

LYNN JUVENILE COURT LAW 2015 DAY AWARD PRESENTED TO THE PLUMMER HOME

The Lynn Juvenile Court held its annual Law Day ceremonies on Friday, May 1, 2015. This year marks the 57th anniversary of Law Day. It was initially established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to commemorate our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. Courts throughout the nation hold ceremonies on Law Day to celebrate the rule of law, our legal institutions and the freedoms granted to us as citizens of the United States. The theme for Law Day 2015 was “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law.” It refers to the 800 year old document that serves as an international symbol of the rule of law. The Magna Carta inspired fundamental freedoms and is responsible in great part for our legal system where no person is above the law.

Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy opened the ceremonies by signing a Law Day proclamation declaring May 1, 2015 as Law Day in the City of Lynn. Chief Justice Amy Nechtem welcomed those in attendance which included students from Lynn English and St. Mary’s High Schools and the Fecteau-Leary School. Retired Chief Justice Michael F. Edgerton spoke on the history of the Magna Carta and its impact on the United States. The students had submitted essays to the court on the Law Day theme. First Place Essay Awards were presented by Associate Justice Garrett J. McManus for the best essay from both Lynn English and St. Mary’s High Schools and a group award was presented to the students at Fecteau-Leary School for artwork depicting the Rotunda at Runnymede, England honoring the Magna Carta.

Chief Justice Nechtem presented the Attorney Lynne M. O’Connell Law Day Award to The Plummer Home for the staffs’ diligent and tireless commitment to young people. Chief justice Nechtem stated that “The Plummer home has made a tremendous difference in a great many young lives.”