

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Month DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services PRESENTED BY: Dick Deal, Director ACTION: ___Ordinance ___Resolution ___Motion ___Discussion ___X___ Proclamation</p>

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many agencies in our community that provide facilities, programs, and opportunities to enrich the lives of local residents. Tonight, three Shoreline Walks Volunteer Walk Leaders will accept the proclamation: Mary Jo Gerst, Alice Lawson, and Paul Timo. Shoreline Walks is a new community walking program to help Shoreline adults stay active, meet other adults and feel safer and more confident exploring our City by foot. Walks explore neighborhoods, parks and trails offering great insight into some of the best walking routes in our City. Specifically designed for adults ages 50+, but open to all ages and abilities, each walk is led by a Volunteer Walk Leader and all walks are free to the public.

Other agencies being recognized tonight include the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, King County Library System, Shoreline Historical Museum, North King County Little League, Richmond Little League, Hillwood Soccer club, Shoreline Soccer Club, the Shoreline School District and the Dale Turner YMCA. All of these organizations plus several Shoreline businesses working together allow both youth and adults to choose a variety of recreation and cultural activities to develop skills and encourage healthier lifestyles.

The City of Shoreline would like to thank all of these agencies and organizations for their continued efforts to make Shoreline a happy and healthy community.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor will read the proclamation and the Council will present the proclamation declaring July 2013 as Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline to Mary Jo Gerst, Alice Lawson, and Paul Timo.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney **IS**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in the Shoreline community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, declare July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Shoreline.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor