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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 Marc and Stacey Schuh and the recipient of the Honorary Citizen of the Year Award is Jim Zook.

After accepting nominations from the public, City Council considered the slate of nominations at their August 10 city council meeting and unanimously selected Jim, Marc and Stacey as the honorees.

Marc and Stacey were recognized for their contributions as Covington residents and as owners of the Covington Chick Fil-A restaurant. They share a passion for giving back and do so through donations, scholarships, providing meals for essential workers, first responders, volunteers, and the homeless, fostering a positive working environment for employees, and having an overall positive impact on the Covington community.

"I'm impressed by their nominations and the fact that we received three of them and all were glowing," said Mayor Pro Tem Sean Smith when speaking about Marc and Stacey. "I appreciate that they are invested in giving back to the community, not just their business."

Jim was recognized for his contributions to the community through his position as manager at the Covington Safeway store. Jim supports the Covington community by providing opportunities for the City and various community groups to host successful food drives, pet food drives, and diaper drives in the store.

"He's adamant about helping the community he works in," said Council Member Joe Cimaomo when speaking about Jim. "When we do food drives for Storehouse, Jim is our biggest cheerleader."

Jim, Marc and Stacey were recognized with proclamations from the city council at the September 14 city council meeting. Because council meetings are still being held virtually, Mayor Wagner will be hand delivering plaques to each recipient in the coming days.

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