

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:	Eric Friedli, PRCS 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

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 which enrich the lives of local residents.

Tonight, Mawahib Ismail, Christian Burke, Christina Kassa, Cindy Yang, Erin Perkowski, Khaliun Purevdorj, and Kiana Rendorio, members of the Youth Outreach Leadership Opportunity (YOLO) program, will accept the Proclamation (Attachment A).

YOLO is a job-skill, leadership development, and youth outreach program, funded by a King County Best Starts for Kids Grant, that began in Shoreline in February 2018. YOLO cultivates the ability to connect with youth that have traditionally been challenging to reach or are underserved. YOLO is designed to dynamically respond to the changing needs of diverse youth through proactive peer-to-peer outreach by removing barriers to their engagement in the community.

Youth Outreach Leaders provide information and support to help youth access programs and services in their community. Youth Outreach Leader positions are open to youth aged 16-19 and provide a concrete youth-led connection between the youth in our community and the services available to those young people. Since February, the team has put on three big events at the Shoreline Teen Center and is actively involved in activities at both the Teen Center and Ballinger Homes on a weekly basis.

Parks and Recreation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the impact of YOLO on the Shoreline community, and to acknowledge the good work of our many community partners, including the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, King County Library System, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation, 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, provide

valuable recreation and cultural activities for Shoreline residents of all ages to gain knowledge, develop skills, and encourage healthier lifestyles.

The City of Shoreline would like to thank the Youth Outreach Leaders and all of these agencies and organizations for their continued efforts to make Shoreline a healthy, happy, and connected community.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2018 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month Proclamation

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in communities around the country through recreation programming, leisure activities, and conservation efforts; and

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

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide children with a safe refuge and a place to play, which helps to reduce at-risk behavior such as drug use and gang involvement; create lifelines and continuous life experience for older members of the community; and generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, parks and open spaces 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 recognizes the importance of parks and recreation facilities, and designates the month of July as "National Park and Recreation Month," and likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks, open spaces, and recreation resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2018 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor