



## 2022 Senior of the Year Nominations

### SENIOR MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

**Paul Tuma** - I would like to nominate Lombard resident Paul Tuma for the Senior of the Year Award. Mr. Tuma is a true lifetime resident of Lombard, as his parents were residents of Lombard when he was born. In addition to being an indispensable employee who refuses to give in to retirement, Paul volunteers tirelessly between the hours he works at his church and the railroad club which he is a member of (both located in Lombard). He constantly toils in the background to make others shine, but rarely has the chance to step into the spotlight. I have worked with Mr. Tuma for the last six years and can tell you with all honesty that a more genuine, sincere, and admirable individual and friend you will not find. He is an exemplary individual and a person the Village of Lombard should be proud of. Paul is truly a remarkable man and one richly deserving of a recognition such as this.

**Robert "Steve" Anderson** - I would like to nominate Robert "Steve" Anderson of 1516 S Fairfield Avenue, Apt 8A, Lombard as Lombard Senior man of the Year, 2022.

Steve commits up to 15 hours a week to volunteering with The Outreach House (formerly the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry), which he refers to as "his second home". He takes such pride in his work and his attention to detail in all the tasks he completes helps make everything run so smoothly. From data entry and handling reports to ensuring our coolers and freezers are all operating at the correct temperature, Steve's contributions, mostly behind the scenes, positively impact the lives of our guests in so many ways. It would be lovely to have Steve recognized for all the service work he so humbly does for our community.

Steve has spent almost all of his life in Lombard, graduating from Glenbard East Highschool in 1996. He attended school in Wisconsin where he graduated with a BBA in accounting from the University of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh campus. He entered the US Army in 1972 where he spent his career in the finance department of the Army. Steve retired from the US Army in 1992. He is a huge sports fan and perhaps one of the biggest supporters of Glenbard East sports teams, and very rarely misses any games with his favorite sports being volleyball, basketball and football (but he also cheers on the softball and soccer teams!).

[See attached nominations]

### **SENIOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**

**Velta Kopacek** - I would like to nominate Velta Kopacek for Lombard Senior Woman of the Year. Ms. Velta is a long time Lombard resident that has contributed to community for many years. She was involved with the Lilac Parade Committee, Lombard Garden Club, Lombard Cruise Nights, and St. Pius. I am sure you are all familiar with her. More importantly, Ms. Velta is a three-time cancer survivor. Despite going through chemotherapy, Ms. Velta continues to persevere – doing essentially the same things she has always enjoyed including gardening.

**Audrey Schuurmann** - We are nominating Audrey Schuurmann for 2022 Lombard Senior Woman of the Year. Audrey Schuurmann is the person to call when something needs getting accomplished in her Lombard community. With the Lombard Historical Society and Garden Club she led the restoration of the highly visible Sheldon Peck Homestead native garden, chairs the Helen Plum Library plant committee and serves in many other capacities. At Calvary Episcopal she manages the vegetable garden that raises produce for the food pantry, is a stalwart of the stewardship committee, a trusted member tasked with the counting of donations every Sunday and serves in other essential roles.

[See attached bio]