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Community Development Partnership Announces Newly Elected Board Members and Recognizes Community Award Recipients

Orleans, MA – The Community Development Partnership (CDP) held their 33rd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 7th, at Wellfleet Preservation Hall. The event highlighted the CDP's work to support affordable housing and small business development on the Lower and Outer Cape, as well as recognized community leaders and small business owners and provided a forum to elect new board members.

The CDP Board of Directors unanimously appointed five new members to the CDP Board of Directors:

- Orleans resident **Marsha Allgeier** retired in 2015 as Deputy County Manager after 37 years with Arlington County, Virginia. She began her career there as a community development planner and later served for a decade as supervisor of neighborhood planning. Marsha spent 17 years with the Arlington County Department of Human Services—an integrated public health, social services, and behavioral health agency—becoming its director in 2001. She was appointed Deputy County Manager in 2005 and served in that role until her retirement in 2015. After moving to Orleans full-time in 2018, she served as the part-time Affordable Housing Coordinator for the Town from November 2020 to June 2024.
- Eastham resident **Katie Castagno** is the Director of the Land-Sea Interaction Program at the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, MA. Her research explores the intersections of coastal resilience, salt marsh restoration, and sediment transport. Katie lives in Eastham with her partner, Natalia, and their rescue greyhound in an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) built on her parents' property, made possible with support from the CDP.
- Orleans resident **Bill Madden** is Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, at Cape Cod 5 with many years of experience in the banking industry, and extensive knowledge and expertise in lending. He began as a



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mortgage processor and advanced through several roles including Underwriting Assistant, Home Equity and Consumer Lending Underwriter, Credit Analyst, and Portfolio Loan Officer. Today, he manages a diverse portfolio and oversees all aspects of commercial lending. A Cape Cod native and graduate of Nauset High School, Bill remains actively involved in his community. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Orleans Citizens Forum, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, and served on the CDP's Advisory Council.

- Orleans resident **Maxine Minkoff** is a highly respected retired educator with a deep understanding of the challenges experienced by Lower Cape families through her service as the Principal of Nauset Regional Middle School from 2010 to 2019. Before moving to the Lower Cape, she was the Interim Superintendent at Wachusett Regional/Union 64 School District after serving as the Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services in the same district. Maxine is the president of the Orleans Citizens Forum and has served on various town committees, including the Charter Review Committee and the Planning Board, as well as a liaison to the Community Preservation Committee.
- Provincetown resident, **Donna Walker**, serves as the Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for the Town of Provincetown. A resident of Provincetown since 2002, Donna has devoted her career to higher education, having held key admissions roles at Sweet Briar College, Wellesley College and Tufts University. In addition to her professional work, Donna is a dedicated community member. She is a former member of the CDP Advisory Board, regularly participates in CDP Housing Institute sessions, and currently serves on Provincetown's Planning Board.

The CDP recognized two residents with its two annual awards, the **Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service** and the **Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship**.

- Provincetown resident, **Sarah Peake** is this year's recipient of the **Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service**. Sarah Peake, former State Representative and current Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs in the Healey Administration, has been a tireless advocate for the CDP and our mission. Over her 18 years in the House, Sarah's influence and leadership led to many accomplishments that have improved the lives of residents of the Lower and Outer Cape. Sarah was instrumental in creating the Cape and Island Water Protection fund which helps finance the wastewater infrastructure that makes creating more housing in our region possible. Sarah was a champion for expanding the rooms tax to include short-term rentals and generating millions of dollars in revenue for our towns to advance housing production.
- Truro resident, **Nola Glatzel**, Owner & Founder of Earthstar Play School, received the **Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship**. A Cape Cod native, Nola returned to the Outer Cape in 2019 to be nearer to her sister, who had just welcomed her first child. But what began as a personal homecoming soon became something much more. With her background in public education and a growing awareness of the region's childcare shortage, she quickly recognized a critical gap—especially for children under the age of three.



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She launched Earthstar Play School in Truro—a developmentally focused, play-based preschool that began with just a handful of parent volunteers. Today, it’s a thriving program that serves ten children ages two to four each day, with more than a dozen families on a waitlist.

Seamen's Bank and Kerry Insurance Agency sponsored the CDP's Annual Meeting and Community Awards event.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Community Development Partnership (CDP) leads the Lower and Outer Cape in building a diverse year-round community of people who can afford to live, work, and thrive here. To accomplish our mission, we promote, develop, and manage affordable housing, nurture the launch and growth of small businesses, and facilitate collaboration with industry, nonprofit, and government partners. To learn about the CDP, visit www.capecdp.org. The CDP is an equal-opportunity, employer, and provider.