



**CITY OF KIRKLAND**

Department of Parks & Community Services

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP, Director of Parks and Community Services  
**Date:** June 13, 2013  
**Subject:** Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mayor proclaims the month of July "Park and Recreation Month" in Kirkland.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month." Recreation facilities and parks across the country annually use July to celebrate the kick-off of summer programming. Kirkland's parks are an essential component of Kirkland's identity and quality of life. Kirkland residents so value their parks that they overwhelmingly passed the parks levy in 2012 and made a permanent investment in Kirkland's parks to be enjoyed by all current and future generations.

As part of this month's celebration, Kirkland Parks and Community Services has tied in the national campaign and promoted July as national "Parks and Recreation Month" in prominent display cases at both Community Centers and City Hall. The department also has planned many activities to keep the community active and involved, including the Kirkland Steppers, Beach Volleyball at Juanita Beach, Friday Night Market, learn-to-swim classes, fitness opportunities, a variety of youth day camps, sports leagues and many more programs and classes.

Sue Keller, Chair of the Kirkland Park Board, will accept the proclamation.



# A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## Designating July, 2013 as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland's parks, natural areas, playgrounds, playfields, recreation programs and community and cultural centers make Kirkland, Washington an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit while contributing to its ongoing economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department's programs touch the lives of individuals, families, and groups and positively impact the social, economic, health, and environmental quality of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society and creates lifelines and continued life experiences for older members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation programs provide safe and enjoyable activities promoting and developing healthy lifestyles, strong minds, and fit bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, greenways, natural areas, and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast-paced, high-tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland City Council recognizes the vital contributions of the City of Kirkland's dedicated parks and recreation employees and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Kirkland residents so value their parks that they overwhelmingly passed the parks levy in 2012 and made a permanent investment in its parks to be enjoyed by all current and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim July as "Park and Recreation Month" and encourage all citizens to celebrate by participating in their choice of recreation and leisure activities with family, friends and neighbors.

Signed this 2nd day of July, 2013

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Joan McBride, Mayor