

MASSACHUSETTS RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION

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AWARDS COMMITTEE MESSAGE

A well-recognized honors and awards program is a key attribute of any highly respected technical or professional association. Currently, the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association has a vigorous program to honor outstanding achievement and meritorious service in the various areas served by the MRPA. Through its honors and awards program, MRPA is proud to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of the professionals in our field who help us grow and become better leaders in our Communities. On behalf of the Awards Committee, thank you to everyone who nominated these outstanding professionals and programs, and congratulations to all those we are able to recognize today.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

SPECIAL CITATION

This award can be presented to an individual, group, or organization that has promoted and encouraged recreation and leisure services.

AGENCY OF THE YEAR

Design of Facility - given to the agency that used creative and innovative concepts and ideas around a new or renovated facility that has been built or is in the process of being built.

Program Outreach - given to the agency that used creative and innovative concepts or ideas around a new or improved program over and above regular programming that demonstrates a great benefit to the community/facility.

Maintenance Innovation - a new technique developed, personnel scheduling/equipment use, or maintenance-management master plan recently developed.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE YEAR

This award is given to a MRPA member town or city that has provided outstanding service and dedication to their community. Someone in their MRPA region will nominate the town or city.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AWARD

This award is given to an individual, group or an organization that is increasing accessibility within their organization and community through Therapeutic Recreation, Inclusion, or Adaptive programs and services.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

This award is given to a Senator, Representative, Mayor, Town Manager, Town Administrator, etc. who has displayed dedication and advocacy on behalf of Parks and Recreation in a community.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR

This award is given to a student in a college setting who has shown appreciation and dedication to the park and recreation industry and has contributed their dedication to their college or university. They must demonstrate a serious interest in pursuing a career in the field of Parks, Recreation, Leisure Services, or Therapeutic Recreation.

NANCY WHITE NEW PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

This award is given to a new member of the MRPA who has been in the park and recreation field full-time for less than five (5) years. This person has made outstanding contributions to the profession and their community.

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

This award is given to a member of MRPA that has provided outstanding service and dedication to their community and continues to improve the field of park and recreation. This person can serve in any specialty area within the park and recreation industry.

THE PETER C. & ERIC W. O'BRIEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award is the highest honor bestowed by the MRPA and recognizes a park and recreation professional who has demonstrated the advancement of the parks and recreation industry. This person is a respected member of the community and maintains a strong dedication and passion for parks and recreation in Massachusetts. This award was established by the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association's Executive Board in 1980, in memory of Peter C. and Eric W. O'Brien, long-time members of our association.

SPECIAL CITATION

Kara Greeley *Waltham Recreation*



Parks & Recreation

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UNDER 30

THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS THRIVING IN 2023

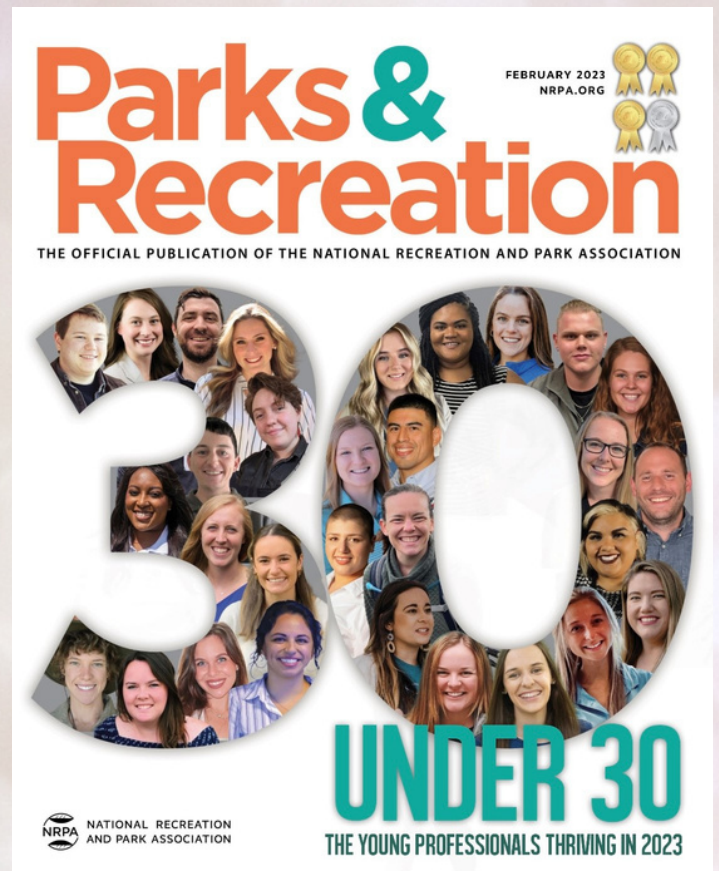
NRPA NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION



This Special Citation is to recognize Kara Greeley for receiving the NRPA's 30 Under 30 award. Kara has made a tremendous impact on the City of Waltham, Massachusetts. Greeley creates new fun ideas – such as Treasure Hikes, Baking Buddies, and the Kaleidoscope Summer Program. She knows families by name, and participants who attend her programs leave wanting to come back for more. Although Greeley is responsible for her own programs, she often assists coworkers with their tasks. She also works with other recreation departments in the state to think of creative ideas and initiatives that all towns can utilize. For example, her department created a Community Dodgeball Tournament that brought youth and elected officials together for a night of fun.

SPECIAL CITATION

Emma Jones
Burlington Parks & Recreation



This Special Citation recognizes Emma Jones for receiving the NRPA's 30 Under 30 award. Emma leads the Therapeutic Recreation Division in Burlington by developing mutual respect with family members, participants, and colleagues. Jones strives to build specialized programming that provides meaningful recreation opportunities to members of Burlington and surrounding communities with diverse abilities. She has expanded specialized programming for participants of all ages and increased program offerings for those under 13 years old by 93%. Jones oversees 25 staff members and numerous direct support professionals, meeting with each of them to provide specific goal information for each participant. In addition she is helping to spread the word about therapeutic recreation throughout New England.

AGENCY OF THE YEAR Design of Facility

Simonds Park Tree House *Burlington Parks & Recreation*



The Simonds Park Universally Accessible Treehouse was built through a generous donation from the Gillingham Family and the Simonds Trust. The Treehouse is the first of its kind in a public park in Massachusetts and the second in New England. It was built using the seven principles of universal design. These principles focus on ensuring access for all people, including individuals with disabilities, through specific design criteria related to the physical, cognitive, emotional, and sensory domains that all people experience. Universal design is rooted in making sure the design of the treehouse is not only accessible but also functional for all people in the community. Burlington Parks & Recreation is very excited to provide programs and events utilizing the new treehouse space.

AGENCY OF THE YEAR Maintenance Innovation

Turf Tank *Framingham Parks & Recreation*



Many sports that were traditionally seasonal now run year-round, and Framingham Parks & Recreation saw a shift in permitting and facility use over the last several years. In addition to a significant increase in the volume of permit requests annually, many requests seek dates of use starting earlier in the spring or running later into the fall, as well as permission for locations not previously used for formal activities. With 65+ athletic fields to manage and maintain, in the spring of 2022, Framingham Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs leased a Turf Tank robotic line-marking machine. They viewed this as an opportunity to leverage new technology to assist us in meeting service demands while minimizing impacts on operating expenses. After using the equipment and technology for a full operating season, the equipment has reduced the number of staff and labor hours required to complete our daily lining operations, as well as reduced materials and equipment costs associated with the overall lining regimen. As a result, they are able to redistribute those resources to other operational requirements and better meet service demands.

FOOTBALL STADIUM

To build the football field each season, conventional methods include locating corner pins and using ropes, tape measures, stencils, and a walk-behind paint machine. The machine reduced the number of staff from 4 to 1, the number of labor hours from 32 to 4, and halved the amount of paint.

SOCCER FIELDS

There are soccer fields at 15 different locations throughout the city. To build each full-size soccer field, conventional methods included locating corner pins and using ropes, tape measures, and a walk-behind paint machine. The machine reduced the number of staff from 3 to 1, the labor hours from 6 hours to 20 minutes, and the amount of paint from 1.75 gallons to .75 gallons.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE YEAR

MetroWest

Millis Recreation



In early Fall of 2022, the Millis Recreation Department began to promote a town-wide challenge/program called the Thanksgiving Feast Challenge. Using social media to get the word out about the Feast Challenge, the town began to get excited about a competition to help raise donations for the Millis Food Pantry. There were three teams that residents could choose to support: Team Nytro-The Millis Police Dog, Team SAFE-a judgement free community organization educating and supporting those affected by substance use disorder and mental health concerns, or the Team Millis Lions Club. The Thanksgiving Feast Challenge was combined with the Annual Millis Recreation Halloween Party which features kids activities, a pumpkin smash, and Touch a Truck. Residents were asked to bring canned goods to support their favorite Millis Team. The team with the most food donations would receive a sponsored donation of their own from various town-wide businesses that generously donated to this cause.

Millis Recreation has also impacted its community with its new Adapted and Inclusive Teen Programming. This program was created and developed by teen program coordinator Erin LeBlanc. When Erin took over as the teen coordinator it was her passion and vision to create inclusive programming for the teens of Millis. The Hangout is a free-of-charge inclusive and adaptive social event for teens and young adults of all abilities. Music, fun, and lightly structured activities bring friends of all abilities together each month for a night out. The Hangout has been a huge success bringing together kids of all abilities to kick back and have fun together in a safe, non-judgment setting where they may end up finding that they have more in common than they thought.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE YEAR Northeast

Lexington DPW



The Lexington Center Streetscape Project has gone through several years of design development and public process which involved the Design Review Ad-hoc Committee, the Select Board, and many other Town Boards and Committees. In early 2013, the Town of Lexington hired the BETA Group, Inc. to perform a transportation data collection program and traffic modeling/simulation for the center streetscape design plan. The consultant has worked with Town staff and the working group to develop final design plans for the Massachusetts Avenue corridor within the project limits.

Highlights of the Project Include

- Roadway Resurfacing
- New Roadway and Pedestrian Lighting
- Tree Replacements
- a Modular Suspended Pavement System and an Irrigation System to Enhance Tree Growth and Health
- Sidewalks Replacement Which Will Be Fully Ada Compliant
- New Bike Racks
- New Seating Areas Throughout the Project
- Bump-Outs for Added Pedestrian Safety

Center Attributes

- Population of approximately 60,000 within a three-mile radius
- Dozens of street trees, benches, lamp posts, flower barrels and bike racks
- Location of the Commonwealth's first parklet
- Steps away from the Historic Battle Green
- Civic heart with Cary Memorial Library and Town Offices complex
- Transportation hub with connections to MBTA, Lexpress, REV Shuttle and Minuteman Bikeway

The Center Streetscape Project is Focused On

- Making sidewalks and crosswalks more accessible and safer for people with disabilities
- Improving pedestrian safety
- Accommodating bicycle traffic
- Renewal of mid-century modern landscape

REGIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE YEAR

South Shore

Hingham Recreation



The Town of Hingham and the Hingham Recreation Department are being recognized for their current field management reorganization plan. The town was successfully able to overcome many obstacles.

After completing an audit of 18 properties under the jurisdiction of three different entities: Board of Selectmen, School Department, and Recreation Commission, with a total of 627 acres with 37 natural grass fields, one synthetic turf field, 31 tennis courts, 11 basketball courts, and one inline hockey rink; the recommendations were clear, concise and a model for other communities. Centralized management, including permitting, scheduling, seasonal management crew, and policies, all under the Recreation Department.

As many of us know, towns often spend tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies, but when it is time to implement improvements, most projects do not make it through town meeting or the ballot box. Hingham didn't yield.

Secondly, territoriality is real, and town versus school is evident in most Massachusetts communities. The battle over field space within town youth organizations is a problem everywhere. Schools releasing budget money and youth groups paying more for fields are common tough battles. Hingham worked together and made all of this happen with elected officials, department heads, and youth sports administrators working together for the common good.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Michelle Ciccolo
State Representative



Michelle Ciccolo is the State Representative for the 15th Middlesex District in Massachusetts. She serves on four Joint Committees: Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; Elder Affairs; Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture; and State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. She is an active participant in the Progressive Caucus, the MA Caucus of Women Legislators, the Food System Caucus, the METCO Caucus, the Italian Caucus, the Regional Transit Authority Caucus, the Small Business Caucus, the Climate Alliance Caucus, the Cancer Awareness Caucus, and the National Guard Caucus. In early 2020, Ciccolo co-founded the bipartisan, bicameral Zero Waste Caucus, which works to reduce and eliminate solid waste in Massachusetts through legislative action, state and local collaboration, information gathering, education, and public outreach.

As a lifelong resident of Lexington, Michelle lives with her husband, Phil, and their two sons, Dylan and Foster. She has a BA from Villanova University and an MS from the McCormack Graduate School of Public Policy at UMass Boston. As the Assistant Town Administrator and Community Development Director for the Town of Hudson, Michelle spent 20 years leading and managing a wide range of capital projects and initiatives. She has served three years as the President of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and three terms on the Massachusetts Municipal Association Board. She was also a gubernatorial appointee to the Local Government Advisory Commission. She is a noted expert in transportation circles, serving as the driving force behind the creation of the Assabet River Rail Trail and the initiator of the Complete Streets Program in Massachusetts. Prior to being elected to the Massachusetts General Court, Michelle served two terms on the Lexington Select Board and one term as an elected member of the Lexington Planning Board. She also founded and runs a small consulting firm, The Ciccolo Group, which specializes in planning, community development, municipal management, permitting, and real estate development.

NANCY WHITE NEW PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Molly Reid
Stoughton Recreation



Molly Reid is every department's dream! Molly started her recreation career in the Town of Weston as a Counselor in Training. She became the greatest asset to the summer camps, developed a rapport with the middle school students, and grew the camps by leaps and bounds even before she was director. Under Molly's direction, summer camps experienced huge numbers of campers and added bonus weeks to try to meet the demand. Molly became a "full-time" part-time staff member and was flexible, motivated, responsible, ethical, and enthusiastic. She took on all the jobs asked of her with a smile and a "what's next?".

In the fall of 2019, Molly became the Program Coordinator for the Town of Stoughton and has really been a jack of all trades, from programming to facilities maintenance, event planning, and even painting community murals. She committed to running most programs herself, from ceramics to all their preschool offerings, and even teaching swim lessons during the summer. She wrote and received a grant through MAPC for \$20,000 that helped build pollinator gardens around town, which have been used as part of the nature programming. She collaborated with other town departments to create a teen girls self-esteem program, along with numerous other successful teen clubs. Molly's positive attitude, strong work ethic, and enthusiasm have helped elevate the department since she's worked there, including offering after-work employee programs for town hall to boost employee morale. Her director, Matt Cauchon, said he is very lucky to have her by his side as she is a dedicated parks & recreation professional who is always striving to be better at her craft.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AWARD

Kate DeAngelis
***Lexington Recreation &
Community Programs***



Kate began working part-time for Lexington Recreation and Community Programs in February 2019 after graduating in 2018 from UNH with a degree in Recreation Management Policy and Therapeutic Recreation. Kate created a Therapeutic Recreation program for Lexington and fostered its exponential growth. In just two years, Kate grew her position from a part-time to a full-time role, which is justified in that her summer program inclusion requests grew from 3 the first year to 125 the next year. This speaks to Kate's ability to gain the trust and confidence of families who have children with a disability or medical condition.

After word-of-mouth spread and inclusion requests continued to grow, it was obvious that Kate needed additional staffing to support the community. She built a team of staff who, like her, have a passion for providing inclusive opportunities for all. One of her summer aides was so impacted by her employment experience that she chose to major in Therapeutic Recreation when heading off to college that fall. Despite being a young professional and fairly new to Parks and Recreation, Kate has already taken on four Therapeutic Recreation interns from different colleges that offer credited/certified internship programs. Kate's ability to mentor, inspire, and motivate future Therapeutic Recreation professionals is a pleasure to observe.

Kate takes full advantage of every opportunity that presents itself. In 2020, Kate applied for and received a substantial grant from the American Camp Association (ACA) to create a CIT program. This 3-year program provides funding and resources to train staff and build their leadership skills while working with youth. Kate's request was not to simply start a traditional CIT program but to make it inclusive so that young adults of all abilities could participate and benefit from learning social and leadership skills. As part of the grant, Kate was invited to attend the annual ACA Conference in Portland, Oregon, along with a guest. True to her generous spirit, Kate invited a colleague from a neighboring community's TR Department so that both towns could take advantage of the knowledge and resources that they brought back.

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Julie Harrington
Medway Recreation



Julie Harrington was hired in 2018 to become the Town of Medway's first Recreation Director. Her task was to build a department from the ground up. Julie was a one-person show until 2022, and in six short years, she built a huge presence for the community. She created fun programs such as chalk walk, bear hunt, and Puzzle Palooza.

Julie not only does programming for the town but also handles all field reservations, special events, supports youth groups and high school athletics, and all logistics of MyRec, while maintaining the budget and capital improvements. It is remarkable how Julie did this all by herself. She has also served as the MetroWest Chair for two years and stays active within MRPA. Julie has not only gone above and beyond for her town, but she also partnered with surrounding towns for several events. Julie hosted the field hockey Jamboree for the recreation league, co-founded the travel pickleball league while serving as a host site for other towns that don't have courts, and participated in the online GG sports league during COVID.

Julie's favorite special event is the Pumpkin Walk, which brings thousands of residents together for a night of fun at Choate Park. She has since added other special events, including a town-wide Easter Egg Hunt, Light Fight, and Howloween. With all this growth, Julie advocated for additional help and, in 2022, added a full-time Assistant Director position. Julie thrives off of building community and looks forward to sustaining a diverse recreation department.



PETER C. & ERIC W. O'BRIEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Barry DeBlasio
Plymouth Recreation



Barry DeBlasio has been in the field of Recreation Management for over 30 years. His first job out of college was as the Recreation Program Supervisor for the Town of Weston. He then moved on to the non-profit sector, working as the Director of Health & Physical Education for the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston and as the Director of Fitness, Sport & Recreation for the Dell Community Center of Austin, Texas. In 2003, he returned to Massachusetts to assume the role of Director of Recreation for the Town of Plymouth. Eventually, this led him to the position of Director of Community Resources for the town, which included oversight of the Recreation Department, Senior Services Department, Veteran Services Department, and Public Library System. During his time in Plymouth, he was responsible for the acquisition and development of the 128-acre Hedges Pond Preserve, overseeing the creation of the town's ADA Self-Evaluation & Transitional Plan, developing the management plan for the town's Memorial Hall - a 1,500 seats performing arts center, and creating the training protocol for the town's beach lifeguards.

As an 8-year member of the MRPA Executive Board, he served as a Regional Representative, Vice President, and finally President of the agency. Some of his achievements during this period include a revamping of the agency's by-Laws, the re-establishment of their 501(c)(6) nonprofit status, and acting as a liaison to the Governor's Office for Parks & Recreation during COVID. He has also been a frequent speaker at both MRPA and MMA conferences and was a 2014 recipient of the Community Professional of the Year award. Barry will be retiring from his position in Plymouth in a few weeks and would like to thank all of the people (staff, colleagues & friends) that have made his journey amazing!

OUR HONORED RETIREES



AMY HAMILTON
DIRECTOR
Bedford Recreation



JUDY SUMNER
DIRECTOR
Leominster Recreation



MAURA GLANCY
CO- DIRECTOR
Scituate Recreation



ANNE DALEY
DIRECTOR
Easton Recreation



KAREN CAMPBELL
DIRECTOR
Wilmington Recreation

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

LEGISLATOR AWARD

- 1999 Walter DeFilippi, R-West Springfield**
- 2000 John Lepper, R-Attleboro**
- 2001 Cheryl Jacques, D-Needham**
- 2002 James McGovern, Worcester**
- 2003 John Olver, Pittsfield**
- 2005 Pamela Resor, Acton**
- 2006 Frank Smizik Brookline**
- 2007 Marie St. Fleur, 5th District**
- 2008 Thomas McGee, 3rd Essex & Middlesex**
- 2009 Lewis Evangelidis, 1st District Worcester**
- 2010 Mary E. Grant, Beverly**
- 2012 Stephen Kulik, Worthington**
- 2013 Jerry Parisella, Beverly**
- 2014 Denise Garlick, Needham**
- 2016 Carolyn Dykema, 8th Middlesex**
- 2017 Carmine Gentile, State Representative**
- 2017 Richard Ross, State Senator**
- 2018 Hannah Kane, State Representative**
- 2020 Lou Kafka, R-Sharon**
- 2022 Robert Hedlund - Mayor of Weymouth**

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR

- 1990 Diana Casey, U-Mass**
- 1991 Betsey Morrow, Gordon College**
- 1992 Karen Kaminsky, Springfield College**
- 1993 Dawn Buckley, Gordon College**
- 1994 Mary-Theresa Kujath, Springfield College**
- 1995 Robin Burrows, Springfield College**
- 1996 Beth Lindsay, Gordon College**
- 1997 Alison Bache, Gordon College**
- 1997 Robin VerPlank, Springfield College**
- 1999 Tesa Christy, Gordon College**
- 2001 Karyn MacNeill, Danvers – Intern**
- 2002 Angela Linsalata, Gordon College**
- 2004 Emily Manion, Bridgewater State**
- 2005 Karianne Kelley, New Hampshire**
- 2006 Bethany Pinkham, Gordon College**
- 2007 Maureen Michaud, Bridgewater State**
- 2008 Alexa Richards, UNH**
- 2011 Nicholas Fitzgerald, Gordon College**
- 2015 Erik McCarthy, Salem State**
- 2016 Elliabeth Parent, UNH**
- 2017 Sarah Hootstein, Bridgewater State**
- 2018 Christine Ouellette, Bridgewater State**
- 2019 Becca Varney, Bridgewater State**
- 2021 Christian Draus, Gordon College**
- 2022 Paige Bagley, UNH**

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

THERAPEUTIC OF THE YEAR

- 1984 Sharon Nichols, Northeastern University**
- 1985 Barbara Bromfield, New England Sinai Hospital**
- 1986 Susan Dunn, Fernald State School**
- 1987 Frank Robinson, Northeastern University**
- 1988 Nancy Linn Swain, Fernald State School**
- 1989 Deborah Coloyan, Greenway Rehab Center**
- 1990 Susan Moriarty & WEFSS, Templeton Colony**
- 1991 Karen Peirce, Newton**
- 1991 Wendy Pearl, Newton/Wellesley Hospital**
- 1992 Karen Simmons, Fernald State School**
- 1993 Donna Parker, Therapeutic Rec Specialist**
- 1994 Peggy Hannon-Rizza, Fernald State School**
- 1995 Karen Autrey, Mediplex Rehab**
- 1996 Bernadette Mackin, Mediplex Rehab**
- 1997 Christine Petrillo, Youville Hospital**
- 2003 Stephen Kelley, Bournemouth Hospital**
- 2005 Mark Kelly, Newton Parks & Recreation**
- 2012 Anna Wood, Sudbury**
- 2013 Brandon Fitts, Brookline**
- 2014 Chenine Peloquin, EMARC**
- 2015 Michelle Davies, Barnstable**

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

NEW PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

2000	Melissa Battite, Brookline
2001	Renee Tavares, Fairhaven
2002	Matthew Casparius, Brookline
2003	Jennifer Pinkham, Peabody
2004	Karyn MacNeill, Manchester
2005	Heather Maietta, Arlington
2006	Brendan Egan, Burlington
2007	Joscelyn Ruelle-Kersker, Beverly
2008	Andrea Egmont, Newburyport
2009	Jon Marshall, Natick
2011	Melissa Roy, Hamilton/Wenham
2012	Jessica Cooney, Dover
2013	Peter Coleman, Lexington
2014	Damion Clements, Truro
2015	Amber Comeau, Sudbury
2016	Mark Ghiloni, Dover
2017	Melissa Rier, Acton
2018	Jeff Tomaino, Worcester
2019	Andrew St. George, Upton
2020	Catherine Seastedt, Norwood
2021	Matt Cauchon, Stoughton
2022	Thomas Romano, Lexington

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

1984	William Hedlund, Braintree	2002	Joan Fairbank, Beverly
1985	William Aguiar, Somerset	2003	Gerald Miller, Norwood
1985	Brian Elliott, Northampton	2004	Dan Keefe, III, Natick
1986	William Kilcoyne, Wayland	2005	Stanley Walczak, Chicopee
1987	Gary Hardenbrook, Shrewsbury	2006	Ned Bangs, Marshfield
1988	Cynthia Erho, Montague	2007	Bruce Doig, Beverly
1989	Dale Connor, Norwell	2008	Karen Simmons, Lexington
1990	Dan Brosnan, Arlington	2009	Matthew Casparius, Manchester
1991	Donald Roberts, Burlington	2011	Melissa Battite, Brookline
1992	Nancy White, Needham	2012	Jan Kaseta, Wellesley
1993	Lawrence Crowley, Danvers	2013	Nancy McShea, Wayland/Sudbury
1994	Richard Walker, Peabody	2014	Barry DeBlasio, Plymouth
1995	Edward J. Moriarty, Springfield	2015	Sheila Butts, Lexington
1996	Russell Halloran, Newton	2016	Jen Davis, Peabody
1997	Patricia Carey, Needham	2017	Lisa Paradis, Brookline
1998	Anthony Herdemian, Wilbraham	2018	Brendan Eagan, Burlington
1999	David MacTavish, Dover	2019	Trisha Powell, Framingham
2000	Patricia Machado, Barnstable	2020	Jen Anderson, Grafton
2001	Stacy Barr, Attleboro	2021	John Gleason, Barnstable
		2022	Christine Dean, Lexington

OUR PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

PETER C. & ERIC W. O'BRIEN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

1980	Peter C. O'Brien, Posthumously	2000	Richard Cugini, Natick
1981	Chester Sawtell, Sawtell Bros.	2001	Angela Snell, Shrewsbury
1982	Kenneth C. White, Littleton	2002	Dr. Peggy Hothem, Gordon College
1983	Dr. Evelyn Kirrane, Brookline	2003	Cynthia Erho, Greenfield
1984	David Clifton, Sharon	2004	Kathryn Garcia, Southborough
1985	Thomas Taylor, Worcester	2005	Patty Carey, Needham
1986	Roland Kerkhoff, Creative Craft	2006	R. Thomas Hamond, Marblehead
1987	Michael Rourke, Natick	2007	Robert Lynch, Brookline
1988	Roger LaPlant, Chicopee	2008	Barry Welch, Quincy
1989	Eric O'Brien, Medfield	2009	Pat Armstrong, Yarmouth
1990	Louis Ghiloni, Marlboro	2012	Karen Simmons, Lexington
1991	Danner DeStephano, Concord	2013	Nancy White, Brewster
1992	Russell Halloran, Newton	2014	Peggy Hannon-Rizza, Billerica
1993	John M. Whalen, E. Longmeadow	2015	Nancy McShea, Sudbury
1994	William Kilcoyne, Wayland	2016	Melissa Battite, Brookline
1995	Gwen Kermode, Natick	2017	Patti Machado, Barnstable
1996	Doug MacDougall, Weston	2018	Jennifer Davis, Peabody
1997	William Hedlund, Braintree	2019	Robert Antonelli, Jr., Worcester
1998	Gary Briere, Boston	2020	Bruce Doig, Beverly
1999	John Hutchinson, Wellesley	2022	Dan Keefe, Natick

AND THOSE WE HAVE LOST



NANCY WHITE
Playground Inspections of New England
December 2022



Thank
you

**The MRPA would like
to thank all of you for
joining us in celebrating
our colleagues.
*See you in 2024!***