

2024 Best of the Best Winners

Illinois Parks' Top Journalist

Naperville Park District for Naperville Community Television (NCTV17)

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Small Business

Arlington Heights Park District for Jen Ortman of The Ortman Group with Berkshire Hathaway Stark and Ian Beamer with Guaranteed Rate

Bloomington Park District for Highlander Improvement Company

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Mid-Sized Business

Plainfield Park District for NuMark Credit Union

Waukegan Park District for Grand Appliance

Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Large Business

Lake County Forest Preserves for Wintrust

Vernon Hills Park District for Rust-Oleum Corporation

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Arlington Heights Park District with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library

Cary Park District with the Cary Area Public Library

Hoffman Estates Park District with Hoffman Estates School District No. 54

Wilmette Park District with the Village of Wilmette

Winnetka Park District with the Village of Winnetka

Partnership

Bloomington Park District with the Bloomington Garden Club

McHenry County Conservation District with Ruhter Bison

Urbana Park District with the Urbana Parks Foundation

Wheaton Park District with the Wesley Luehring Foundation

Arts in the Park

Decatur Park District

Lake County Forest Preserves

St. Charles Park District

Urbana Park District

Best Green Practices

Glen Ellyn Park District

Northbrook Park District

Park District of Oak Park

Good Sportsmanship

Waukegan Park District for Coach Kenny Jones

Woodridge Park District for Josh Williams “Coach Bubba”

Outstanding Citizen Volunteer of the Year

Bloomington Park District for Rick Tayfel

Champaign Park District for Carol Cope

Dundee Township Park District for Jerry Christopherson

Hoffman Estates Park District for Stephanie Felber

Northbrook Park District for Mady Fern