

# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association Recognized

## 2010 Stella Stewart Award

### "Doing Good In The Neighborhood"

#### **Jean & Bud Mendenhall** **Bloomingtondale Neighborhood** **Association** **Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Jean and Bud Mendenhall have given 20 years of Continuous community service to their Bloomingtondale Neighborhood, the City of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Police Department. They both have worked hard to get the City of Fort Wayne to recognize the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood as an asset in the City. They fought for neighborhood improvements and tax money for new streets and sidewalks. Both regularly attend day and evening meetings at City Hall to advocate for their neighborhood and watch out for Bloomingtondale's interests and concerns.

During the 1990's Jean and a neighbor joined the Police Department's Citizen Crime Watch. They spent many hours patrolling their neighborhood streets and radioed the Police about any suspicious activities that they observed. In response to speeding cars in her neighborhood, Jean was given access to a radar gun by the Police Department. She would focus on problem streets checking speeds and details, and would report that information to the police.

She requested more police patrols to curb the speeding problem, and worked with

Traffic Engineering to secure four way stop signs at a critical intersection. Bud and Jean's ability to organize has been a hallmark of their work as members of the Bloomingtondale Association.

Two of their most important efforts have been their leadership in the annual Great American Clean-up Day events that have made Bloomingtondale a better and safer place to live, and the preparation of the Bloomingtondale newsletter

that they and other volunteers hand delivered to 1800 households and businesses each month.

