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20120316 McCall and Swindell earn AWC Award

City of Woodland Council Members Marilee McCall and Al Swindell recently earned Municipal Leadership Certificates from the Association of Washington Cities' Municipal Leadership program, with McCall earning the Advanced Certificate.

The Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is awarded when an elected official achieves 60 or more credits through a variety of workshops and completes community service. A Certificate of Municipal Leadership is awarded at 30 credits.

The CML program is designed to enhance the ability of elected municipal officials by providing knowledge and skills to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds and foster community and staff relationships.

AWC is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch, and with regulatory agencies. Membership is voluntary; however AWC maintains 100% participation from Washington's 281 cities and towns. The goal of AWC is to create and maintain livable cities and towns throughout the state.

Councilmember Marilee McCall, who was first appointed mid-term in 2006, was retained in the election of 2007, and then re-elected in 2009. She served as Mayor Pro-Tem from 2008-2009 and again from 2010-2011. She was integral to the success of the voter's approval of the new Public Safety Sales Tax to be used for the bond issuance for Woodland's new Police Station. She currently serves on the Public Safety, Human Resources/Government, Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and Facilities committees.

Councilmember Swindell, who has served on the council since 2010, is proud of the progress he's made improving communications with the community. He was involved in communicating the need for a new Police Station and saw it through to the successful passage of the new tax to be used to construct the new Police Station. He has also attended the Legislative Action Conferences to assist in lobbying for funds for Woodland's infrastructure projects. He currently serves on the Finance, Public Utilities, Parks & Recreation, CWCOG (alternate) and AWC/Legislative committees.

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