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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Marilynne Beard, Assistant City Manager

**Date:** June 26, 2006

**Subject:** MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council receives award plaques from the Association of Washington Cities.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

The Association of Washington Cities sponsors an annual award for outstanding achievements of their member cities. The awards recognize cities that demonstrate best practices and innovative programming. The City of Kirkland was honored with four awards in 2006.

- The Parks and Community Services Department received a **Gold Award for the Senior Council program**. The Senior Council is the first of its kind in the state and works to ensure that Kirkland remains a great place for people 50 and older. The group is staffed by Dana LaRue, Senior Services Supervisor.
- The Information Technology Department received a **Silver Award for their fiber consortium** project. The Kirkland Information Technology Department formed a consortium with Evergreen Hospital, the University of Washington, the Lake Washington School District, the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District to build a fiber optic network that runs from the University of Washington into Kirkland and Bellevue. Each of the agencies contributed funding to install the fiber with Kirkland's project coordination provided by Donna Gaw, Kirkland's Network and Operations Manager. The fiber project allowed us to provide high speed connectivity to City facilities that would have otherwise been cost prohibitive to install.

- The E-Gov Alliance's **"MyBuildingPermit.com"** project was also honored with a **Gold Award**. The project provides the ability to apply for simple building permits from any of the participating cities on-line through one internet site. The City of Bellevue submitted the award application and all of the participating cities were recognized.
- Finally, **Kirkland was again awarded the "Well City Award"** that recognizes wellness programs that consistently meet established criteria.