2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Citizen of the Year should be someone who has made a lasting impact on the Falmouth Community. The following criteria should be considered when nominations are made.
All Entries must be received no later than February 28, 2026.

1. Nominees should live or work in Falmouth and civic activities should be centered in the Town of Falmouth.

2. Recognition will be given for leadership and performance only for work done above and beyond his/her paid profession.

3. The individual recognized does not need to be a member of the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce.

4. There are no requirements or restrictions relating to gender, race, religion, or ethnic background.

5. The nominee should have participated in a broad scope of activities over the course of more than one year. This is not an award for a single activity no matter how well it was executed.

6. The award will not be given posthumously.

For your information past recipients are:

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1979	Manuel Rapoza	2005	Mary K. Bishop
1980	Marguarite "Rita" Kendall	2006	Samuel A. Lorusso
1981	Josiah K. Lilly, III	2007	Margaret Hough Russell
1982	Helen Sullivan	2008	Robert W. Griffin Sr.
1983	Edwin Tripp, M.D.	2009	Tommy Leonard
1984	Robert Antonucci	2010	Eric Turkington
1985	George Souza	2011	Chuck Eastman
1986	Walter Carlson	2012	William "Bill" Hough
1987	Eileene Finnell	2013	Michael A. Duffany
1988	Dr. Langdon Burwell	2014	Joseph C. Martyna
1989	Frank L. Nickerson	2015	Richard A. Sherman
1990	George DeMello	2016	William "Bill" Zammer Jr.
1991	Henry G. Behrens	2017	Pamela Rothstein
1992	Marina Andrews	2018	Carl F. Cavossa, Jr.
1993	Arnold W. Dyer	2019	Laura Lorusso Peterson
1994	Larry M. McCarthy	2020	COVID CANCELLATION
1995	Arthur Ratsy	2021	Brenda Swain
1996	Vicky Lowell	2022	Jay Zavala
1997	Arthur D. Calfee	2023	Reverend Nell Fields
1998	Kitty Baker	2024	Troy Clarkson
1999	Bruce S. MacKilligan	2025	Kathy Walrath
2000	John V. Magnani	2026	
2001	E. Joel Peterson	2027	
2002	Andy Dufresne	2028	
2003	Margaret Gifford	2029	
2004	Wilson Smith	2030	

PLEASE SEND NOMINATIONS TO: Falmouth Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Selection Committee, 20 Academy Lane, Falmouth, MA 02540 or via fax to 508-548-8521 or scan and email to mkasparian@falmouthchamber.com. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION, February 28, 2026.**

FALMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

I wish to submit the name of _____for your consideration as the 2025 recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award. I understand your evaluation of my suggestion will be based on the completeness of the information included below.

I submit this individual and his/her qualifications as deserving of this award because of his/her substantial contributions in the following area or areas: Leadership, Civic Affairs, Government Affairs, Brotherhood, Religious Activities, Charitable and Non-Profit Programs, Business Development, Educational Programs and Institutions or Other Reasons.

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Please feel free to attach additional information to this form.

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Signature of individual submitting candidate for consideration   Date