

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Month		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Eric Friedli, Director		
ACTION:	<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:

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many parks and recreation partners and programs that provide facilities, programs, and opportunities to enrich the lives of local residents. Tonight, representatives from the City's relatively new Community Gardens at Twin Ponds and Sunset School Parks will accept the Proclamation.

The use of public park space for Community Gardens exemplifies the diversity in services provided by parks facilities. Community Gardens provide an opportunity for people in our community to experience gardening as both an active participant and passive park visitor. It brings a diverse group of people together around a common interest – which is the essence of building community. Gardening provides an opportunity for an environmentally friendly physical activity and offers an interesting park destination where people of all ages and backgrounds can learn about the importance of urban food systems. Finally it provides a source of food for the gardeners and the broader community. The two community gardens at Twin Ponds and Sunset School Park contributed nearly 4,000 pounds of food to Shoreline Hopelink in 2014 for distribution to people in need. Already this season, over 300 pounds of organic greens have been donated to the food bank from these gardens.

Parks and Recreation Month is an opportunity to celebrate the many partners we have in the community, including 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 should read the Proclamation and the Council will present the Proclamation declaring July 2015 as Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline to representatives from Shoreline's Community Gardens.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Month Proclamation

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



PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, recreation programs contribute to the Healthy City Strategy adopted by the Shoreline City Council in September 2011 that encourages community members to make healthy lifestyle choices around eating, physical activity and healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, parks are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and 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; and likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, declare July 2015 as Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline.

Shari Winstead, Mayor