

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclaiming August 2020 as “Get to Know Your Neighbors Month” in Shoreline		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Department		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In years past, the Shoreline Police Department and Community Services Division joined with the National Association of Town Watch in sponsoring “National Night Out” in Shoreline on the first Tuesday of August. Out of concern for the health and safety of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Association of Town Watch recommends that National Night Out be postponed in 2020. Thus, in Shoreline, there will unfortunately be no organized National Night Out this year, including no permits for street closures or block party registrations.

If small groups of neighbors choose to gather, the City of Shoreline encourages residents to follow current guidelines for numbers of people who can assemble, wear masks, practice social distancing, and take all necessary precautions.

Recognizing that residents may have gotten to know their neighbors better than before, the City of Shoreline encourages building stronger relationships with the people in closest proximity. A new Talent Bank template is now available on the National Night Out page on the City website. This is a tool for neighbors to share information with each other so they can create a safer, more responsive community.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor should read the proclamation declaring August 2020 as Get to Know Your Neighbors Month in Shoreline

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2020 Get to Know Your Neighbors Month in Shoreline

Approved By: City Manager City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, “National Night Out” is usually observed on the first Tuesday of August; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch recommends that “National Night Out” be postponed or cancelled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there will be no organized “National Night Out” in Shoreline this year out of concern for the health and safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline encourages residents to get to know their immediate neighbors to create a safer, more responsive community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline provides tools and support to create stronger community connections,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim August 2020, as

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline, and encourage all Shoreline residents to connect with your neighbors in a safe way to enhance community safety and connectedness.

Will Hall, Mayor