

# 2022 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER AWARDS

## **NEWSPAPERS OF THE YEAR**

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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 brief summary and upload them along with two editions from the contest year (June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022). See below for information on eligible published edition(s).***

**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*.

### **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?

NENPA member newspapers are invited to enter in four categories: Weekday newspapers, Sunday newspapers, Weekly community newspapers, and Specialty Publications. 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.)

#### Eligible editions

#### Entry fees

##### **Weekday –**

One issue from the week of September 13-18, 2021 **and**  
One issue from any weekday June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

Circulation 20,000 and under     **\$199**  
Circulation 20,001 or more     **\$299**

##### **Sunday –**

Issue from September 19, 2021 **and**  
One issue from any Sunday between June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

Circulation 20,000 and under     **\$199**  
Circulation 20,001 or more     **\$299**

##### **Weekly and Specialty Publications –**

One issue from the month of September 2021 **and**  
One issue from anytime between June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

All circulation sizes     **\$199**

***All submissions and supporting material should be uploaded on the NENPA website. Please submit each entire edition as one pdf file (do not upload each page as a separate file).***

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Newspaper of the Year Winners**

## PUBLICCK OCCURRENCES

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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, 2021 – May 31, 2022).

This competition is open to all members of NENPA. Up to 16 Publick Occurrences awards will be presented.

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. All materials should be uploaded on the NENPA website. **Entry fee \$109**

[CLICK HERE to see previous Publick Occurrences Award Winners](#)

## ALLAN B. ROGERS EDITORIAL AWARD

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This award recognizes the best editorial on a local subject that ran in New England in the past year (June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022). 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. All editorials should be uploaded on the NENPA website. **Entry fee \$109**

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## NEW ENGLAND FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

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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.

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, 2021 to May 31, 2022. All materials should be uploaded on the NENPA website. **Entry fee \$109**

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## BOB WALLACK

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# 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 upload 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. You may also upload examples of their work. All materials should be uploaded on the NENPA website.  
**Entry fee \$49**

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Sevellon Brown  
**NEW ENGLAND JOURNALIST  
OF THE YEAR**

*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.

Editors or news directors may submit one nomination of a journalist for a compelling story/series published or broadcast between June 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022.

Nominations should consist of a brief cover letter, supported by digital tearsheets or links to the text, photos, audio, video or other elements of the story/series. All materials should be uploaded on the NENPA website.  
**Entry fee \$50**

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