

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:	Colleen Kelly, RCCS Director and Sara Lane, ASD 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, which 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 time of pandemic has further emphasized the critical value of parks, recreation and cultural amenities to our communities, and Shoreline has seen a very high utilization rate of both park facilities and available programming throughout the past year.

For more than a year of curtailed social activities, Shoreline’s parks, recreation and cultural services have responded 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. After running a highly modified, COVID-safe summer camp program, staff designed and implemented a COVID-safe remote learning program to support students and families through the transition to virtual education.

The Youth and Teen Development Program also created modified programming that allowed for some on-site programming at both the Richmond Highland Recreation Center and at Ballinger Homes. Specialized Recreation developed a very successful slate of zoom activities to engage and foster connections for residents in that program, and special events and cultural programs also developed virtual options for bringing neighbors and families together in creative, new, and safe ways. In addition, Shoreline’s Public Art Program completed installation of two new sculptures in the Park at Town Center and successfully piloted a new Artist in Residency Program that is now entering its second year.

In Shoreline, we also celebrate the important work of many community partners, including ShoreLake Arts, 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 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: 2021 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 the environment, 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 equity, social justice 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 2021 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor