Duyn
Golden Pro	Pat Andrews, Steve Vacherlon, Bill Gardner, Arthur Alan

1992

Rookie of the Year	Kris Smith
Take the Ball & Run	Wende & Larry McMurray
Creativity in Action	Brigitte Nobs
Golden Pro	Brian Anderson, Rich Hirschberg
Unsung Hero	Jennifer Van Duyn, Mary Hill, Jim Backstrom
Brainstorm of the Year	Tom Naegele
Certificate of Appreciation.....	Elgin City Council, O'Connor Homeier

1993

Rookie of the Year	Steve Stultz
Take the Ball & Run.....	Christine Smith
Golden Pro	JoEllen Doscher, Brian Anderson
Unsung Hero	Caryl Clement
Golden Macintosh	Jean Bednar
Don Quixote	George Doscher
Good Neighbor	The "Coalition"

1994

Man for All Seasons.....	Henry Runowiecki
Golden Pro	Clay Pearson
Go & Get 'Em 1	Wende & Larry McMurray

2007

-Certificates of Appreciation to all Porch Party and Wassailing hosts

- "Rookie of the Year" to Holly Weidmeyer and Margaret Keen (for taking board positions their first year)
- "Unsung Hero" to Sandy Gochnour (she coordinates the volunteers every year for Housewalk)
- "Thoughtful Neighbor" to Paul Durrenberger (for providing flower arrangements to Wassailing hosts)

Go & Get 'Em 2..... Judy Browne
 Golden Computer Jean Bednar
 Big Red Apple Award..... Steve & Teresa Stultz
 Perpetual Paper Boys..... Dan Miller, Mark & Glenna, Ed & Holly, Rich & Debbie Hirschberg,
 Jim Backstrom, Jim & Terri Koko, Paul & Jean, Mark & Marcia Habberfield, Mary Hill, Stever
 Schreiner, Chris & Karen

1995

Adventures in Babysitting Angela Miller
 Golden Pro..... NBD Bank
 Take the Ball & Run..... Glenna Preradovic
 Unsung Hero..... Pat Miller
 Good Listener Rick Helwig
 Jail Bird Larry McMurray
 Golden Pen..... Dan Miller
 Group Effort..... Historic Home Marketing

1996

Rookie of the Year Geoff & Marcia Livingstone
 Take the Ball & Run..... Larry McMurray
 Golden Pro..... Sarosh Saher
 Leap of Faith..... John & Rebecca Anderson
 Comeback Kid Mary Lou Morris
 Golden Crowbar..... Elizabeth Clarke
 Hostess with the Mostess Holly Porrett
 Group Effort Elgin City Council

1997

Rookie of the Year Mark Billings
 Take the Ball & Run..... Brian Anderson
 Guardian Angel Glenn Theriault
 Red White & Blue..... Karen Bach
 Keep on Truckin Mark P's Red Dodge Dakota

1998

Rookie of the Year Don & Lori Latham
 Take the Ball & Run..... John Steffen
 Open Door Award..... YMCA
 Golden Pro..... Fred Steffen, John Sheppard, Dave Jurina, Ken Moran, Mick
 Zawislak
 Come Thru in the Clutch..... Vicki Montgomery
 Green Carpet..... Midwest Groundcovers
 Ho Ho Ho Award..... John Burner
 Unsung Hero..... Terri Koko
 Helping Hand..... Helga Stafford

1999

Rookie of the Year Fran Cella
 Golden Pro John Steffen
 Long Distance Award..... Gary & Joan Plice
 Professional Support..... Jones Intercable, Hoffer Plastics
 Caterers of the Year..... Rork & Angela Coon
 Bad Taste Award Brian Anderson
 Rookie of the Year..... Jason & Kari White Musser
 Golden Pro..... John Roberson, John Huss, Sergio Aguilera
 Unsung Hero..... Mark Preradovic
 Hospitality Mark & Pat Billings, Paul Durrenberger
 Take the Ball & Run..... Leonetta Braithwaite

2000

Green ThumbBill Witte
Still crazy after all these yearsBill Briska
Perfect PartnersHome Federal, Channing Y, Mike Howell, U-46, Daily Herald, Courier
News, Al's Café, Jewel, Ace Hardware, Elgin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

2009

Porch Party Soirees - Dan and Pat Miller, Jeff and Laura Jacobson, Zach Lammers and Angeley Mullins, Amanda Carlson and John Krzyzanowski, Sean and Michele Stegall, Roy and Linda Voss.

Wassailling Saunter - Roy and Linda Voss, Michele and Jaime Hill, Kent and Deanna Steiner, Julie Schmitt.

Sean O'Leary – Golden Pro Award

Barbara Counterman – Creative Community Relationship Building

Karen Bach and Laura Jacobson – Hans Brinker

Award Alicia Lykins – Take the ball and run with it

Hans Klemmer – Historic District Photographic Record Project

Sue Awot – Historic Home Calendar Project

Bill Briska – Unsung Hero

Jay Kjellander – Positive Impact Award

Evan Hennessey – Rookie of the Year

Jeff Jacobson - Chuck and Audrey Behrens Award

Fran Cella - Special Recognition Plaque for Successful Efforts in Securing State and National Awards and Completing Neighborhood Plan