

## **Jim and Marilyn Dohany to serve as Dearborn's 2006 Michigan Week chairpersons**

**DEARBORN**, Mich. – Dearborn Mayor Michael A. Guido recently announced his selection of prominent local residents Jim and Marilyn Dohany to serve as co-chairpersons of the City's 2006 Michigan Week celebration.

Their key responsibility will be serving as Mayor Guido's representatives when Dearborn takes part in Michigan Mayors Exchange Day, happening on Monday, May 15.

This year Dearborn hosts Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero. The Dohanys will accompany Mayor Bernero for the day's activities, which will feature visits to Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center and Dearborn City Hall, participating in the DuVall School Clean Up parade, a luncheon at the Henry Ford Estate, and a meeting with local leaders at the Arab American National Museum, and tours of Dearborn's successful downtown development and brownfield projects.

"Jim and Marilyn embody the Dearborn spirit that we want to show off to our distinguished visitor," said Mayor Guido. "They will be a great help in demonstrating to Mayor Bernero just why our City is such a great place to live and work and visit."

The Dohanys – who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year – are longtime Dearborn residents, and well-known active members of the community.

Jim Dohany serves as chairperson of Dearborn's Local Officials Compensation Commission, which evaluates the salaries paid to the City's elected leaders. He is retired from a 41-year career with Ford Motor Company, where he was responsible for overseeing administrative functions of more than 50 company facilities, including the Renaissance Center's Ford office towers.

He attended the Edison Institute from fifth through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and is a graduate of Dearborn High School.

Marilyn – a graduate of Detroit's Mumford High School – met Jim when they both attended the University of Detroit. She has been involved in many community organizations and events, such as Girl Scouts, Dearborn's Homecoming festival, and the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2004.

The couple has three adult children, and one grandchild.

Mayors Exchange Day features mayors across the state visiting other communities to exchange ideas and learn how to improve public services. Mayor Guido will visit Lansing at a later date.