

PRESS RELEASE

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Springfield Tree Warden recognized as Tree Warden of the Year



January 20, 2005, Sturbridge MA: The Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association (MTWFA) presented its Seth Swift Memorial Tree Warden of the Year Award to Springfield resident and Tree Warden Mr. Edward Patrick Casey.

Mr. Casey is the City of Springfield's Supervisor of Forestry and Parks and has served as the City's Tree Warden for 13 years. He was recognized by the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association for his continued leadership and expertise in the protection of urban trees. Most notable is his outstanding work as Tree Warden for the City of Springfield including 20 years certifying the city as a National Arbor Day Foundation "Tree City USA"; his work in educating the children of Springfield through annual Arbor Day programs and his Forester Ed program. In addition, Mr. Casey's volunteer involvement in the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association as President in 1995 to 1996, 15 years as an advisor to the organization, and oversight of its scholarship program for 10 years.

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association is recognized as the nations oldest urban and community tree protection organization, having been formed in 1913 for the preservation and protection of trees. The Tree Warden of the Year Award was presented to Mr. Casey by Past President, Patrick Ellis and Current President, Mark Welch at the Associations' 93rd Annual Meeting at the Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.

Tree Wardens are municipal positions required under Massachusetts General Laws to protect public shade trees within the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth. For more information on Tree Wardens, and what they do, along with the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association visit their website at www.masstreewardens.org.

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