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City Names 2011 Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year

The members of the Community Forum of the City of Missoula have chosen the annual Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer award recipient for 2011. They are proud to announce Jim Hausauer as the recipient. Jim was chosen to receive the award, posthumously, for his outstanding and selfless work in the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood Council and the Missoula community. A memorial tree will be planted in his honor.

The City Council will commemorate the outstanding volunteer selection at the Oct. 1 Council meeting. Mayor John Engen will proclaim Oct. 1, 2012, as "Jim Hausauer, 2011 Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Day" and the month of October as "Missoula Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Month."

Hausauer died Sept. 4, 2011, of complications from a bicycle accident. The idiosyncratic neighborhood, bicycle and trail advocate died at the intersection he advocated making safe for others, 3rd and Russell streets.

He educated himself on many projects and regularly testified at City Council meetings. One of his successes was a safer crossing for C. S. Porter students on Reserve Street.

He was a strong model for community engagement and neighborhood dialogue. His interest and commitment to his immediate neighborhood, Franklin to the Fort, and the city at large were well known for decades in Missoula.

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