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## VILLAGE OF WALDEN TO CELBRATE ITS 8th ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

Walden, NY – The Village of Walden will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Day Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bradley Assembly Room of the Village of Walden Municipal Hall. The event will celebrate the individuals that consistently and tirelessly give back to their community making the Village of Walden a better place to live, work, and volunteer. The honorees are: Jason Trafton, 2017 Mary Jean "Midge" Norman Volunteer of the Year; Bridget Urbanski, Ronald I. Jacobowitz Youth of the Year; The Wesenberg Family (Melvin, Carolyn, Sonia, & Jada), Sam Phelps Service Award; and Hudson Valley Conservatory, 2017 Community Business of the Year; with keynote speaker, Nancy Proyect, President of the Orange County Citizens Foundation.

"True leadership and voluntarism is what makes the Village of Walden tick. There is so much behind the scenes work that gets done through the hard work and generosity of others who seek no recognition for their efforts," explains Village of Walden Mayor, Susan M. Rumbold.

Leadership Day presents an opportunity to say thank you to the many people who are responsible for leading the Village of Walden in a positive direction and without whom the community would not be the same. As a community the Village has come so far in changing the negative attitudes and stigmatisms that once were associated with the Village of Walden.

Leadership Day Chairwoman, Tara Bliss, adds, "Leadership Day gives us a way to thank the volunteers that work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure Walden remains a wonderful place to live, work, and volunteer. They don't do this work for the notoriety or recognition, they just do it because they love our Village and want to make Walden a place that every resident can be proud to call home. It's the number one reason I personally love being a part of our Walden community!"

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