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From The Office of
Mayor Kenneth T. Palmer

Manchester's Outstanding Employees Honored at Annual Awards Ceremony

Manchester Township honored the outstanding work its municipal employees deliver each day during the 2015 Holiday Party and Employee Recognition Awards, hosted on December 16 by Mayor Kenneth Palmer and the Township Council.

"I've always said, even before I became Mayor, that Manchester is a great town and that is because of our employees," said Mayor Palmer, who added that he was quickly brought up to speed when he came into office this year thanks to the knowledge and dedication of all Township staff.

Mayor Palmer, Business Administrator Donna Markulic and Personnel Officer James Gant presented the awards during the breakfast event. All employees had been asked to nominate their peers for their exceptional efforts, and from those nominations a committee selected this year's award recipients. They were:

Professional Achievement Award

Martin Lynch, Tax Assessor

Martin was sworn in as the President of the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey on November 18. Martin was chosen for his drive, ability, forward thinking, and command presence needed to hold such a position. This appointment is a positive reflection on all members of the Township of Manchester and is in line with the high level of performance our employees provide the Township.

Exceptional Service Award

Julia Burton, Municipal Court

Due to unforeseen family emergencies in the Municipal Court office, Julia took it upon herself to cover the responsibilities of the Court Administrator and balance Court accounts, and coordinated with Judge Sahin to have checks signed and sent to their respective agencies, ensuring that Manchester was not delinquent in their duty as per the Administrative Office of the Court guidelines.

Det. David Fusaro

Det. David Fusaro was assigned to investigate a second shooting at a residence in the Summit Park section of Manchester Township. Det. Fusaro, newly assigned to the Investigations Bureau, authored a search warrant that resulted in the recovery of an illegal assault rifle, and charged three people for various weapons offenses. This helped to re-establish a feeling of safety and security back to the residents of Summit Park.

Linda Glass, Accounts Manager, Treasury Division, Finance Department

Linda was recognized for her dedication to charitable endeavors and her overall professionalism. Specifically, Linda coordinated a pet food and toy drive to benefit shelters in need of these supplies. Linda is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Det. Robert Maccaquano

Det. Robert Maccaquano was assigned to investigate a shooting in the Township's Summit Park section. Det. Maccaquano, newly assigned to the Investigations Bureau, seized a vehicle, recovered two handguns (one which was stolen in Georgia), recovered a bullet proof vest, signed various weapons offenses against a suspected shooter and help to re-establish a feeling of safety and security back to the residents of Summit Park.

Jeff Ruerup, Operations Supervisor, Eastern Service Area, Utilities Department

Jeff was forced to operate with a severely reduced workforce, but his dedication, expertise, and personal sacrifice kept the water and sewer utilities operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Jeff's commitment to the Township and his self-sacrificing attitude make him worthy of the Township's Exceptional Service Award.

Sustained Superior Performance**Jim Gant, Personnel Officer**

James was appointed as Personnel Officer this year and hit the ground running, bringing a renewed sense of determination in overhauling his department. James has worked diligently to implement new programs while ensuring all employees are properly cared for.

Jennifer Garabrant, Assessing Clerk, Tax Office

Jen tasked with maintaining the informational board in lobby of the Township Building. Jen willingly took on the monthly responsibility and has even incurred some of the cost of supplies in order to keep employees and residents engaged. Since Jen has taken over the board, we have collected food for those in need, and educated about Breast Cancer which assisted with our fundraising efforts. Additionally, Jen has offered her services on the wellness committee.

Mathew Geiger, Light Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer, Department of Public Works

Mathew has worked for the DPW since 2006 and is known for coordinating crews and organizing assignments for the day, ensuring effective completion of all tasks. Mathew is a self-starter and an exemplary employee who is not afraid to take on more responsibilities when called upon.

Paul Kodman, Mechanic, Department of Public Works

Paul maintains some of our most important service vehicles including police and outreach vehicles. Paul makes sure that these vehicles are properly diagnosed and put back in service in a prompt and timely fashion.

Janet Krehely, Secretary, Eastern Service Area, Utilities Department

Over the last year Janet has worked in an understaffed department due to unforeseen circumstances. Janet consistently meets her deadlines regarding compliance and regulatory inquiries. She also sits in on the yearly New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection inspections for both the Eastern and Western service areas in an effort to remain informed and prepared to answer all inquiries.

Craig McCollum, Mechanic, Department of Public Works

Craig is known as the “go-to guy” for mechanic-related work. Craig has been instrumental in continuing the operation of an aging fleet of Township vehicles, keeping cost and appropriation in mind when prioritizing his work. Craig continues to be a leader amongst his co-workers and strives to share his knowledge and expertise.

James Mohn, Light Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer, Department of Public Works

A newer Township employee, James has brought job knowledge and a willingness to share his expertise with his peers. James worked for 9 years with the Mount Laurel Public Works Department, bringing much experience to the Manchester. James readily takes on new assignments and is looked upon as a “go-to” employee within his Department.

Trevor Nadolny, Mechanic, Department of Public Works

Trevor has played a major role in installing and repairing the Department’s fleet of plows and sanders. Trevor is an extremely knowledgeable mechanic who has taken great interest in the diagnostic capabilities of computer aided devices in order to effectively diagnose equipment issues to ensure the most cost conscious solutions.

Patrick Sheehan, General Foreman, Buildings and Grounds Division, Department of Public Works

Patrick’s ability to lead a crew of dedicated staff members to ensure that the Township’s buildings and grounds are consistently manicured while keeping cost savings in mind demonstrates his effectiveness as a Supervisor. Patrick is also recognized for his willingness to help those in need, orchestrating many activities on site including the Super Bowl party and Employee Appreciation BBQ.

Ptl. Chris Walaszek

Ptl. Chris Walaszek authored bid specifications for a police range "shoot house." In furtherance of this project, Ptl. Walaszek obtained a \$20,000 diesel generator to provide power for the project through the Law Enforcement Support Office at no cost to the township. Ptl. Walaszek personally participated in and oversaw the construction of the shoot house with Public Works personnel. Ptl. Walaszek also obtained a \$70,000 all-terrain fork lift for the Public Works Department through the LESO program again at no cost to the township. This equipment, in addition to the task of constructing the shoot house, has saved the township well over \$100,000 alone this year.

Dedicated Service Recognition

Brenda Sloan – 30 Year Service Award

Brenda has been employed with Manchester Township since March 6, 1985. Brenda serves as the Townships Director of Senior and Social Services providing exemplary service to the residents of Manchester, offering programs to support those in need. Brenda orchestrates a yearly food drive and is always available for an emergency call in the middle of the night.

Henry "Pete" Mauder III – 35 Year Service Award

Peter has been employed with Manchester Township since July 1, 1980. Peter is known for his involvement in Manchester Township in volunteer capacities and has dedicated himself to providing insight and professionalism to the position of Laborer/Light Equipment Operator and Truck Driver.