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PAULINE AND ROGER MOHR RECEIVE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Pauline S. Mohr and Roger J. Mohr will receive the Lawrence R. Temple Distinguished Public Service Award established in honor of the late Second Ward Alderman Larry Temple and his contributions to Lake Forest. The award recognizes a living volunteer in community organizations or local government for distinguished public service. The Mohrs, the first married couple to receive the award, will be recognized at the Tuesday, January 19, 2016 City Council meeting.

“The Temple Award Committee is very pleased to recognize both Pauline and Roger for their outstanding and unwavering service and loyalty to the community,” comments Jim Cowhey, Temple Award Committee Chairman and former Mayor of Lake Forest.

THE LAWRENCE R. TEMPLE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

To honor a living volunteer to local government in The City of Lake Forest for distinguished public service.

WHEREAS, individuals selected for the Lawrence (Larry) R. Temple Distinguished Public Service Award must demonstrate leadership, responsiveness to the public and staff, duration and scope of service, constructive participation in meetings, and the ability to represent the community's values; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in the Award's history, two outstanding individuals, Pauline S. Mohr and Roger J. Mohr, who happened to be married to one another, have been nominated for the Lawrence R. Temple Distinguished Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, the Award Committee was struck by each person's depth and breadth of civic service to The City of Lake Forest; and

WHEREAS, Pauline S. Mohr has remained a constant, caring and involved citizen of the community; as a volunteer teacher at the former Gorton School, St. Mary's, Deer Path and in North Chicago; serving on the St. Mary's School Board, as a member of the Panel of American Women, speaking to various organizations about religious and ethnic prejudices in our society, serving as member and past president of the American Association of University Women, as a board member of the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, Pauline served on the Market Square Restoration Committee in 2000, the Public Policy Committee during the re-purposing and redevelopment of Fort Sheridan; was a charter member, board member and secretary of the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society, and has been a long-term board member of the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation, serving two terms as president and continues as an honorary director, and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Mohr served as Third Ward Alderman from 2000-2006, lending an unwavering dedication to thorough study of each and every issue, offering wise counsel to saving Elawa Farm, instigating a Home Rule referendum and policy for The City of Lake Forest, leading various projects to make infrastructure improvements to the City's storm water sewer system; serving on the Planning and Preservation Committee, where he participated in developing a long-term use of the Barat College campus, formulating long-term planning for the Knollwood Club property, Lake Forest Hospital expansion opportunities with the Fitness Center, Dearhaven, the Hunter Women's Center and Presbyterian Homes; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving as Alderman, Roger served on the Plan Commission from 1994-2000 and as its Chairman from 1999-2000, recommending approval of the Middlefork Farm subdivision, studying the Rte. 60 Corridor for future development, and continuing to monitor retailers and services located in the central business district; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as an Alderman, Roger served on the Senior Resources Commission and as its Chairman for several years; presently serving on the Senior Citizens Foundation Board and remaining a passionate, involved citizen of the community; and

WHEREAS, in all roles, Roger is a strong supporter of historic and natural resources, preservation; and

WHEREAS, each project under Roger's watch often became enhanced with poetry, slogans or jingles due to his acute sense of creativity from his successful career in advertising, and as a grammarian, Roger possessed a keen eye that never missed any corrections to be made in meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Award Committee believes that Pauline and Roger Mohr, like Larry Temple, have distinguished themselves with civic contributions that benefit the citizens of Lake Forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pauline S. and Roger J. Mohr are awarded the Lawrence R. Temple Distinguished Public Service Award this Nineteenth Day of January, 2016.

James Cowhey, Chairman

Lawrence R. Temple Distinguished Public Service Award Committee When the award was established, Mayor Howard Kerr stated "Larry Temple dedicated himself to making Lake Forest a better community. He loved Lake Forest and worked hard to protect its character and quality of life. He had the capacity to relate to and work with people to bring understanding, compromise and solution to difficult issues. Intelligent, talented and a person of many interests, Larry has left an enduring legacy of public service. His contributions will be realized by many generations of Lake Foresters. The Lake Forest community was saddened by the sudden loss of Lawrence R. Temple on Saturday, August 12, 2000."

Qualifications are carefully considered for nomination and include leadership, responsiveness to the public and staff, duration and scope of service, representation of the community's values, and constructive participation at meetings. Nomination forms for future candidate considerations can be found on the City's website: <http://www.cityoflakeforest.com/government/temple-distinguished-public-service-award/>.

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