

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME THOMAS McDONALD COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

DATE 11/3/11

ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 6 YEARS

OCCUPATION RETIRED EXECUTIVE

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO SERVE (please check up to five applicable boxes)

- Advisory Traffic & Safety
- Board of Review
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Building Authority
- Canvassing Board
- Cemetery Citizen Advisory Technical Review
- Citizens Pathway Review Committee
- Construction/Fire Prevention Bd of Appeals
- Deer Management Advisory Committee
- Economic Development
- Elections Commission
- Green Space Advisory Board
- Historic Districts Commission
- Historic Districts Study Committee
- Human Resources Technical Review Cmte
- Local Development Finance Authority
- Older Persons Commission
- Planning Commission
- Police & Road Funding Technical Rev Cmte
- Retiree Health Care Trust - Board of Trustees
- Rochester Avon Recreation Authority
- Trailways Commission
- Water & Sewer Technical Review Committee
- Zoning / Sign Board of Appeals

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS SEE PRIOR QUESTIONNAIRE 2010

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES)

DMAC - HR TECH REVIEW - WATER/SEWER TRC  
(3YR) (2YR) (1YR)

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD NONE

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

PERTINENT EDUCATION

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WISH TO CONTINUE SERVING THE R H COMMUNITY

Please send completed form to: City of Rochester Hills, Clerk's Office, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or fax to 248.656.4744  
THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE MAYOR'S/CLERK'S OFFICES AND IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL.  
QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REVIEWED BY THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AS VACANCIES OR OPENINGS OCCUR ON THE VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

# **Thomas F. McDonald**

**Former  
Executive Vice President, Public and Government Affairs  
ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc.**

Thomas F. McDonald retired as Executive Vice President, Public and Government Affairs, for ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc., November 1, 2006. TKUSA, Inc. is the U.S. holding company for the ThyssenKrupp companies in the United States and Canada. ThyssenKrupp AG, based in Dusseldorf Germany, is one of Germany largest corporations and is the parent company of ThyssenKrupp USA.

Prior to his ThyssenKrupp USA position, McDonald had served for four years as vice president, corporate affairs, of ThyssenKrupp Budd Company, a leading supplier to the automotive industry. ThyssenKrupp Budd is a member of the ThyssenKrupp USA group of companies and McDonald served as a public affairs advisor in the areas of advertising, public relations, public affairs, charitable contributions and special programs.

McDonald joined Budd in 1998 after serving as Managing Director and General Manager of the Detroit office of Hill and Knowlton, Inc., a worldwide public relations firm. While with Hill and Knowlton, he was responsible for the national Mazda Motor Company account and served as senior counselor to Hill and Knowlton's worldwide automotive clients.

A 39-year veteran of the automotive industry, McDonald served 22 years with Volkswagen of America in a variety of executive public relations positions including 12 years as the company's chief public relations executive.

He is a member of several professional organizations including the Detroit Advertising Association, Automotive Press Association, Michigan Advertising Industry Alliance, Economic Club of Detroit, Society of Automotive Analysts and Society of Automotive Engineers. McDonald represented ThyssenKrupp Budd Company and ThyssenKrupp on a variety of local and national organizations. He is a member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Pine Lake Country Club.

Following his official retirement, McDonald established an automotive communications consultancy, McDonald Automotive Communications, LLC. He provides strategic communications counseling, at the senior executive level, to automotive suppliers and industry OEM's.

A native of New Jersey, McDonald earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army.

He resides in Rochester Hills, MI, with his wife, Carol. They have four daughters.