

## **Community Information & Volunteer Centre**

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## Awards are for real people you know

It is people who make our community a great place to live. Now is your opportunity to recognize that special contribution with a nomination for a City of Kelowna Civic and Community Award.

You can nominate an athlete, volunteer, artist, business or charity.

"I have never done anything like that before. Let someone else do it", I have heard people lament. My response is, "Why? You know that person or organization and you noticed that they are doing good deeds."

The nomination process is quite simple. You can get more information online at Kelowna.ca or you can phone 250-469-8967 and ask questions.

Here is the checklist of what you need to do. Fill in the nomination form with the nominee's contact information, your contact information, and the name of the award you selected.

Write a simple letter explaining why you think that person or organization would be a good choice. Criteria for each award are listed on the nomination form.

Ask three other people to write one page letters of support. Each letter can show a different perspective about how the person or organization has made an impact in Kelowna.

Talk directly to the person or organization. Ask them to write out a summary of their activities between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31, 2011 that meets the award criteria.

That summary is very important and only the nominee really knows all of their commitments. It can be point form: organizations, events, types of roles, amount of time and resources given, and the results or impact of their actions.

The final nomination package is a maximum of eight pages. Your deadline is noon, Friday, January 27, 2012.

Finalists will be celebrated at the Civic and Community Awards Gala on Thursday, April 19, 2012 held at the Kelowna Community Theatre.

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