

2018 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS OF THE YEAR

Once again this year the New England Newspaper & Press Association will identify our region's best daily, weekly and specialty newspapers, and recognize them with the prestigious "New England Newspaper of the Year" award. Winners will be named in a range of circulation categories. To be considered, editors simply fill out the entry form and submit sample copies along with their entry fee.

This is a one-of-a-kind competition – it is the only distinction of its kind in the newspaper industry that is judged by *audience* members. New England newspaper readers will be appointed to evaluate the entries from a news consumer point of view and decide which deserve the honor of being named *Newspaper of the Year*.

All newspapers in the contest will not only have a chance to be chosen for the award, but they'll also receive feedback from newspaper readers about the strengths and weaknesses of their print and digital publications and how their paper stacks up compared to similar-size papers in our region. Each editor that enters will receive a summary scorecard with the reader judges' ratings across a range of attributes that are typically associated with quality newspapers and written verbatim comments.

Readers will evaluate your paper's relative strengths and weaknesses, including:

- ◆ quality of reporting and writing
- ◆ use of photos
- ◆ design and presentation
- ◆ digital offering
- ◆ overall utility and value
- ◆ General impressions, such as: Does the newspaper inform, educate, entertain, inspire, motivate, lead? Does it reflect and care about the community it serves? Does it put the interests of the reader first? Is it unique or special in some way?

The winners will be honored at the New England Newspaper Conference Awards Luncheon, which will be held on Thursday October 11, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, MA.

NENPA member newspapers are invited to enter in four categories as described below (weekday, Sunday, weekly, specialty). **Newspapers will be assigned to a competitive division within their category after all entries are received** (i.e., small, medium and large weeklies, small, medium and large dailies, small, medium and large Sunday/weekend publications.)

Weekday newspapers

Please submit three copies each of two weekday editions. One edition must be from the week of Monday, March 12 into Saturday, March 17, 2018. The second can be from any weekday between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.

Sunday newspapers

Please submit three copies each of two Sunday editions. One must be your Sunday, March 18, 2018 edition. The second can be any Sunday edition between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018. *Newspapers with no Sunday edition may submit their Saturday Weekender edition.*

Weekly community newspapers

Please submit three copies each of two editions. One edition must be from the month of March 2018 and the other from any week during the contest year of June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

Specialty newspapers

Please submit three copies each of two editions. One must be from the month of March 2018 and the other from any point during the contest year of June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.



PUBLICLK OCCURRENCES

Editors are invited to enter their paper's best reporting and/or photojournalism from the past year. This award recognizes individual or team stories, series, spot news coverage, columns or photojournalism that ran in print and/or online. Editors should view this entry as their "very best work of the year" (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018).

This competition is open to all members of NENPA. Up to eight Publick Occurrences awards will be presented to daily newspapers, and up to eight will be presented to community weekly and specialty newspapers.

These awards were established in 1990 to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of Publick Occurrences, the first newspaper published in America. Four days after it appeared in 1690 in Boston, Publick Occurrences was suppressed by the royal governor.

Winners of Publick Occurrences awards in 2017 include: the Sun Journal of Lewiston, ME; the Keene (NH) Sentinel; The Daily Item of Lynn, MA; The Republican of Springfield, MA; The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, MA; The Berkshire Eagle of Pittsfield, MA.; The Providence (RI) Journal; Seven Days of Burlington, VT; The New England Center for Investigative Reporting of Boston, MA; The Connecticut Health I-Team of New Haven, CT.; The Hartford (CT) Courant; the Brattleboro (VT) Reformer; the Concord (NH) Monitor; the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting of Hallowell, ME; the Providence (RI) Business News; Worcester, MA Magazine; the Daily Hampshire Gazette of Northampton, MA.

Entry fee \$99

ALLAN B. ROGERS EDITORIAL AWARD

This award recognizes the best editorial on a local subject that ran in New England in the past year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018). The award honors the editor of The Eagle-Tribune (North Andover, MA) who died in 1964 at the age of 31.

This an open competition, so editorials from a wide variety of member newspapers in New England, regardless of circulation size and frequency of publication, are welcome to enter.

Winners have included the Gloucester (MA) Daily Times, The Providence (RI) Journal, The Sun of Lowell, MA, The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, MA, The Newtown (CT) Bee, The Standard-Times of New Bedford, MA, the Cape Cod Times of Hyannis, MA, the Kennebec Journal of Augusta, ME, the Journal Inquirer of Manchester, CT, the Hartford (CT) Courant, and the Eagle-Tribune of North Andover, MA.

Entry fee \$99

NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

This award will recognize a New England newspaper for its exceptional work in upholding the First Amendment and/or educating the public about it.

The award honors the association's record of leadership on First Amendment issues. Past winners include Seven Days of Burlington VT, the Sun Journal of Lewiston, ME, The Republican of Springfield, MA, The Telegraph of Nashua, NH, The MetroWest Daily News of Framingham, MA, the Rutland (VT) Herald, the Burlington (VT) Free Press, The Sun of Lowell, MA, the Cape Cod Times of Hyannis, MA and the Republican-American of Waterbury, CT.

Entrants will be judged for the quality of reporting, editorials, commentary and/or legal challenges that illuminate or uphold the First Amendment.

NENPA-member newspapers, regardless of circulation size and frequency of publication, are invited to submit work published during the past year, June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

Entry fee \$99

*To enter, please fill out the entry form and send it with your sample editions and/or clips with a check or credit card information for your entry fee(s). **Entries must be postmarked by Thursday, July 12, 2018.***

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BOB WALLACK

COMMUNITY JOURNALISM AWARD

This special award, which is named in honor of longtime New England journalist and former New England Press Association Executive Director Bob Wallack, recognizes an individual who has an exceptional record of commitment to community journalism. This award celebrates the accomplishments of someone who, over a sustained period of time, has faithfully served the community for which they are responsible and has played an active, constructive role in contributing to its quality of life. Anyone may nominate a colleague, co-worker, subordinate, superior, mentor, retiree, etc., who works or worked in our six-state region and truly exemplifies the ideal of a community journalist, just as Bob Wallack did. Please complete the entry form and submit a letter of nomination that describes your nominee's contributions, and make a case for why he/she should be chosen for this prestigious distinction.

Previous recipients include Ray Duckler of the Concord (NH) Monitor, Stanley Moulton of the Daily Hampshire Gazette, Northampton, MA, Steve Damish, The Enterprise of Brockton, MA and Thor Jourgensen, The Daily Item of Lynn, MA.

Entry fee \$29



Presented by:

**New England Society
of
News Editors**

This award is bestowed by the New England Society of News Editors, and it recognizes an individual for producing journalism of distinction in New England this past year. The award is named in honor of Sevellon Brown, the late editor and publisher of The Providence Journal-Bulletin, founder of the American Press Institute, fellow of the Academy of New England Journalists, and past president and founder of New England Associated Press News Editors Association (NEAPNEA).

The competition is open to New England journalists of any kind; whether working for a daily, weekly or specialty print publication, broadcast outlet or online media.

NESNE member editors or news directors may submit one nomination of a journalist for a compelling story/series published or broadcast between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.

Nominations should consist of a brief cover letter, supported by tearsheets or links to the text, photos, audio, video or other elements of the story/series.

Previous recipients are Mike Donoghue, Burlington (VT) Free Press, 2013; W. Zachary Malinowski, The Providence (RI) Journal, 2014; Michelle R. Smith, Associated Press, 2015; Doug Moser, The Eagle-Tribune, North Andover, MA, 2016; and Paul Heintz, Seven Days, Burlington, VT, 2017.

Entry fee \$50

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ENTRY FORM

Name of newspaper _____
Primary market served (city/town and state) _____
Website/mobile address _____
Corporate affiliation (if any) _____
Contact person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Frequency of Publication Daily Weekly Specialty

Newspaper _____

Print Circulation Weekday _____ Sunday _____ Weekly/Specialty _____

Digital Circulation Weekday _____ Sunday _____ Weekly/Specialty _____

**Please provide reported circulation for each*

Please check off the appropriate boxes for the awards you wish to be considered for:

Newspaper of the Year (please refer to the fee chart) **Editions entered** (contest year is June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018)

Weekday edition #1 date _____ (three copies) #2 date _____ (three copies)

Sunday /Weekend edition #1 date _____ (three copies) #2 date _____ (three copies)

Weekly edition #1 date _____ (three copies) #2 date _____ (three copies)

Specialty publication #1 date _____ (three copies) #2 date _____ (three copies)

Public Occurrences (\$99 fee per entry)

Entry Fee \$ _____

An editor's note describing your entry is encouraged and should be included with clips of your work and this form.

Name of entry/date of publication _____

Name of writer(s), photographer(s) _____

Allan B. Rogers Editorial Award (\$99 fee per entry)

Entry Fee \$ _____

Editor's note may be attached to this form. Please submit two copies of the editorial.

Name of editorial/date of publication _____

Name of editorial writer _____

New England First Amendment Award (\$99 fee per entry)

Entry Fee \$ _____

Editor's letter of nomination and supporting clips may be attached to this form.

Name of entry/date of publication _____

AP Sevellon Brown Journalist of the Year Award (\$50 fee per entry)

Entry Fee \$ _____

Nomination letter and supporting material may be attached to this form.

Name of nominee _____

Bob Wallack Community Journalism Award (\$29 fee per entry)

Entry Fee \$ _____

Nomination letter and optional supporting material may be attached to this form.

Name of nominee _____

Entry Fee \$ _____

Please send this entry form with your submission to NENPA at
1 Arrow Drive, Suite 6, Woburn MA, 01801

You may enclose a check for your fee or provide your credit card information below

Total: \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____ Total Fee Enclosed _____

Signature _____

2018 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

ELIGIBLE EDITIONS AND ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are determined by circulation. Several competitive divisions within each circulation category will be assigned after all entries have been received at the NENPA office.

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Entry fee</u>	<u>Eligible editions</u>
Weekday, 25,000 and under	\$199	One issue from the week of March 12-17, 2018, plus one from any weekday June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Weekday, 25,001 or more	\$289	One issue from the week of March 12-17, 2018, plus one from any weekday June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Sunday, 25,000 and under	\$199	Sunday, March 18, 2018 edition, plus one from any Sunday during the contest year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Sunday, 25,000 or more	\$289	Sunday, March 18, 2018 edition, plus one from any Sunday during the contest year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Weekly community papers, 10,000 and under	\$199	One issue from the month of March 2018, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Weekly community papers, 10,000 or more	\$199	One issue from the month of March 2018, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
Specialty newspapers (ie. publications targeted by demographics or profession, bi-weekly or monthly publications, etc.)	\$199	One issue from the month of March 2018, plus one issue from anytime in the contest year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

All circulation classes may enter submissions in the following categories, regardless of publication frequency or size. Entries in these categories must have been published between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018.

Entry fee

PUBLICK OCCURRENCES	\$99
ALLAN B. ROGERS EDITORIAL AWARD	\$99
NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD	\$99
AP SEVELLON BROWN NEW ENGLAND JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR	\$50
BOB WALLACK COMMUNITY JOURNALISM AWARD	\$29



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

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Entries must be postmarked by **Thursday, July 12, 2018**. They should be mailed/delivered to the New England Newspaper & Press Association at **1 Arrow Drive, Woburn, MA 01801**.

Questions?

Please contact Christine Panek at c.panek@nenpa.com / (781)-281-7284

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