



Reintroducing the Gertrude M. Spaulding Trophy Award

Gertrude M. Spaulding (1913-2000) was a Wakefield icon. A firm believer in open space and conservation, Mrs. Spaulding was instrumental in establishing the Wakefield Conservation Commission in 1983. She was the founder of the Friends of Lake Quannapowitt (FOLQ). In 2000, the FOLQ named her “Lady of the Lake” for her efforts in helping to preserve one of Wakefield’s most beautiful assets. On October 19, 2002 one of the last available parcels of land surrounding the lake was dedicated as the Gertrude M. Spaulding Park in her honor.

To honor Mrs. Spaulding, the Wakefield Fourth of July Committee is reintroducing the Gertrude M. Spaulding Trophy. We’re inviting the Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Wakefield schools to participate in the float competition by being creative with any and all recycled materials. The award, a trophy that you can display at your school, will be presented to the float that best uses recycled materials while highlighting an environmental or a conservation theme. Involve the children who attend the school, their parents and any other creative adults that would like to help you put together the best float in the parade. This award category will be exclusive to the PTO organizations from Wakefield schools only – no other organizations will be eligible to win. Building a float is a great way to encourage team spirit and offers the school a way to educate the next generation about a truly dedicated citizen of Wakefield.

The parade theme this year is “Olympian Pride”. Incorporate this into your float or not, it’s up to you! Be as creative as you possibly can be by using recycled newspapers, plastic water bottles (can you make them look like bubbles?), tin cans (forest animals, maybe?), anything that is recyclable. Of course, plan on recycling the materials you use after the parade!

The registration form is included with this email as well as the rules and regulations. Complete the form, return it and get your school in the parade lineup.

We will reimburse all non-profit participant groups up to \$150 for expenses incurred in the making of your float (with receipts of course!).

We encourage every school to participate and hope to see you at the parade!