

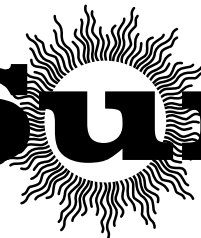


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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR — Edward J. Keohane (center), civic leader and chairman of the Quincy Partnership, receives The Quincy Sun Citizen of the Year Award from Sun Publisher Henry Bosworth (right) and a special framed Page One from Editor Robert Bosworth highlighting his selection as the recipient. The presentations were made at a reception Sunday at the Quincy Sons of Italy Social Center. *Quincy Sun photo/Robert Noble*

For Outstanding Community Service

Edward Keohane Honored As Quincy Sun 'Citizen Of The Year'

Edward J. Keohane was honored Sunday as The Quincy Sun Citizen of the Year for his community leadership and "passionate dedication to the city he loves."

Three generations of the Keohane family were present as he received the 19th annual Quincy Sun award for outstanding community service for the year 2003 at a reception at the Quincy Sons of Italy Social Center.

The more than 100 guests attending also included city and state officials, past recipients of the award, members of the judges' panel that selected him for the honor, members of the Quincy Partnership of which he is chairman, and friends.

Owner of the Keohane Funeral Service and chairman of the Quincy Partnership dedicated to promoting Quincy's histori-

cal, cultural and natural resources, Keohane was selected for the award by a panel of judges from among 39 nominees submitted by Quincy Sun readers.

Under Keohane's leadership, the non-profit Quincy Partnership raised many thousands of dollars to undertake a number of civic projects. Among them:

Up-lighting of the city's historic sites, bronze statues of John, John Quincy and Abigail Adams, and "Welcome To Quincy" signs erected at the city's gateways.

The latest endeavor is a large, granite fountain which will be a focal point in the restored 80-acre Merrymount Park and scheduled to be dedicated in June.

The Partnership also plays a major role in Quincy's widely heralded Flag Day Parade as a co-sponsor with the founding Koch Club.

At Sunday's reception, citing Keohane's civic contributions to Quincy, Sun Publisher Henry Bosworth presented him with a clock plaque inscribed:

"To: Edward J. Keohane For Outstanding Community Service. As chairman of the civic minded Quincy Partnership, and as a community leader and activist, with a passionate dedication to the city he loves."

Bosworth noted that the clock on the plaque "is symbolic — it symbolizes all the time you have given to your community and, I am sure, will continue to do so in the future."

Sun Editor Robert Bosworth presented Keohane with a framed Page One of The Sun highlighting his selection for the award and including the names of the 38 other nominees and the members

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*Public Meeting Set For
April 29 At Quincy High School*

Traces Of Gasoline Still Found From Tanker Crash Spill

By WILLIAM TRAYNOR

Environmental crews continue to find traces of gasoline in the downtown area nearly nine months after a tanker truck crashed and sent thousands of gallons of gasoline spewing onto the city streets and into the sewer system.

The city will conduct a public meeting on the tanker truck accident and the subsequent spill on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Quincy High School auditorium. Representatives from EnviroSense will be present.

Traces of gasoline linger on Coddington St. and in the soil of adjacent roads after the flammable liquid spilled from a crashed tanker on Aug. 21, 2003, according to Mark Deuger, project manager with EnviroSense, Inc., the environmental consultant hired to test the area. The consultant was hired by the insurance company of Brewer Petroleum Services Inc. Brewer owned the truck that crashed last summer.

Approximately 10,000 gallons of fuel spilled from an 18-wheeler that overturned trying to navigate the corner from Temple St. to Washington St. The crash sent gasoline flowing into the city's sewer system along Coddington St.

During the coming months, the consultant will be testing the water table and adjacent buildings for vapors or other traces of gasoline, he said.

"There are a couple areas where we have concerns," said Deuger. "Presidents Place has an indoor air situation. It is not something of risk, but it is something we have to keep our eye on."

Deuger said the company has detected gasoline vapors in the basement of the building and will continue to monitor the situation.

"We have some vapors emanating in the basement and we want to make sure people are not breathing vapors that are harmful," he said. "But we have not seen

anything that approaches an explosive situation."

He said vapor levels have trailed off since they were first detected months ago, but they are still a concern.

The situation has improved dramatically at Quincy College, he said. The college was shut down during a weekend after the spill because of vapors entering the building.

EnviroSense installed water wells near Quincy College to test for traces of gasoline. Deuger said traces were found in the water table near Quincy College. The company continues to monitor the wells near the college and recent tests show improvement, he said.

"Quincy College still has concerns," said Deuger. "But the venting system we installed last fall has had a dramatic effect. There has been nothing to report in the last several months."

Deuger said conditions at the college have improved

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Meeting On Concourse, Downtown Revitalization At City Hall April 28

Business and property owners in the downtown area will receive an update on Phase II of the Concourse project Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. in second floor conference room of City Hall.

City officials will make a presentation and allow a question and answer forum

for interested parties.

The city is in the planning of a major effort to redevelop and revitalize downtown Quincy Center. Part of that effort involves planning for the completion of the Concourse (also known as the Crosstown Connector).

Phase II of the project will extend the Concourse the rest of the way across Hancock St. and connect it to McGrath Highway.

Construction of Phase II is expected to begin within two years, according to city officials.