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Pam Gery Receives Governor's Award for Promoting Physical Fitness



HARTFORD –North Branford's Director of Parks and Recreation Pamela Gery was honored at the State Capitol on Monday, May 19th, and presented the Governor's Award for Promoting Physical Fitness. Gery was nominated for the award by North Branford resident Rosemary Miller who also attended the ceremony.

Gery was one of two individuals statewide to receive the award from the Governor's Committee on Physical Fitness, which recognizes an outstanding citizen for individual leadership work in the field of health and fitness.

"I remember when Pam developed the Community Center and its fitness programs with almost no funds," said State Representative Vincent Candelora (R-North Branford), who was on hand to congratulate her at the event. "It is a true testament to Pam and the Recreation Staff to develop these programs into a state-recognized achievement in such a short time. North Branford residents should be proud of this great tradition."

Pam's family, along with Town Manager Richard Branigan, Department Staff Roseanne Krajewski, Lauren Munro, Judy Barron, Cathy Poston, and Martha Meizies attended the event in support.

The award was in conjunction with National Physical Fitness and Sport Month. "The awards pay tribute to the fine work being done in Connecticut communities," said Governor M. Jodi Rell. "This month, we celebrate those who help promote healthy living and healthy activities in our state. On behalf of the State of Connecticut, I congratulate the award winners."

Nominations for the award were submitted during the spring of 2008, and a selection committee reviewed all submissions. More information on the program can be found by visiting www.connecticutfitness.org/cfitawards.html.