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# Shelby honors individuals for making the community a better place

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — Preceding Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis' State of the Township address, officials recognized several community members at the Palazzo Grande July 13.

The award ceremony is a component of the annual event. Individuals received awards for making the township a better place to live, learn, play and do business. Stathakis also presented longtime Trustee Paula Filar, who opted to not seek re-election this year, with a special award for her contributions to the community.

Shelby Township Veteran Events Coordinator Phil Randazzo presented the Shelby Lions Club with the Better Place to Live Award for the organization's charitable work and community events, which include an upcoming wine tasting and rock concert.

Shelby Township Clerk Stan Grot announced that Dan Lehman, the Shelby Township Historical Committee's website administrator, won the Better Place to Live Award for his dedicated upkeep of [www.shelbyhistory.com](http://www.shelbyhistory.com).

The website was instrumental in the naming of the township as a Preserve America community, a White House initiative to support

the preservation and enjoyment of the country's heritage, in December.

"If you've ever driven past something in Shelby Township that looks old or you have a question about something, go to [shelbyhistory.com](http://shelbyhistory.com)," said Shelby

Township Deputy Supervisor Brad Bates, who accepted the award on Lehman's behalf. "If the answer is there, it's because of Mr. Lehman."

Shelby Township Treasurer Michael Flynn presented JoAnn Burgess, who could not make the ceremony, with the Better Place to

Play Award.

"I've been on the Parks and Recreation Committee for seven years since starting as a trustee, so I know Jo Burgess," Flynn said. "She is one of the hardest-working volunteers in Shelby Township and

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## Varicose Vein treatment covered by insurance?

"Americans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might not know about their insurance," says Dr. Charles Melt, D.O., at Allure Vein

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works over 1,000 hours a year on parks and rec projects.”

Shelby Township's Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is named after Burgess.

Shelby Township Planner Glenn Wynn introduced the Better Place to Do Business award recipients: Thomas Costello, Phillip Ruggeri and Dan Stern.

“These three gentlemen helped lay the groundwork in Shelby Township to develop a new strategy for economic development through their participation in the Economic Development Advisory Committee,” Wynn said. “We appreciate your willingness to share your expertise in business development with the entire community.”

Stathakis concluded the award ceremony by presenting a special award to Filar for her 16 years of service to the community. He said Filar's passion and drive for positive change inspired his own bid for office in 2008.

“From her earliest days of serving our community and her mission to save the trees along 24 Mile Road, to her establishment of our Economic Development Advisory Committee, to her most recent contribution of leading the charge on the Community Center Advisory Board, Mrs. Filar has always put neighbors and neighborhoods on top of her priority list,” Stathakis said. “Something tells me she'll still be involved in some kind of way.”

Filar said it was a tough decision to make her current term her last.

“It's just very emotional. The years I spent at Shelby Township just serving the residents has been such an honor and a pleasure, and it's just been so rewarding for me,” she said. “I feel I am leaving the township in really great shape.”

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**TOP: Shelby Township Veteran Events Coordinator Phil Randazzo, left, introduces the Better Place to Live Award, which Ray Confer, right, accepted on behalf of the Shelby Lions Club at the Palazzo Grande July 13.**

**ABOVE: Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis stands beside Trustee Paula Filar after presenting her with a special award for her contributions to the community.**

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