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Nominations Open for the 2027 City of Stamford Citizen of the Year

STAMFORD, Conn.— Mayor Caroline Simmons is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for 2027's City of Stamford Citizen of the Year (COTY).

"Stamford is fortunate to be home to so many residents who give their time, energy, and talents to make our community stronger," said Mayor Caroline Simmons. "The Citizen of the Year award is an opportunity to celebrate those who go above and beyond in service to others, and I encourage residents to nominate someone who embodies the spirit of our city and makes a meaningful difference in the lives of others."

This year's selection committee includes:

- Sgt. Adriana Molina, 2024 Citizen of the Year
- Harry Day, 2025 Citizen of the Year
- Dr. Maggie Young, 2026 Citizen of the Year
- Stephen Fischer, Commander, Jewish War Veterans Post 142
- Ray Mazzeo, Principal, Senior Planner, Redniss and Mead - At-Large
- Matt Greenberg, Executive Director, Jewish Family Services - At-Large

"It's always wonderful to celebrate our COTY's dedication and commitment to Stamford through their impactful service. An added benefit is learning about the background of our honorees," commented Gary H. Stone, Co-Chair.

“Also, honoring veterans and high school seniors who for their deep commitment to Stamford adds to the celebration,” said Co-Chair Rick Redniss.

“I am honored to serve as chair of the committee responsible for selecting the next Citizen of the Year. Having had the privilege of receiving this distinction in 2024, it is especially meaningful to now help carry forward this 81-year tradition of recognizing individuals who have made a lasting impact on our community,” remarked Sgt. Adriana Molina, 2024 Citizen of the Year.

The committee’s criteria for selecting the award recipient has remained the same since the founding of the award in 1945. The chosen nominee shall:

- Demonstrate a belief in interfaith harmony.
- Possess the highest standards of responsibility in civic life.
- Help in the promotion of projects for the public welfare.
- Has a meaningful connection to the City of Stamford and has made significant contributions to the betterment of the city.

Nominations must include **a bullet point summary** of the nominee’s background supporting the criteria listed above. Nominations can be filled out at stamfordcoty.org, emailed to info@StamfordCOTY.org or mailed to:

Nominations Committee
2027 City of Stamford Citizen of the Year
48 Putter Drive
Stamford, CT 06907

All nominations must be received by Friday, December 11, 2026.

Prior City of Stamford Citizens of the Year:

1945	Father John Kelley
1946	C. Russell Waterbury
1947	Rabbi David W. Pearlman
1948	Rev. Lloyd F. Worley
1949	Walter H. Wheeler, Jr.
1950	Benjamin Bogin
1951	Sarah F. Smith
1952	Norris E. Pierson
1953	Gibbs Lyons
1954	Jean Ware Hoyt
1955	Harold E. Rider
1956	Pat Marshall
1957	Harry Rosenbaum
1958	Joseph E. Morrow
1959	Rev. Donald F. Campbell
1960	J. Walter Kennedy
1961	Walter Thayer
1962	Thomas C. Mayers
1963	T. Carter Dodd
1964	Rev. Russell McGown
1965	Doris Kirshbaum
1966	John F. Cameron
1967	Herbert B. Kohn
1968	Dr. Peter Goldmark
1969	Thomas J. Feeney
1970	Rev. Cyrill S. Peters
1971	Dr. Angelo Mastrangelo
1972	John O. Nicklis
1973	Charles A. Ukkerd
1974	Alphonsus J. Donahue, Jr.
1975	Louis Lotstein
1976	Lillian Moran
1977	Tony P. Pia
1978	Pobie Johnston
1979	Edith Sherman
1980	Fred T. Allen
1981	Wayne L. Tyson
1982	Christel Truglia
1983	Julius M. Wilensky
1984	Joseph F. Fahey
1985	Sylvia Rosenfield
1986	Frank D. Rich, Jr.
1987	S. Beatrice Foreman
1988	Norman T. Woodbury
1989	Jane F. Norgren
1990	John T. D. Rich
1990	Elizabeth P. Rich
1991	Lynne R. Laitman
1992	Charles A. Guinta
1993	Charles C. Judd
1994	Jane M. Judd
1995	John A. Ball
1996	Michael J. Cacace
1997	George B. Harvey
1998	Adele Gordon
1999	Polly O'Brien
2000	Len Miller
2001	Sam Cingari
2002	Rev. Winton M. Hill III
2003	Marc Lyons, Jr.
2004	Rick Robustelli
2005	Sandy Goldstein
2006	Al Sanseverino
2007	June Rosenthal
2008	Richard E. Taber
2009	Juanita T. James
2010	Bobby Valentine
2011	Arthur Selkowitz
2012	Jami A. Sherwood
2013	Timothy J. Curtin, Jr.
2014	Gene Rubino
2015	Jay Sandak
2015	Mary Sommer
2016	Richard W. Redniss
2017	Dudley N. Williams, Jr.
2018	Dannel P. Malloy
2019	Cathy Ostuw
2022	Courtney Nelthropp
2023	Jevera Kaye Hennessey
2023	William Hennessey
2024	Adriana Molina
2025	Harry Day
2026	Dr. Maggie Young

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