

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Administrative Services
PRESENTED BY:	Mary Reidy, Recreation and Cultural Services 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, 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 community in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being. Parks and Recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer’s.

The last two years have amplified the critical value of parks, recreation and cultural services as they offer opportunities for respite and connection; two critical aspects to our community’s health as we move together out of the pandemic. During this time, Shoreline’s parks, recreation and cultural services have responded to meet the community’s evolving needs. This includes creating and maintaining safe, clean parks and open spaces as well as offering programs and events which foster both individual and community health in safe and accessible ways. One such event, the Winter Porchlight Parade, was recognized by Washington Recreation and Parks Association with a 2021 Spotlight Award for Program Excellence.

The Shoreline community illustrated their support of Parks and Cultural Services in passing the General Obligation Bonds for Parks Improvements and Park Land Acquisition on February 8th of this year. The bond approval was an expression of the high value residents place on Parks, Recreation and Cultural services in the community. The bond will allow for an equitable distribution of park amenities throughout the community as well as enhance public art in our parks. It will preserve and enhance

natural spaces supporting community connection with nature and mitigating climate change.

In Shoreline, we also celebrate the important work of many community partners, including ShoreLake Arts, the 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 many other local groups and organizations, are working collaboratively with City staff to provide opportunities for recreation and cultural activities so Shoreline residents of all ages can continue to have access 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: 2022 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Month Proclamation

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural services promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks and engage in activities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles and improve the health of residents; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and youth arts programs, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, cultural services celebrate the community's diversity and identity and support Shoreline's commitment to equity, social justice, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community, build climate change resilience, and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2022 as

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Keith Scully, Mayor