

**Jack Patterson**  
**Recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award**

Each year, the John J. Cronin Public Service Award committee awards this high honor to an individual who has served the Town of Westwood. John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, for many years selflessly gave of his time and expertise for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. To recognize this same spirit of community involvement as exemplified by John Cronin's life, it is with great pleasure that we have chosen Jack Patterson as the fifth recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award.

Jack Patterson has displayed exemplary service, dedication and commitment to the Town of Westwood. He has served on various committees and has made valuable contributions to Westwood.

Jack has been a lifelong resident of Westwood and a well respected citizen. He and his wife, Mary have four children and two grandchildren.

Jack served as a member of the Personnel Board from 1987 to 2007 and as Chairman beginning in 1990 for seventeen years. During his tenure he promoted an environment of fair and ethical representation of the employees of the Town. Jack was instrumental in the reclassification study of job descriptions, ensuring that they were updated and in compliance with ADA specifications. He was the Personnel Board representative in collective bargaining with the police and fire unions. Jack was the key force behind performance evaluations for town employees. Jack brought structure, professionalism and fairness to the Personnel Board.

Jack has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the youth of Westwood. He served on the Recreation Commission from 1984 to 1986 prior to joining the Personnel Board. Each year he is involved in the Recreation Department's Holiday Santa program and donates his place of business each year to this worthy endeavor. Jack was one of the first supporters of the creation of the Recreation Department's Teen Center "Basement."

Jack has coached generations of baseball players through Westwood Youth Baseball and will always be remembered for the wonderful breakfast he prepared for the graduating seniors at the Annual All Night Graduation Party.

Jack has served the seniors of Westwood since 1991 by delivering Meals on Wheels every week. He is also an active parishioner of Saint Dennis Church, serving on the Parish Finance Commission for approximately twenty years. He is an active Westwood business owner and long-time member of Rotary, twice serving as Chairman.

As you can see, Jack Patterson has touched the lives of many Westwood residents, young and old by his involvement in many volunteer committees, giving his time, expertise and commitment. It is difficult to find someone in Westwood who does not have a connection to this fine citizen.

On behalf of The John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee, I would like to present this prestigious award to Jack Patterson; and to add his name to the plaque which contains the names of the previously honored individuals which hangs in our Town Hall.