

## CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## Citizen of the Year 2014

One of the most difficult (but wonderful) responsibilities in this office is the selection of the Citizen of the Year. A happy challenge, but a challenge nonetheless. Franklin is a great and proud city, filled with good people. Many deserve recognition for their efforts.

I have often selected those who work with our young people. You may remember that past recipients included teachers Linda Davidson, and Jack and Jule Finley – as well as coaches Dave Therrien and Skip Dubois.

However...Perhaps because my own age is advancing so rapidly - I look in a slightly different direction this year. I mentioned that school enrollment in NH has fallen by 10% over the last 10 years. Young people are leaving the state faster than they joining us. And so we are becoming a State and Region of seniors.

All this means that services to our senior population are increasingly important. Older citizens have much to offer us, and great leadership is required to keep programs like "Meals on Wheels" and others running effectively and efficiently to benefit our senior community members.

One such beloved leader in our community stands out among many. Nancy Marceau has long demonstrated a loving commitment to our seniors, and if you know her and her work at the TRIP Center, you know how much she is revered and adored by her friends in that program. She is a vital link between the community and our seniors, and I am truly blessed to have known her, worked with her, and called her "friend". And she is the Citizen of the Year.