

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:	Mary Reidy, Recreation Superintendent		
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

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 Beth Neils, a longtime Shoreline resident who, along with her three children have participated in City recreation programs since 2004 will accept the Proclamation.

The Neils family has participated in and enjoyed Shoreline's parks and recreation programs for many years. All three kids started in City offered pre-school swim lessons and matriculated into being members of the City's Gators swim team, with two becoming certified Lifeguards through City classes. Travis was not only a swimmer, but also participated in City of Shoreline tennis and guitar lessons as well.

Julia participated in our swimming summer camp and is currently a regular in the swim lessons. In addition she has taken ballet and soccer with the City. Both Travis and Julia went on to swim for Shorecrest High School. Sean, the youngest Neils, started his swimming career in our parent/tot swim class in 2006 and by 2011 has been on our Gators swim team. The City is pleased that the Neils family has agreed to receive the 2017 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Proclamation this evening.

Parks and Recreation Month also provides an opportunity to celebrate the many partners the City has 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, healthy and connected community.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation declaring July as Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline.

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



P R O C L A M A T I O N

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 providing life-enhancing experiences and promoting a healthy community and environment in Shoreline by having high quality parks, recreation and cultural services that promote health and safety; protect the natural environment; and enhance the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, recreation programs support the community through activities that work to ensure everyone in Shoreline has the opportunity to engage both creatively and physically, regardless of economics, ability or age; 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, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2017 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor