

Annual Award Recipients

2025

Outstanding Member: Delmar Marketplace (John & Mary Hooper)

Heart of the Community: Lynne Lenhardt

Enduring Excellence: Callanan Industries

Distinguished Nonprofit: Elsmere Fire Department & Chief Frank Wickham

Rising Star: Charles Annastas, BCHS Senior

2024

Outstanding Member: SevenZocks Landscaping

Heart of the Community: Gail Myers, Bethlehem Neighbors

Enduring Excellence: Spotlights News (John McIntrye)

Distinguished Nonprofit: To Life! (Eileen Bird, Executive Director)

Rising Star: Connor O'Malley, BCHS Senior

2023

Business of the Year: LiveWell Group

Lifetime Achievement: Gregory Turner & Margaret Barkman

Community Spirit: Bethlehem Middle School PTO

Youth: Bredin Winfield

2022

Business of the Year: Mad Dog Bicycles

Volunteer of the Year: Courtney Russell, The Spinney Group

Lifetime Achievement: Frank Venezia

Youth: Emily Ricinski

2020-2021

No awards given

2019

Businessperson of the Year: TACS

Citizen of the Year: Gregg Biche

Lifetime Achievement: McCarroll's

Youth: Brianna Price

2018

Businessperson of the Year: Melissa Steen, I Love Books

Citizen of the Year: Lynne Lenhardt

Lifetime Achievement: John Abbuhl

Community Spirit: David DeCancio

Youth: Tessa Hughes

2017

Businessperson of the Year: Pam Robbins, Policy Research Associates

Citizen of the Year: Tracie Killar

Lifetime Achievement: Bryant Asset (Jeff & Mark Bryant)

Youth: Andrew Taylor

2016

Businessperson of the Year: Colonial Acres Golf & Learning Center

Citizen of the Year: Joan Gravrilik, Friends of Bethlehem Parks & Rec

Lifetime Achievement: Robert Wright Disposal (Jerry Wright)

Community Spirit: Will vonWedel

Youth: Regina McGuire

2015

Businessperson of the Year: Four Corners Pharmacy (Pagnotta/Croce)

Citizen of the Year: Steve Peterson

Lifetime Achievement: Buenau's Opticians

Community Spirit: Jeremy Martelle

Youth: Sydney's Cycling Sauces

2014

Businessperson of the Year: Dave Swift, Swifty's Restaurant

Citizen of the Year: Joyce Becker

Lifetime Achievement: Stephen Bub, LeGallez Electric

Community Spirit: Robert Greenman

2013

Businessperson of the Year: Our Towne Publications (Guastella)

Citizen of the Year: Daniel Ryan

Lifetime Achievement: Gregg Sagendorph

Community Spirit: Mark Warford

2012

Businessperson of the Year: Del Lanes (Sontz)

Citizen of the Year: Alan Lewis

Lifetime Achievement: Harry Gochee, Gochee's Garage

Community Spirit: Mary Jane Hughes (posthumous)

2011

Businessperson of the Year: Perfect Blend Café (Casey & McCann)

Citizen of the Year: Melissa Stewart

Community Spirit: Derek Martin

2010

Businessperson of the Year: Delmar Florist (Ostroff) & Glenmont Car Wash (O'Shaughnessy)

Citizen of the Year: Lois Vadney

Lifetime Achievement: Keith Bennett

2009

Businessperson of the Year: F. Michael Tucker

Citizen of the Year: Pat Fritts

Lifetime Achievement: Roger & Shriley Hannay

2008

Businessperson of the Year: Beff's

Citizen of the Year: Joseph VanDeloo

Lifetime Achievement: Peter Applebee

Community Spirit: Kathleen Kalmer

2007

Businessperson of the Year: Little Country Store

Citizen of the Year: Robert Herzog, DDS

Community Spirit: Jim Spinosa

2006

Businessperson of the Year: Ella Ruff, Mr. Subb

Citizen of the Year: Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee

Lifetime Achievement: George Lenhardt

Chamber Champion: Robert Miller

2005

Businessperson of the Year: My Place & Co

Citizen of the Year: Lois Wilson

Community Spirit: Jeff Gillham

Chamber Champion: Mike Mashuta

2004

Businessperson of the Year: First Niagara Bank Delmar

Citizen of the Year: Parker Mathusa

Lifetime Achievement: Robert Johnson

Community Spirit: Bernard Smith

Chamber Champion: Greg Turner, Burt Anthony Associates

2003

Businessperson of the Year: McCarroll's, the Village Butcher

Citizen of the Year: Bethlehem Highway Department

Lifetime Achievement: Sheila Fuller & Richard LaChappelle

Community Spirit: John Guastella & David Rubin

2002

Businessperson of the Year: Keystone Builders

Citizen of the Year: Phyllis Hillinger

Community Spirit: Virginia Acquario

2001

Businessperson of the Year: Cathy Griffin Real Estate Broker

Citizen of the Year: Mara Ginsberg

2000

Businessperson of the Year: Sitewaves Internet Services

Citizen of the Year: Robert Johnson

1999

Businessperson of the Year: TriVillage Welcome Wagon

Citizen of the Year: Beautification Committee

1998

Businessperson of the Year: In & Out the Window

Citizen of the Year: Robert Salamone

Lifetime Achievement: Patricia & Dom DeCecco

1997

Businessperson of the Year: Seattle Sub (Rowlands)

Citizen of the Year: Helen & Fred Adler

Lifetime Achievement: Dorothy Brown

1996

Businessperson of the Year: The Garden Shoppe (Jonas)

Citizen of the Year: William Cushing

Community Spirit: Rick & Vicki Bylsma

1995

Businessperson of the Year: Security Supply (Williams)

Citizen of the Year: Frederick Webster

Community Spirit: Floyd Brewer

1994

Businessperson of the Year: Lori Bruel Real Estate

Citizen of the Year: Vince & Sally Gazzetta

Community Spirit: Steve Wright

1993

Businessperson of the Year: Brownell Agency

Citizen of the Year: Lisa & Lauren Finkle

Community Spirit: Employees of GE Plastics

1992

Businessperson of the Year: Mashuta's Training Center

Citizen of the Year: Norrine Cooke

Community Spirit: Dennis Corrigan

1991

Businessperson of the Year: Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do

Citizen of the Year: Bruce Svare

1990

Businessperson of the Year: Handy Andy

Citizen of the Year: Kenneth McNary

Community Spirit: Rick & Vicki Bylsma

1989

Businessperson of the Year: Del Lanes (Ringler)

Citizen of the Year: Holly Billings

Community Spirit: Rick & Vicki Bylsma

1988

Businessperson of the Year: Spotlight News (Ahlstrom)

Citizen of the Year: Karen Pelletier

1987

Businessperson of the Year: Glenmont K-Mart

Citizen of the Year: William Fuller

1986

Businessperson of the Year: McDonald's of Delmar (Formica)

Citizen of the Year: Lillian Weiler

1985

Businessperson of the Year: Butler & Brown

Citizen of the Year: Marion Camp