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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Lynn Zwaagstra, Director of Parks and Community Services
Linda Murphy, Recreation Manager

Date: May 26, 2016

Subject: PARK AND RECREATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION

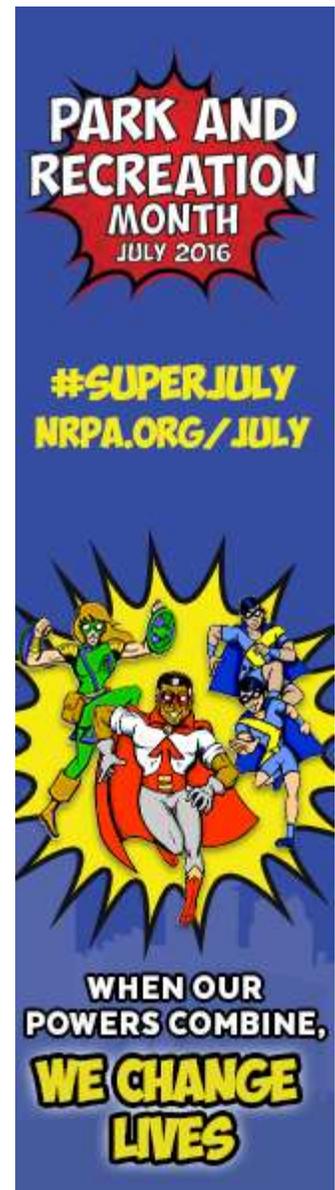
The Mayor proclaim the month of July "Park and Recreation Month" in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has designated the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month." Each year, cities, counties, special districts, parks and trails across the country celebrate the importance of all of our facilities for the enjoyment of nature and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. This year's theme "*When our powers combine, WE CHANGE LIVES*".

As part of this month's celebration, Kirkland Parks and Community Services has tied into the National Park and Recreation Association's national campaign promoting July as national "Park and Recreation Month". Displays at both Community Centers and colorful flyers will be present during the month of July. The department is excited to promote this celebration through conservation, health and wellness and social programs that contribute to enhancing the quality of life. Our varied activities are planned to inspire and support these concepts with recreation opportunities including our parks, the Kirkland Steppers, Juanita Beach volleyball, Friday Night Market, learn-to-swim classes, fitness opportunities, youth day camps, and many programs and classes that will create lasting recreational memories.

Rosalie Wessels, Vice Chair of the Kirkland Park Board, will accept the proclamation.





A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating July, 2016 as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, local park and recreation agencies are leaders in protecting our open space, connecting children to nature, and providing education and programs that engage communities in conservation; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation departments lead the nation in improving the overall health and wellness of citizens and fighting obesity; 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, park, 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, the City of Kirkland's parks, natural areas, playgrounds, playfields, recreation programs and community centers make Kirkland, Washington an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit while contributing to its ongoing quality of life and overall vitality; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, park and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, 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 5th day of July, 2016

Amy Walen, Mayor