



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2013

Peter Bergstrom - Magothy River Association

For the past 22 years Peter Bergstrom has worked with the Magothy River Association, making significant contributions in water quality monitoring, as well as the planting and monitoring of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation. Recognizing the need to make use of the data collected by these monitoring programs, Peter produced one of the first local “river report cards” which has become the standard by which the MRA assesses river health. Peter also led a program to name creeks and to produce a popular Magothy (and Severn) River map. His science background was essential in documenting the effects of the abundant dark false mussels after Hurricane Isabel which dramatically cleared several Magothy creeks when they were present, and in designing and implementing a monitoring plan for Mill Creek after the sewage spill there in 2005. Peter is moving to Vermont this year, and will volunteer on water-related projects there. Our loss is their gain!

Linda Figallo - Partners in Care

Linda Figallo was exactly the right person to appear at exactly the right time when Partners in Care’s CEO wanted to hand the organization’s signature transportation program over to new, capable hands. After a successful career at NSA, Linda joined Partners in Care in May, 2008, as a volunteer member. She was soon hired part-time and made the **Ride Partners** transportation program her own with an excellent balance of structure and responsive, affirming person-centered service. Our **Ride Partners** is now a nationally recognized program, providing over 9,000 rides each year for older adults, through 330 individual drivers. Linda was recruited for the BWI Business Partnership’s Strategic Planning Committee which led to PIC being honored as the Partnership’s 2012 Member of the Year, leading to the development of our wheelchair-accessible Mobility Bus program. With a true volunteer’s heart, Linda has also worked with the Linus Project and with the Caring Collection.

Nancy Greer - Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce

Nancy Greer believes in people and the communities in which they live. Through her family's school, Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi, she has coordinated the raising of over \$34,000 for charity (\$24,000 for SPAN) and has collected thousands of pounds of food for local food pantries and clothing for the homeless. She is a chair of the Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce's Successful Women in Business group, which provides inspiration and support to women in business. She also organizes numerous community events. Jing Ying Institute donated more than 75 gift baskets in 2012 alone. They have held fundraisers for CARE, Mercy Corps, the ARC and St. Jude's, and purchased kitchen items for Arden House, the YWCA's domestic violence shelter. They also sponsor students in the Polar Bear Plunge, St. Baldrick's fundraiser, Bello Machre walk-a-thon, Relay for Life and more. We are proud to honor her!

Sage Mumma - Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group (WAG)

The Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group is proud to nominate Sage Mumma for the 2013 ASPIRE Leadership Award. She and her husband, Michael, have two grown children and five grandsons. She majored in chemistry and worked in the field of biophysics and microbiology. She later earned a Masters in Education and taught mathematics at Broadneck High School for fifteen years. Sage was a founding member of the Arnold Preservation Council. She has served on the Anne Arundel County Planning Advisory Board, and as a delegate to the Greater Severna Park Council. WAG has nominated her for her leadership role in their North Cypress Branch Restoration Project and in their very successful Earth Day Festivals, which will be held this year on April 20th.

Brad Myers - Greater Severna Park Council

Brad is the perfect example of home-grown leadership. He grew up in Severna Park and attended Benfield Elementary and Severna Park Middle and High Schools. After earning degrees in Business Administration from the Univ. of Maryland, he embarked on a very successful career in Information Systems. In 2001 he moved back to Severna Park, bringing his young family, and has been very busy with many community activities including Vice-President and Education Committee Chair for GSPC and as an officer and committee chair for the PTA's for the schools he attended as a child. He is skilled at bringing together the right people to get the job done well. He brings the same devotion to his coaching duties with the Green Hornets. Brad lives in the Tam Glade Community with his wife, Angela, and their children, Jack and Melinda, both students at Severna Park High School.

Mabel Rupert - Severna Park Elks Lodge

Mabel Rupert has been a member of the Severna Park Elks Lodge for over twenty years. Being an accountant, she was asked to serve as Treasurer, which she still is today. She has also been in charge of the Rental Contracts for a number of years and set up a system for running this program. In addition, she heads up the Thursday Night Bingo Games. Mabel is a very generous person, both to her family and to the members of the Elks. She had two brothers in wheel chairs, so she got a van that could transport them. She also used this van to take Elks members to appointments. Mabel has received the Elk of the Month award on numerous occasions because of her hard work, her generosity and her caring attitude. When Mabel is not at the Elks making sure that all of her jobs are done, you can find her at home with her 4-legged "friends".

Stew Smith - Severna Park Community Center

This year, the Severna Park Community Center nominates Stew Smith as its honoree. Stew leads HEROES OF TOMORROW at the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC). The program is a national corps of veterans sharing their time and expertise to prepare young Americans choosing to serve our country and communities. Stew volunteers his time to train youth from across the County so that they can excel in military, law enforcement, public safety and fire fighter training, all free of charge. Further, he has supported SPCC through the donation of exercise equipment for our weight room, he has provided educational and training opportunities for our staff, and he has coordinated fundraisers to benefit our mission. We are very proud of his service.