

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation of America Recycles Day		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Mark Relph, Public Works Director Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

This proclamation recognizes November 15, 2013, as America Recycles Day in Shoreline. It calls upon residents to celebrate this 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America Recycles Day by thanking our multi-family residential properties for their significant contribution to the protection of our environment and public health through waste reduction, recycling, and proper storage and disposal of household hazardous waste.

Meadowbrook Apartments is one example of the success that's possible in multi-family residential properties through multi-agency partnerships. In 2012, Meadowbrook Apartments partnered with CleanScapes and the King County Housing Authority to site recycling dumpsters, distribute recycling containers to each apartment, and conduct a door-to-door recycling education campaign. The apartment residents enthusiastically responded by recycling 41% of what they had previously been putting in the garbage. Typically, the average recycling rate in multi-family residences is only 25%.

In addition, Meadowbrook safely disposed of 78 pounds of household hazardous waste, switched to less toxic products, and improved their chemical storage methods. Not only has Meadowbrook Apartments protected our public health through safe disposal, but they have saved our natural resources through recycling, and reduced their solid waste costs by approximately \$350 per month.

Meadowbrook property manager, Harley O'Neil, will accept the Proclamation with the Council's appreciation of their initiative and work to protect our region's natural resources.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required by the City Council.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A - America Recycles Day Proclamation

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



## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a healthy natural environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages the protection of our natural resources and the adoption of habits that promote a sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, Meadowbrook Apartments partnered with CleanScapes and the King County Housing Authority to provide door-to-door recycling containers and a recycling education campaign; and

WHEREAS, the average recycling rate at multi-family residential properties is 25%, and Meadowbrook residents achieved a 41% recycling rate, saving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Meadowbrook received a 4-star, EnviroStar certification for safely disposing of 78 pounds of household hazardous waste and switching to less toxic products and better storage methods; and

WHEREAS, America Recycles Day offers every individual an opportunity to recycle and protect our natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2013, as

## **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**

in Shoreline, and call upon all citizens to celebrate this special occasion by recycling a new item--perhaps their household batteries at a library in Shoreline or at the City Hall.

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Keith A. McGlashan  
Mayor of Shoreline