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Town of Acton Recognizes Two Municipal Employees with 2023 Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award's



Patrick Hawthorne and Beverly Hutchings are recognized by Town Manager John Mangiaratti as the 2023 recipients of the Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award. (Courtesy Town of Acton)

ACTON — Town Manager John Mangiaratti is pleased to announce that Patrick Hawthorne and Beverly Hutchings are recipients of the 2023 Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award for Municipal and Public Safety Employees of the Year.

The award is given each year to town employees who demonstrated unparalleled dedication, exceptional performance, and a commitment to the town's values.

"These employees have gone above and beyond to serve our residents," Town Manager Mangiaratti said. "Their hard work, passion, and positive attitude have not only propelled our commitment- providing excellent customer service measures but have also inspired their colleagues to strive for excellence."

Hutchings and Hawthorne were honored on May 7 before the start of the second night of the Town Meeting.

Hutchings, who is the Outreach Coordinator for the Council on Aging, was named the town's Municipal Employee of the Year. She's worked for the Town of Acton for 27 years. Hutchings worked in the Nursing Department before joining the Council on Aging in 2011.

"Beverly goes above and beyond what is required and does her best to provide the seniors (and their caregivers) in this community with the assistance they need," Town Manager Mangiaratti said. "Her soft-spoken manner can diffuse any type of stressful situation and put others at ease."

As the Council on Aging's outreach director, Hutchings' duties include organizing events, wellness checks, coordinating transportation, arranging grocery and medication deliveries, and more.

"Thank you for the recognition of the Municipal Employee of the Year Award from the Town of Acton and the Joseph A. Lalli Foundation," Hutchings said. "It was a wonderful acknowledgment of my work. I enjoy working with the residents and departments in this community."

Hawthorne was named Acton's Public Safety Employee of the Year. He was hired by the Town of Acton in 2007 as a public safety communicator. His experience and professionalism has diffused many situations, including during a road rage incident last year. Hawthorne successfully guided a driver through local roads so that he could make his way to the Public Safety Building.

"Patrick is always calm and one step ahead of what needs to be done," Town Manager Mangiaratti said. "Throughout the years he has effectively helped people who call 911 get the assistance that they need in a calm and professional manner."

Hawthorne said of the award: "Winning the Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award means the world to me. As a public servant, this is something that you strive for. I am honored and thankful for being this year's recipient."

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From left, Jodi Hawthorne, Patrick Hawthorne, and Town Manager John Mangiaratti at this year's Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award ceremony where Patrick Hawthorne received recognition. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)



Town Manager John Mangiaratti stands with Beverly Hutchings and her family during the 2024 Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award ceremony where Hutchings was named Acton's Municipal Employee of the Year. (Photo Courtesy Town of Acton)

A message from the Town of Acton

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