

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY: Wendy Barry, Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The National Recreation and Park Association has designated July as Recreation and Parks month across the nation. It is a time to bring visibility to our local parks and acknowledge our quality recreation and sports programs. Parks and recreation programs touch the lives of countless Shoreline citizens of all ages, providing a range of activities, as well as places to enjoy the serenity and beauty of the outdoors.

With the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board in attendance at the Council's July 7 meeting, it is an appropriate time to declare the month of July as "Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month" in the City of Shoreline and encourage our citizens to participate in recreation activities and visit our many parks.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department mission is to provide life-enhancing experience and promote a healthy community; and
- WHEREAS, this mission is achieved through stewardship of our parks, facilities, and open spaces; recreational programs for all ages and abilities; and support to a network of human services; and
- WHEREAS, parks and recreation activities provide fun opportunities for young people to develop into contributing members of society, with over 16,700 visits to the Shoreline Teen Programs in the past year; and
- WHEREAS, parks and recreation create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of our community, and these are made possible by City financial support and partnerships with organizations such as the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center; and
- WHEREAS, City cultural events such as Swingin' Summer Eve, Celebrate Shoreline and the Summer Lunchtime Music Series and Concert Series allow people to experience a sense of community and share enjoyment of quality performances; and
- WHEREAS, City parks, recreation, and cultural services programs provide physical activities, socialization, and stress-reducing experiences to area residents, with over 100,000 visits to the Shoreline Pool and over 40,000 visits to the Spartan Gym in the past year; and
- WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department supports community human services programs that benefit residents in need of food, shelter, and other vital assistance; and
- WHEREAS, Shoreline's 350 acres of parks, greenways, and open space provide a welcome respite from our fast-paced, high tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and
- WHEREAS, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, nature trails, open spaces, community centers, and historic sites make the City of Shoreline an attractive and desirable places to live, work play, and visit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Jepsen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2003 as

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all citizens to celebrate by participating in their choice of pleasurable recreation activities.

Scott Jepsen, Mayor of Shoreline