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City of Ridgefield, Washington Announces the 2011 Outstanding Citizen

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Ridgefield, WA, December 2, 2011 – The City of Ridgefield, Washington is pleased to announce David Standal as the recipient of the City's 2011 Outstanding Citizen Award. Mr. Standal was honored at the Ridgefield City Council meeting held on December 1, 2011 for his tireless devotion and efforts toward the betterment of the community.

Mr. Standal has been involved in and supported a number of community activities and groups throughout his twenty years of living in Ridgefield. Using his auto body painting expertise, he has donated many artistically painted items that have raised thousands of dollars at local fundraisers, including coolers with the stars and stripes and wheelbarrows with your favorite team logo. His volunteer activities include coordinating multiple Cruise Ins in downtown Ridgefield, as well as working on numerous Fourth of July festivals, the Centennial Celebration, the annual Spring Clean-up day, the Blue Heron Community Garden. He has also volunteered countless hours towards planting trees, and building trails and play structures throughout the City, and has led the caroling at the annual community Christmas tree lighting ceremony during Hometown Celebration.

Mr. Standal was the 2010 Ridgefield Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshall. Mr. Standal served on the Ridgefield Planning Commission for eight years and the City Council for four years.

The City began the Outstanding Citizen Award in 2001 to recognize and honor those individuals who provide the community with their contributions, labors and commitment for betterment to the community. The recipient's name may be viewed on the entrance marker to the Ridgefield Community Park located near the Clark County Fire & Rescue Station on 3rd Avenue. Prior recipients include David Dynes (2001), Gladys Doriot (2002), Allene Wodaeye (2003), Ralph Kraus (2004), Roy Garrison (2005), Tevis Laspa

(2006), Helen Maul (2007), Marie Wilcox (2008), Don & Earleen Griswold (2009) and Jerry Stallings (2010).

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The City of Ridgefield, incorporated in 1909, is a rapidly growing community located in northern Clark County, Washington approximately 10 miles north of Vancouver, Washington. Over the next 20 years, the City of Ridgefield expects to grow to a population of over 26,000 persons with an employment base of over 13,000 jobs. The City has adopted a Council-City Manager form of government. The City Manager acts as the chief executive officer of the City overseeing daily operations, annual budget development and implementation, and personnel. The City Manager works with a management team composed of the Director of Finance and Administration, the Finance Division Director, the Public Works Director and the Police Chief to ensure that community services are provided and that the policy directives of the City Council are carried out in the most efficient manner possible.