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Citizen of the Year 2016

I first want to thank all those who have made suggestions for this year's **Citizen of the Year Award**. It is incredibly hard to choose just one person when your city is filled with great, community-minded people. Fear not, because there are fraternal organizations in Franklin that also make similar awards each year!

Our Citizen of the Year has devoted himself to developing the character of the youth of our community for over twenty years with the Boy Scouts of America;

As a volunteer, he is responsible for numerous improvements to buildings in downtown Franklin, not limited to the Buell Block and Toad Hall;

He has improved the recreational value of many Franklin assets, not limited to Odell Park, renovations of the lodge at the Veterans Memorial Ski Area, the Rotary Park below the trestle bridge, and the cemetery near the Daniel Webster birthplace.

He has spent countless hours improving the trail system in Franklin, notably in the Great Gains forest.

Despite all this effort, he remains a humble man of few words, and is entirely deserving of this recognition by his City. In the words of someone who has observed his efforts up close: "He is an inspiration and an asset to the community, most people view him as a keystone in building up the city. I couldn't be prouder of him or his vision for Franklin."

Please join me in honoring Franklin's Citizen of the Year - Mr. Stephen Donahue!