

## AGENTS' CHOICE AWARDS 2006

**The readers have spoken, and the results are in for our first-ever Agents' Choice Awards survey.**

What does it mean to be the best? Is it totally subjective? Or can one person or company truly earn the right to be called "the best?"

The word "best" usually refers to something being of the highest quality, excellence or standing. To be the best, a person, place or level of service must shine brighter than do the competitors, big and small. In an area the size of Chicagoland, that's a significant achievement.

*Chicago Agent's* first-ever Agents' Choice Awards survey winners were selected by our readers, who voted online via our Web site, [www.chicagoagentmagazine.com](http://www.chicagoagentmagazine.com). The contest featured 11 categories ranging from "Best Web Site" to "Most Innovative Developer" and "Best Luxury Building." We are elated to bring to you the people and places most respected and admired by our Realtor readers who voted to show their support and appreciation for true quality, originality and professionalism.

We sent our Agents' Choice Awards 2006 survey to 16,000 Realtors in the city and the suburbs. *Chicago Agent* would like to thank Mary Corbett, Phil Burnstine and Melissa Somone for their assistance in the vision and formulation of our survey questions.

Now, enjoy learning who took first prizes and honorable mentions in our gamut of interesting categories in our very first Agents' Choice Awards.

The winners for each category are:

### **Best Web Site**

Winners

Suburban -- RE/MAX Northern Illinois - [www.illinoisproperty.com](http://www.illinoisproperty.com)

City -- @Properties - [www.atproperties.com](http://www.atproperties.com)

### **Best Floor Plans**

Winner

Suburban -- Sanctuary Club - Jacobs Homes

### **Favorite New Community**

Winners

Suburban -- Tower Crossing (The Glen) - Kimball Hill Homes

City -- Ivy Hall at University Village - Joint venture between Mesirow Stein Real Estate, Inc., New Frontier Cos. and Harlem Irving Cos. and is exclusively marketed by New West Realty

Honorable Mentions

Suburban -- Americana Estates (Bolingbrook) - Multiple builders

City -- Roosevelt Square - Related Midwest

**Best Overall Amenities**

Winners

Suburban -- Hawthorn Woods Country Club - Toll Bros.

City -- Trump International Tower and Hotel - The Trump Organization

Honorable Mentions

Suburban -- Spring Gate at Southbury (Oswego) - Ocean Atlantic and multiple builders

City -- Lakeshore East - Magellan Development LLC

**Best Mortgage Company**

Winner

Guaranteed Rate

Honorable Mentions

National City Mortgage

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

**Best Value**

Winners

Suburban -- Shadow Hill - Ryland Homes

City -- Eastgate Village - Joint venture between New West Realty and Mercy Developers LLC and is exclusively marketed by New West Realty

Honorable Mentions

Suburban -- Prairie Knoll - Town & Country Homes

City -- R+D659 - Mesirov Financial Real Estate Inc.

**Most Innovative Developer**

Winners

Suburban -- Jacobs Homes

City -- Belgravia Group

Honorable Mentions

Suburban -- Del Webb

City -- CMK Cos.

**Best Realty Company for Philanthropic Works**

Winner

RE/MAX Northern Illinois

**Best Views**

Winner

340 On The Park - Related Midwest

Honorable Mention

One Museum Park - Enterprise Cos.

**Best New Condominium Development**

Winner

600 N. Fairbanks - Schatz Development

Honorable Mention

10 E. Delaware - Prime Group

**Best Luxury Building**

Winner

900 N. Michigan - JMB Realty Corp.

Honorable Mention

550 St. Clair - Sutherland Pearsall Development

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