

Murray is top citizen

Peel Bio.
A Mississauga realtor with an impressive track record as a volunteer has been named the 1996 Mississauga Citizen of the Year.



MURRAY

Jim Murray, a vice-president of the commercial real estate firm of J.J. Barnicke, will receive the Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Award at a ceremony at City Hall on May 30.

The Shipp award is bestowed annually on a Mississauga resident whose volunteer efforts have had a

• See *Citizen* on page 7

Citizen of year named

• Continued from page 1

demonstrable impact on the lives of local citizens and the community-at-large.

"A lot of fine people have received this award and I'm flattered to be in their company," said Murray. "So many people have done so much more that I have to make this community a better place. It's humbling to be considered a representative of such a group."

"There's a sense of satisfaction in contributing to your community," he said. "You can't help but get a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment from being involved."

Murray's involvement in the community spans more than 30 years, starting with his involvement in the Scouting movement in the early 1960s. Toward the end of that decade, he became a member of the Kinsmen Club of Mississauga, holding various executive offices including president, vice-president and treasurer.

As a member of the club, Murray initiated the Mississauga Canoe Club building project, helping to raise more than \$125,000 for the project.

In the late 1970s, Murray became involved with CounterAct, an anti-vandalism organization. In 1980, he was appointed by Peel Region as a founding director of the newly formed Peel Regional Housing Authority, which was responsible for administering some 2,500 housing units in Peel.

His volunteer efforts also touched the cultural sector as a patron of the Bethesda Concert Series and vice-president of the Cyclos Theatre Company. His involvement in the arts continues with his commitment to the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. He has also been involved with the Credit Valley Hospital, Mayor's Gala, Peel Museum, Mississauga Sports Council, Don Rowing Club and *The Mississauga News* Christmas Bureau Fund.