

As Mayor I'd like to formally recognize the passing of **4 extraordinary residents** who faithfully were members of our commissions:

Ted Colborn was a member of our Community Tree Commission for 2 years. He's familiar to many of our residents as the beloved crossing guard at the Mack at Vernier intersection for over 22 years, his dependability as an election inspector, as well as a park ranger at our Lakefront Park greeting residents and guests.

Bob Greening as a 17 year member of the Community Tree Commission is credited with starting the elementary school tree poster competition with awards of tree seedlings to be planted in Grosse Pointe Woods. Many residents will fondly remember his year-round model train layout in his backyard, including three separate villages which he shared with young and old visitors for many years.

Peter Groschner served on our Community Tree Commission for 10 years. In addition, he served our community as the associate priest at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. At St. Michael's he began a ministry that provided teenagers with a safe and fun place to gather on Friday evenings.

Marlin Stewart was a 7 year integral member of the Beautification Advisory Commission. As Treasurer he was a key member with the various initiatives especially the annual flower sale. He was counted on to provide advice and to make things happen usually with his signature humor. Marlin often said, "I got it" and he did.

On behalf of the City, I extend our gratitude and condolences to their families and thank these gentleman for their life of service.