

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. Parks and Recreation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the value of Shoreline’s parks, recreation programs, and cultural services, and to honor the community partners and programs that enrich the lives of Shoreline residents in many ways.

Parks and Recreation Month invites us to recognize the role parks and open spaces, recreation programs, and cultural services play in establishing and maintaining quality of life and in contributing to the physical, economic, and environmental well-being of communities. This unprecedented time of global pandemic emphasizes the value of parks and recreation as an essential, vital component of a healthy community.

During the Governor’s COVID-19 Stay Home Stay Healthy Order and Safe Start Plan, Shoreline’s parks, recreation and cultural services are stepping up to meet the community’s evolving needs. Safe, clean parks and open spaces have remained open to the public as an important source of respite, exercise, and comfort during challenging times. As well, an entirely new summer camp program that meets all public health safety guidelines has been designed to address the community’s need for summer childcare and recreation. At risk and vulnerable teens are engaged and encouraged through Youth and Teen Development staff’s skillful use of social media. Specialized Recreation participants receive phone calls to ensure they are not forgotten, and special events and cultural programs are being reimaged to bring neighbors and families together in creative, new, and safe ways.

This year, the National Parks & Recreation Association is calling upon local agencies to dedicate Parks and Recreation Month to the park and recreation professionals who are the City’s frontline staff, confronting our most pressing health, environmental and social challenges in a variety of ways through various service roles. In Shoreline, we also celebrate the good work of our community partners, including the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, King County Library System, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation, Shoreline Historical Museum, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, the Shoreline School District, the Dale Turner YMCA, and many others. All of

these organizations, plus several Shoreline businesses, are working collaboratively with City staff to provide opportunities for recreation and cultural activities so Shoreline residents of all ages can continue to gain knowledge, develop skills, and stay healthy.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2020 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month Proclamation

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



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS parks and open spaces are fundamental to the emotional and environmental health and wellbeing of our community; providing respite and opportunities to recreate, improving water quality, protecting groundwater, prevent flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing vegetative buffers to development, and producing habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all people; and

WHEREAS cultural services strengthen the community's identity, enhance the natural and built environment, and support Shoreline's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the arts; 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, recreation and cultural services;

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 2020 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor