



The Research Bureau

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The Worcester Regional Research Bureau announced today the 2008 recipients of the Thomas S. Green Public Service Award.

Maureen Binienda, Worcester Public Schools
Donna Haran, Worcester Public Schools
Edmund Kochling, Worcester Dept. of Public Works & parks
Cindy Ide, Grafton Town Administrator's Office

The Research Bureau's Award Committee, chaired by Demitrios M. Moschos, selected the recipients.

This year, The Research Bureau honors four employees who have made outstanding contributions to public service. We have opened the awards not only to City of Worcester employees but also to employees of contiguous towns. A distinguished public servant employed by the town of Grafton and three from Worcester's ranks have been chosen. The Awards are made to publicly recognize the efforts of individuals exhibiting the following characteristics:

- ❖ Exceptional competence and efficient handling of all assigned responsibilities.
- ❖ Willing performance of tasks above and beyond the call of duty.
- ❖ Friendly, helpful, and cooperative attitude toward the public and fellow employees.
- ❖ Distinguishing himself/herself from other employees.
- ❖ Volunteer community service outside the scope of job-related responsibilities. (Important, but not required.)

The awards ceremony will take place at Assumption College in Worcester on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 5 p.m. It is free and open to the public. A reception in honor of the recipients will follow. Please RSVP to 508-799-7169 or via email info@wrrb.org

Roberta R. Schaefer, The Research Bureau's Executive Director, said, "The Bureau is pleased to sponsor this annual award whereby business, civic, and community leaders from Worcester and the region can salute the dedicated service of public employees. These awards let public employees know that exceptional service is recognized and appreciated."

The Green Awards are named in memory of Thomas S. Green, a founder of The Research Bureau, and director from 1985 until his untimely death in 1987. Mr. Green was a civic leader for many decades and a Vice President of Norton Company (now Saint-Gobain). This is the twenty-first annual Green Awards presentation.

The Research Bureau, which was founded in 1985, serves the public interest of the Greater Worcester region by conducting independent, non-partisan research and analysis of public policy issues to promote informed public debate and decision-making.

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