



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Deb Powers, Urban Forester
Date: September 24, 2015
Subject: 2015 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor proclaim October 17, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland.

BACKGROUND

Attached is the proclamation declaring Saturday, October 17, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland. The annual Arbor Day Celebration and forest restoration will take place at Watershed Park from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers are invited to reconnect with nature and support stewardship efforts by planting native trees, shrubs and ground cover, and removing invasive plants.

Following a free pizza lunch for volunteers, a ceremonial native tree planting will take place with Mayor Amy Walen, Washington State Department of Natural Resources Ben Thompson, and Kirkland Urban Forester Deb Powers.

Since 2001, Kirkland has celebrated its autumnal Arbor Day to coincide with a Green Kirkland Partnership forest restoration project. The event brings together different groups of staff and volunteers – all working together for a healthy, sustainable urban forest in Kirkland.

By meeting the National Arbor Day Foundation standards in 2015, Kirkland will maintain its status as a Tree City USA for fourteen consecutive years. In addition, Kirkland is one of a limited number of cities in the State of Washington that has received numerous Growth Awards for exceeding these standards on an annual basis.

Kirkland Urban Forester Deb Powers and Green Kirkland Partnership Supervisor Sharon Rodman are the recipients of the 2015 Arbor Day Proclamation.

cc: Sharon Rodman
Paul Stewart

Attachment:
2015 Arbor Day Proclamation



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 17, 2015 as Kirkland Arbor Day in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed around the world to celebrate, plant, and care for trees; and

WHEREAS, by proclaiming and celebrating Arbor Day each year, Kirkland meets 'Tree City USA' criteria set forth by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, National NeighborWoods Month is an annual campaign to plant and care for community trees during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee officially proclaimed October as "Urban and Community Forestry Month" in Washington for the third consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate Arbor Day, Green Kirkland Partnership volunteers restore the City's natural areas by planting an abundance of native trees, contributing to a healthy, sustainable urban forest; and

WHEREAS, trees are essential to the health and livability of Kirkland,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 17th, 2015 as Kirkland Arbor Day and encourage residents to appreciate the value of trees and support their protection.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2015

Amy Walen, Mayor