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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 Jason Morrison and the recipient of the Honorary Citizen of the Year Award is Karen Brown.

After accepting nominations from the public from May 23 to June 14, City Council considered the slate of nominations at their June 28 city council meeting and unanimously selected Jason Morrison and Karen Brown as the honorees.

Jason Morrison was recognized for his commitment to the community as a volunteer coach for Covington youth sports. He has coached multiple youth sports for multiple years in Covington including basketball, soccer and flag football.

"Jason has been a volunteer coach in the city of Covington long before the city took it over," said Sean Conway, athletics specialist for the city of Covington. "He is always willing to do whatever it takes for our program to thrive. Jason is everything I want in a volunteer coach. He is dedicated and continuously goes above and beyond for his teams."

Karen Brown was recognized for her dedication to Covington's youth as a Covington Co-op Preschool teacher for over 20 years. "Mrs. Brown gives so much of herself so willingly to the children and families of Covington Coop preschool," writes Lindsey Bissell in her nomination letter. "She is loved by so many."

Morrison and Brown are officially being honored at the July 11 city council meeting with a proclamation from the city council and a reception in their honor. They will also be recognized at the Covington Days Festival on Saturday, July 15 with a ride in the parade and presentation of their plaques at the mainstage at 11:30 a.m.

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