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Community Appreciation Awards honors town's unsung heroes

By Dan Murphy

FOR ONE NIGHT EACH YEAR, THOSE residents who work tirelessly and selflessly to make the neighborhood a better place are recognized at the Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Banquet.

Established by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council in 1991, the Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Committee acknowledges members of the community whose good deeds might otherwise go unnoticed. Award categories include Business, Organization, Public Servant, New Resident, Senior, Youth, Alumnus and Unsung Hero.

This year, the 17th banquet takes place at the Knights of Columbus Hall on West School Street Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Besides presentation of the awards in each of the aforementioned categories, this year will include a special dedication to lifelong Charlestown resident Jim Conway.



Community Appreciation Awards Chairman Peter Looney and Youth Award recipient Hector Kilgoe.

Youth Award Winner: Hector Kilgoe

Hector Kilgoe, a 15-year-old sophomore at the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science in Roxbury, is the recipient of this year's Youth Award. A member of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club since age 6, he is a junior staff member at the Club and is active in its Keystone Club, a leadership group involved with many community service projects. He was recently named the Club's Youth of the Year.

"Really, I'm just [at the Club] to help keep kids out of trouble and make sure they're on track with their schoolwork," Kilgoe said, adding that he would like to thank the Club's executive director, Jenny Atkinson, and director of operations, Mike Killoran, for nominating him for the award.