



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Where would we be today but for the selfless service and commitment of community volunteers who help preserve the quality of life that we so often take for granted? This is particularly the case during these challenging economic times where families and individuals continue to struggle. That is why the Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry annually presents the Outstanding Community Service Recognition Awards, which also honors the memory of John S. Brayton, Jr.

The Chamber's community service awards are a tribute to outstanding individuals who give their time and expertise and go above and beyond their own field of endeavor to contribute to the greater Fall River community. Through their actions they demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in all they do. The award is also intended to acknowledge individuals who have been an inspiration to the community, both in their profession and in their efforts to make the SouthCoast region a better place to live for us all.

A member of a pioneer family in Fall River, John S. Brayton, Jr. was a leader of exemplary character and integrity. He is equally known for possessing extraordinary vision and determination, having much to do with the transformation from the old to the modern Fall River. Mr. Brayton was far ahead of his time as he championed the strengths of what would later be identified as the "SouthCoast" region.

Today, much of our economic development attention focuses on the revitalization of the Fall River waterfront. It is interesting to note that development of this vital community resource was one of Mr. Brayton's many calls to action. Conservationist, land steward, outdoors person, John S. Brayton, Jr. was a leadership advocate of fair share and the right and privilege of all to be involved regardless of race, creed, color or financial status.

In memory of John S. Brayton, the Awards Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2012 award recipients, which include ten individuals and one organization. The Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry wishes to offer this year's awardees our sincerest thanks and gratitude. The 2012 recipients of the John S. Brayton, Jr. Memorial Outstanding Community Service Award include Kevin Santos, Paul Medeiros, Frank Wing, Fatima Vieira, Palmira Aguiar, Henry "Hank" Nadeau, David Weed, Jo Ann Sbrega, Jo Anne Farrissey O'Neil and Lance Corporal John J. Van Gyzen IV. The organization to be honored is the Marine Corps League.

Selecting award recipients each year is a challenge. The difficulty is due to the large number of worthy individuals who exemplify the purpose behind the Outstanding Community Service Awards. It is a good problem to have,

because without each of these individuals or organizations that they work through, maintaining the quality of life that so many of us enjoy would be impossible. For this we owe them our gratitude.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Mellion, Esq.
President and CEO

Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce presents

44th John S. Brayton Community Service Award

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Venus de Milo
75 GAR Highway, Swansea MA
Reception at 5 p.m., Program at 6 p.m.

\$45 per person | \$400 Table of 10
\$600 Corporate Table Sponsors (includes 1/2 page ad)

Program Book:
\$175 Half Page Ad | \$300 Full Page Ad
\$500 Cover Page Ads

The Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry cordially invites our members and their guests to our

BUSINESS after hours

Sponsored by:

Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 5 to 7 PM at the St. Annes Credit Union
Battleship Cove, 5 Water St, Fall River, MA

Registration Information
Contact Jay Pateakos, 508-676-8226
jpateakos@fallriverchamber.com

Bring plenty of business cards!

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June 1 - Sponsored by Somerset Access TV
Somerset Access TV, 274 Main Street in Somerset, MA

June 27 (Wednesday) Fall River Municipal Credit Union
Location: 333 Milliken Boulevard, Fall River, MA

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Comedy Night Lives On

with *Out of The Gutter* & Comedian **Paul Nardizzi**
winner of the 2001 Boston Comedy Festival
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Friday, May 25, 2012
at Venus de Milo Restaurant 75 GAR Hwy in Somerset, MA

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20
Tables of 10 may be reserved
Concessions & Cash Bar will be available

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Fall River's First Dinner Cruise

Thursday, May 31, 2012
Departs From South Side of State Pier, 1 Water St, Fall River, MA

Tickets are \$45
Includes a 3 Hour Cruise & Dinner
"Fall River's First Dinner Cruise!"
From 6-9PM

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