

Gerard J. Cronin
Recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award

The John J. Cronin Public Service Award committee has awarded this high honor to an individual who has served the Town of Westwood. John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, for many years selflessly gave of his time and expertise for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. To recognize this same spirit of community involvement as exemplified by John Cronin's life, it is with great pleasure that we have chosen Gerard Cronin as the first recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award.

Gerard Cronin has had contact with many students at Westwood High School - as a substitute teacher, but more importantly on a more personal level with the students. He has provided much of his own personal time to be involved in the students, their personal issues, their education and sports. He is loved by the students and highly respected by the teachers.

He has made many contributions to Westwood's public education such as:

- He was a substitute teacher since 1996
- Worked with AP History students to provide an oral history of town resident's memories of their participation in the military and also as civilians during World War II.
- He was a lecturer on Westwood History
- He was a founding member of the Westwood Education Foundation
- He was on member of the Westwood High School Site Council, working on the transition to a new building
- He assisted the Westwood High School golf coach during the golf season in an unpaid capacity

On a more personal level, he was involved in the:

- Westwood Historical Society for six years and as President for two.
- Worked on the move and restoration of Fisher School
- He is a moderator of St. Denis Parish Council
- He is a founding board member of the Westwood Interfaith Council
- He coached the youth baseball and basketball teams

He was also involved in local government:

- He served on the Finance Commission from 1974 to 1978; and served as Chairman in 1978
- He also served on the Long Range Planning Committee as Chairman
- He served on the Historical Commission and as
- Library Trustee; where he was Chairman for two years

Gerard Cronin has been involved in many volunteer committees, giving his time, expertise, and commitment to the Town of Westwood, as well as other communities.

On behalf of The John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee, I would like to present this prestigious award to Gerard Cronin.