

Area businesses honored for displaying beauty

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For Gary Zischler, making his business pleasing to the eye is a personal accomplishment.

Even his employees get into it. Zischler put \$1 million in renovations to his Auto Solutions, at 28829 Orchard Lake.

As a 1968 graduate of North Farmington High School, the honor of receiving the Most Outstanding Renovation Award by the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission Thursday was personally gratifying, he said.

"This is one of the oldest buildings in town, and we recently added a car wash to the collision shop," he said. "We put a lot into the business and the landscape, he said. "It's a great neighborhood."

MORE TREES

Besides extending the brick paving around the business, 22 trees were added.

Business owners, school officials and residents were invited to the annual Beautification



Jan Hunt, Beautification Commission chairperson and commissioners Carol Greening and Julia Washburn are ready to begin the program.

Commission Awards Ceremony held at the Costco Center Thursday evening.

Commissioners spent two months during the past year viewing different places in the area that were nominated for honors. The awards shed light on the effort made in beautifying the city's businesses, subdivisions and schools, said Marie Donigan, landscape architect with the Hills planning department and staff liaison to the Beautification Commission.

The Commissioner's Award this year went to The Church of St. Colman of Cloyne, 32500 Middlebelt.

After years of the church being noted with Letters of Commendation, the news was a wonderful surprise, said Kathleen Dany, director of religious education and pastoral minister.

"The Commissioner's Award is such an honor," she said. "So much work has gone into making it a pretty place. We try to

reflect the beauty of God's creation. We see the outside as an extension of God's place."

She said the pastor, the Rev. Norbert V. Kendzierski "was delighted with the news."

The Environmental Award went to the new Motorola North America Automotive Headquarters at 2291 Corporate Drive.

Donigan said the commission noted the company's effort in creating new wetlands on the property.

"They went into extreme detail building around an existing woodlands and put trees back in," said Donigan.

Other honors were the special Perpetual Award to the Woodcreek Watershed Preservation Committee for the Streambank Stabilization Project.

The Chamber of Commerce Award went to Ekstrom Industries, 23847 Industrial Park Dr., which is one of the oldest industrial parks in the state, said Donigan.

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Hills Beautification certificates awarded to variety of locations

The Farmington Hills Beautification Commission award certificates to the following:

- Condominiums: Chestnut Ridge, Crosswinds of Farmington Hills, Essex Club, Forest at Woodcreek, Greenpointe at Copper Creek, Nova Woods, Pine Knolls, River Pines, Sierra Pointe, The Legends, The Meadows, Woodcreek Village Office
- ACN Headquarters, Amerisure, Bond Office Plaza, Brookfield Office Park, D'Atoliso Masonry, Dembs Roth Gysell/Biddison Architecture • D, Drake Pointe, Gem Office Building, Motorola, Nottingham Associates, Oakland Commerce Bank, Peoples State Bank, Pineview Office Park, Providence Medical Center, Ward Eagle Shopping Centers
- Marketplace Specialty Center, Courtyard Associates
- Miscellaneous: Alterra Clare Bridge Industry
- Corrosion Fluid Products, Discovery Center, Ekstrom Industries,

- Metaldyne, Studio Center, Technology Park, Techtron Centre, West Tech Park
- Renovation: Shalimar Restaurant, Auto Solutions, Orchard Creek Village Commercial
- McCabe Funeral Home, McDonald's at 29455 Grand River Ave., McDonald's at 24020 Twelve Mile Road, Suburban Auto Trim & Glass, Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe
- Places of Worship: Antioch Lutheran Church, Church of St. Colman of Cloyne, Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Nardin Park United Methodist Church
- Apartments: American House, Citation Club, Covington Club, Fairmont Park, Foxpointe Townhouses of Farmington Hills, Mercy Marion Oakland, Mulrond Apartments, Summit, Village Green of Farmington Hills, Village Oaks Subdivisions
- Barrington Green, Country Ridge, Farmington Glens Ridge, Green Valley Estates, Hunter's Pointe, Independence Hills, Old Homestead West, Oxford Estates, Pinecreek, Rolling Oak (Heritage Hills), Wedgewood Commons
- Farmington Public Schools: Administration Office, Beechview Elementary School, North Farmington Garden Club for O.E. Dunckel Middle School, Farmington High School, Forest Elementary School, Gill Elementary School, Hillside Elementary School, Langacre Elementary School, Warner Middle School, Wooddale Elementary School

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