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CITY COUNCIL SELECTS COVINGTON'S CITIZEN AWARD WINNERS

Covington, WA – The City of Covington recognizes two outstanding individuals each year as its Citizen of the Year and Honorary Citizen of the Year. Over the past several years, these honored individuals have been volunteers, advocates, ambassadors, dedicated residents and real assets of the City of Covington. This year's recipient of the Covington Citizen of the Year Award is Jennifer Harjehausen and the recipient of the Honorary Citizen of the Year Award is Laura Roth.

After accepting nominations from the public, City Council considered the slate of nominations at their June 12 city council meeting and unanimously selected Jennifer and Laura as the honorees.

Jennifer was recognized for the many volunteer hours she contributes to the city including currently serving on the city's arts and planning commissions; chairing the city's Parks and Recreation Priorities Advisory Committee in 2015 and 2016; volunteering at the Student Art Show, Covington Days Festival and KidsFest; and helping with the After School Art Program at Cedar Valley Elementary that the parks and recreation department started this last school year.

Jennifer is also a leader in the greater Covington community where she has served in leadership positions including president for local PTA's, as well as on the board of the Kent Area Council PTA; she has been awarded the Washington State PTA Golden Acorn award and has twice been recognized with the Washington State PTA Outstanding Advocate award; Jennifer has served as board chair and currently is the board vice chair for the Covington Co-Op Preschool where she has been heavily involved for over a decade;

Laura was recognized as a respected business owner in Covington who supports many local causes by donating her time, space and energy including serving on the Covington Economic Development Council (CEDC) in which she has previously served as co-chair; serving on the board and as a past president of the Covington Kiwanis Club; and donating office space for meetings by the local Toastmasters group, Relay for Life, networking groups, and more.

Laura also serves as president of Mighty Miracles, a non-profit organization in Covington that she founded to benefit Children's Miracle Network and the Seattle Children's Hospital.

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Jennifer and Laura received proclamations from the city council at the July 10 city council meeting, officially declaring Saturday, July 21, 2018 as Jennifer Harjehausen Day and Sunday, July 22, 2018 as Laura Roth Day in the City of Covington. Both honorees will also be recognized at the Covington Days Festival on Saturday, July 21 with a ride in the parade and presentation of their plaques at the mainstage at 11:30 a.m.

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