



**GROTON UTILITIES**

**“Giving Back to the Community”**

## **Press Release**

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### **Groton Utilities Accepting Nominations For the Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award**

**GROTON** - Groton Utilities has announced that it is accepting nominations for the fourteenth annual **Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award**. The purpose of the award is to honor a member of the community who has contributed his or her time, energy and resources to make the community a better place in which to live and work.

Persons eligible for the award must live in Greater Groton, which encompasses the City, the Town, and any of the subdivisions or fire districts. The person should exemplify all the qualities suggested by Groton Utilities' slogan of “Giving back to the community.”

Groton Utilities will present the award to the winner of the fourteenth annual **Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award** during City of Groton Day 2017 on August 4th at Washington Park.

Groton Utilities named the award, **The Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award**, to commemorate Mrs. Nixon's service to her community. Jackie, as she was known to most, operated a food pantry in her residence for 24 years. She distributed food on a regular basis to many needy families. Jackie passed away July 6, 2004 after a brief battle with cancer.

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Like Jackie, the nominee's contributions to the community should make other citizens describe the nominee as generous, committed, and other similar admirable qualities, which exemplify "service."

The closing date for nominations is June 30, 2017. Applications may be obtained at the Groton Utilities Customer Care Center at the City of Groton Municipal Building at 295 Meridian Street. You may also call our Customer Care Center at 860-446-4000 and request an application be mailed to you. The application is also available on our web site at [www.grotonutilities.com](http://www.grotonutilities.com).

Earle A. Williams was the recipient of the first Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award. Other winners were Robert "Bob" Leeney, E. Marion "Mimi" Orkney, Lillian "Lil" Hansen, Sarah Stanley, William "Bill" Welsh, Jr., Alfred "Al" Restivo, Robert "Bob" Austin LaFrance; Archie C. Swindell, Milly Carlson, Lian Obrey, James "Jim" Streeter, and Charlie Eppenghaus.