

Winsted Citizen of the Year Charlene LaVoie

Here is what a few of our readers said:

"She has shown Winsted that a voice of opinion is a very effective tool."

"She provides advice and help to all town's people who seek it. She teaches that all citizens are important and needed to make a democracy work effectively."

"Her concerns for local issues and citizens is sincere."

"She speaks for the voiceless."

Charlene LaVoie has served as the Community Lawyer since June of 1990. The function of the Community Lawyer is to represent the citizens of Winsted on issues of public significance and to provide representation to the unorganized citizenry. LaVoie said she found the award gratifying because it served as "an acknowledgement from the citizens of the importance of the Community Lawyer project."

2nd Walt Miller

"He was the only one to let us know where our tax dollars are going."

Other nominees include

Clark Smith

Joe Sawicki

Alan DiCera

Ralph Nader

Anthony Paige

JoAnne Huxley

Roxanne Winsor

Blanche McCarthy

3rd Dave Maynard

"He is doing an outstanding job. This is probably one of the most difficult and controversial jobs in Winsted."