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Ridgefield to enjoy a colorful spring

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Ridgefield, WA, February 3, 2010 – Seven members of the Ridgefield Garden Club coordinated with City staff to plant approximately 1,500 tulip bulbs around Ridgefield. The bulbs should sprout up this coming spring in Davis Park and around the gazebo in Ridgefield Community Park. Bulbs were also planted in front of the Post Office, near the entrance sign at the High School and placed in some of the planters around the historic downtown that the Garden Club maintains.

Van der Salm Bulb Farm in Woodland, Washington donated three separate varieties of tulip bulbs to the City at an estimated value of \$350.00. The bulb farm is America's largest grower of hybrid liliium bulbs and also grow hostas, peonies, crocosmias, dahlias, and hemerocallis. As well as growing their own product, they import tulips, Dutch iris, and lilies from Holland.

The Ridgefield Garden Club is made up of community members dedicated to the beautification of the City's streets and parks through planting and maintenance of flowers and plants, and dedication of public art to the City.

Steve Wall, Public Works Director for the City of Ridgefield commented that, "the City of Ridgefield and the community as a whole are very fortunate to have such a committed volunteer group as the Ridgefield Garden Club to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Thanks to the generous donation by Van der Salm Bulb Farm, the efforts of the Garden Club should soon be visible; we can't wait to see the colors this spring!"

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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 20,000 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 & Administration/City Clerk, the Public Works Director and the Police Chief to insure that community services are provided and that the policy directives of the City Council are carried out in the most efficient manner possible.