



## Neighbor of the Year Award 2009 Application

**Please return application no later than Monday, February 23, 2009, 5:00 p.m. to:**

Neighbor of the Year Award  
City of Tempe Neighborhood Services Division  
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### *History*

Chuck Malpede was an educator who taught high school history classes. He lived in the Maple Ash neighborhood, one of Tempe's oldest historic neighborhoods which is adjacent to both downtown and Arizona State University. Chuck believed in positive problem solving and proactive planning and neighborhood organizing.

While he did not support negative, reactive responses to specific issues, neither was he concerned by the inevitable conflicts that emerge in community building because he understood the dynamics of change and conflict resolution. Chuck was gentle, methodical, and persistent. He was a staunch advocate for participatory governance and when he saw that neighborhoods in Tempe had little say in development decisions, he sought to rectify that situation.

Working with then-Mayor Harry Mitchell, a fellow teacher and friend, Chuck helped the City of Tempe establish the Neighborhood Services program in 1987. He envisioned a process whereby citizens and their government would work together in a respectful and egalitarian manner to both solve problems and pursue opportunities to build a better community. Chuck Malpede stood for empowered neighborhoods, especially in the face of tremendous growth and change. For this reason, his name gives honor to the grass roots mobilizers that continue to make our neighborhoods great.

In 1995, the Tempe City Council approved the dedication of the City's **Neighbor of the Year Awards** to the memory of Chuck Malpede. The individuals receiving these awards reflect the same commitment to and passion for improving and maintaining the highest quality of life in Tempe's neighborhoods and they daily demonstrate their belief by giving of themselves to improve their neighborhoods.

### ***Awards***

Each neighborhood group may submit its own Neighbor of the Year nominee. Individual or group nominees will be accepted. Please note that Neighborhood and Homeowners' Associations may nominate only one individual or group. Neighborhood and Homeowners' Associations also should provide evidence of its process for the solicitation and assessment of nominations as well as evidence of the association's level of support for the nominee

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission will review the applications and the winners will be recognized at the Neighborhood Workshop and Awards to be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Avenue. The Awards portion of the Neighborhood Workshop will be from 8:00-9:00 a.m., workshop breakout sessions will be from 9:00-noon. One nominee who best demonstrates and embodies the qualities noted in the selection guidelines below will receive a special Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year Award.

### ***Nominee***

Your Neighbor of the Year selection may be any individual who has been exceptionally neighborly, including residents, property owners, business owners, nonprofit organization staff, school staff or City staff. Nominations for exemplary youth are welcome and encouraged as well! (Note: *One nominee please per Neighborhood or Homeowners' Association.*)

On the attached page, please thoughtfully describe how your neighborhood's Neighbor of the Year nominee embodies Chuck Malpede's ideals. Keep in mind that the written nomination will be read at the Neighborhood Workshop and Awards.

### ***Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year Award Program Selection Criteria***

In reviewing the nominees for the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year Award, the guidelines provided below will be used for selection purposes.

The nominee exhibits, practices, or otherwise embodies one or more of the following characteristics or approaches to community building:

- Cultivates positive problem solving
- Encourages proactive planning
- Promotes conflict resolution
- Advocates for participatory governance
- Behaves in a respectful and egalitarian manner
- Seeks neighborhood empowerment
- Mobilizes and encourages others to action

## 2009 NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION

To nominate a person or group for the City of Tempe "Neighbor of the Year" Award, please complete this form and provide all of the information requested below. If you wish to nominate more than one person, please complete a form for each person that you wish to nominate.

### Nominee Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of supporting nominators, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee (check all that apply):

- Lives in the neighborhood of the nominator(s)
- Is a business owner in the neighborhood of the nominator(s)
- Works in the neighborhood of the nominator(s)
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

This nomination pertains to activities best described as (check all that apply):

- A financial contribution
- The contribution of time and skills

Please describe how the nominee exhibits the following:

1) positive problem solving

2) proactive planning

3) conflict resolution

4) promotion of participatory governance

5) respect and egalitarian approach to neighbors

6) empowerment of others

7) mobilization to action

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