

2014 Neighborhood Business Awards Business Nomination Form



Honor your business neighbors with a nomination for the Neighborhood Business Awards. This awards program recognizes businesses for their significant contributions to neighborhood improvement and economic development within Grand Rapids' 20 neighborhood business districts.

Nominee: _____
(business, project, individual)

Address: _____

Owner/Operator: _____
(if applicable)

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Nominated By: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The following guidelines apply:

- Nominations will be limited to one category per business.
- Comments on the reason for the nomination are very helpful.
- Businesses will be limited from winning multiple years in the same category.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee.

I nominate this business, project, or individual for (please check one; see reverse for descriptions):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Reuse of a Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Best New Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Longstanding Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Window Display | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Business Exterior
(sign, awning, landscape, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Interior Renovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Neighborhood Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Exterior Renovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Neighbor Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Neighborhood Pint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P. Michael Wanroy Volunteer in Business Award
(person dedicated to giving back within a neighborhood business district) | | |

Comments:

*Winners will be announced at the Neighborhood Business Awards
Thursday, November 6, 2014, 5-8 pm
Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy Street SE
5:00-6:30 A Taste of Our Neighborhoods Reception, 6:30-8:00 Awards Ceremony
Free and Open to the Public*

The Neighborhood Business Awards are a joint event of the Neighborhood Business Alliance and Neighborhood Ventures.



Neighborhood Business Alliance

The Neighborhood Business Alliance is a 501 (c)(6) non-profit organization composed of representatives of Grand Rapids' 20 neighborhood business associations that works to promote common business interests and to support the efforts of the business associations.



Neighborhood Ventures is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to interject vitality into the heart of each neighborhood by revitalizing its business district. NV supports neighborhood business recruitment and retention and urban commercial corridor organizing.

Please submit nomination forms by **September 26, 2014** to lewism@neighborhoodventures.org, by fax: 616.301.1717, or by mail: Neighborhood Ventures, 1514 Wealthy St. SE STE. 214, Grand Rapids, MI, 49506.

Nomination Category Descriptions

<i>Outstanding New Business:</i>	<i>Recognizing a great new business idea or recent brick and mortar commitment to the neighborhood.</i>
<i>Best Longstanding Business:</i>	<i>Recognizing a long-term commitment to serving the neighborhood with products or services.</i>
<i>Best Interior Renovation:</i>	<i>Recognizing physical improvements or redecorating of a business interior in the last twelve months.</i>
<i>Best Exterior Renovation:</i>	<i>Recognizing physical improvements or remodeling of a business exterior in the last twelve months.</i>
<i>Best Reuse of a Building:</i>	<i>Recognizing the repurpose of an existing building to a use that greatly enhances the neighborhood.</i>
<i>Best Window Display:</i>	<i>Recognizing creative marketing and promotion of a business through extraordinary window displays.</i>
<i>Best Promotion:</i>	<i>Recognizing creative neighborhood business or business district promotional tools or events.</i>
<i>Good Neighbor Award:</i>	<i>Recognizing small businesses or other organizations that selflessly contribute to the well-being of our community by giving back.</i>
<i>Best New Construction:</i>	<i>Recognizing investment in our neighborhoods by new construction or building expansion.</i>
<i>Best Business Exterior:</i>	<i>Recognizing neighborhood businesses for exceptional exterior property maintenance, landscaping, or signage.</i>
<i>Best Neighborhood Restaurant:</i>	<i>Recognizing brick and mortar food establishments in our business districts where the neighbors regularly dine and fraternize with one another.</i>
<i>Best Neighborhood Pint:</i>	<i>Recognizing a special drink or craft brew, or the neighborhood establishment that serves them.</i>
<i>P. Michael Wanroy Volunteer In Business:</i>	<i>Recognizing a business owner dedicated to giving his or her time and energy for the advancement of a neighborhood business district.</i>