

# *The Charles W. Gonnello Citizen of the Year Award*

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The West Springfield Council on Aging is seeking nominations for the Annual “Charles W. Gonnello Citizen of the Year” Award. This award will be highlighted and publicly recognized as one of the most prestigious honors awarded by the Council on Aging to a citizen for selfless giving and distinguished service on behalf of older adults.

Named after the first professional Executive Director of the West Springfield Council on Aging, Mr. Gonnello (1928 – 2013) was instrumental in the acquisition, funding and building of the Multipurpose Senior Center located on Park Street. Mr. Gonnello (Chuck to all who knew him) wholeheartedly embraced volunteerism and spent much of his own time helping to make the Senior Center a better place for all.

The newly established award will be presented annually to the candidate nominated who best exemplifies outstanding volunteer service to older adults residing in West Springfield. Any person of any age who works or lives in West Springfield may be nominated. Nominee achievements can be representative of a lifetime of work or for more recent acts of volunteerism. The award will be presented at the Council on Aging’s Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Nomination forms are available on the Council on Aging’s website. (<http://www.townofwestspringfield.org> search ‘Departments’ and click on ‘Council on Aging’). Nomination Forms are available at the West Springfield Council on Aging located at 128 Park Street. For more information please contact Director Laurie Cassidy at (413) 263-3264.

**Nomination deadline: March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Submit Nomination Form to:

Ms. Laurie Cassidy  
Council on Aging Director  
West Springfield Council on Aging  
128 Park Street  
West Springfield, MA 01089

Phone: (413) 263-3264

Email: [Lcassidy@tows.org](mailto:Lcassidy@tows.org)

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<b><i>Nominations are due by or before March 25<sup>th</sup></i></b>
Person Completing this form:
Your Contact Information:
Name of the Person you are nominating for the CWG Citizen of the Year:
Nominee's Address:
Nominee's City/Town:
Nominee's Phone:
Nominee's Email:
Please Describe:
Volunteer contributions, civic and community:
Why do you feel this person is worthy of this award?

For more information please call Laurie Cassidy, 413-263-3264

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