

The Albert Montecalvo Mayor of the Year Award

For those of you who have been mayors for a while, you are probably pretty familiar with our Mayor of the Year and Scholarship Awards and the mayors for whom they are named. However, for the rest of you newer officials, we thought it might be valuable for you to become more familiar with the men in whose footsteps you are following. Our Mayor of the Year Award is named after Mayor Albert Montecalvo. (1922 - 2014).



With 16 terms and 56 years as mayor, it is believed Montecalvo was one of the longest-running mayors in the state — and possibly the nation. Montecalvo also served for four years on borough council, making his political service to the borough around 60 years.

Born on Jan. 12, 1922, he was raised during the depression. “They didn’t have a lot of money,” but he grew up in a very loving family and did his duty in World War II and served his community. Vincent Montecalvo, current Lewis Run mayor and nephew of Abbie Montecalvo also had this to say; he was a man that, number one, loved his country, loved his faith, loved his God, he loved Lewis Run, and most of all he loved his family.

Many people had praise for Mayor Montecalvo...even those that didn’t always see eye to eye with him. Some of the phrases used to describe him were witty, had faith, reliable, classy, a sharp dresser, a good co-worker, a great attitude, patient, trusted, supportive, willing to lend a hand, and more. From the manager of the Bradford Club where the mayor was a bartender: “He was a charismatic man of integrity and devotion and was always eager to serve, whether as mayor, bartender or as a knowledgeable friend giving helpful advice. He will greatly be missed.”

Lafayette Township Supervisor chairman John Ryan appreciated Montecalvo, both as a public figure and on a personal level. “Abbie was a politician in the old tradition, a man of integrity,” said Ryan. “Although we differed on issues that involved our municipalities, he provided thoughtful counsel, always doing what he thought was best for Lewis Run.

Being nominated for the Albert Montecalvo Mayor of the Year award is a great honor and an even bigger challenge.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

A mayor must be all things to all people. Although citizens are not familiar with mayoral duties as prescribed in the Borough Code, they look to their mayor as the answer to many community problems. Does your mayor go “above and beyond” the normal duties of mayor? Is he or she an ambassador for your borough to others? Do special projects come naturally to him or her? Is constituent service a number one priority? If so, we want to know, for you have a candidate for Mayor of the Year!

Interested mayors must submit a resume and a letter from council to be reviewed by a committee appointed by the President of the Association. The award is presented at the annual meeting during the PSAB convention.

1. The nominee ***must be an Association Member*** and have completed one full term of four years in office.
2. The nominee must be recommended by a county mayors association **or** by an elected official of the mayor’s borough.
3. Nominations must be submitted on borough letterhead and sent to the addresses below.
4. All activities (membership, honors, etc.) must have occurred while in office. Include length of service in (from – to) format.
5. Show community organizations served (showing dates and positions held) and a description of involvement in other community projects and the extent of participation.

***All nominations will be reviewed by a sub-committee appointed by the President of the Association.**

All nominations for either Mayor of the Year must be received by March 12.

Please have all nomination letters legibly completed and emailed to: DianeSmith.AMBP@gmail.com

or mailed to:

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