



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Stacey Ray, Urban Forester

Date: October 24, 2007

Subject: Kirkland's 2007 Autumn Arbor Day Proclamation and Invitation

Recommendation

Approve attached proclamation.

Background

Attached is the Arbor Day proclamation for a ceremony and dedication of a native Vine maple in Watershed Park on **Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m.** at the 110th Street entrance. The Mayor, City Council and the public are invited to attend.

The event is being co-hosted by the City of Kirkland and the Green Kirkland Partnership. The Arbor Day Ceremony will include a representative from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program presenting Kirkland Mayor Jim Lauinger with a Tree City USA recognition certificate for having earned 2006 Tree City USA status. Puget Sound Energy has generously donated the Vine maple to be planted, and a representative will participate in the ceremony as well.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, participants and volunteers are welcome to join Green Kirkland Partnership in planting over 100 native shrubs and seedlings in areas of Watershed Park that have been previously cleared of invasive vegetation by their volunteers.

The proclamation, along with the Arbor Day Ceremony, will fulfill one of the four standards required for Kirkland to become a Tree City USA for the Year 2007. The Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation requires annual renewal in order to show that the City has met all four standards: 1. urban forest budget of at least \$2 per capita, 2. an urban forestry board or related body, 3. tree regulation, and 4. proclamation and celebration of Arbor Day.

In addition to being designated "Kirkland Arbor Day," Saturday, November 10th has also been declared by Washington State Governor Gregoire as Carbon Offset Day. Seven sites in the greater Seattle Metro area are highlighted as volunteer opportunities, including Watershed Park.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating November 10, 2007 as "Kirkland Arbor Day"

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this celebration, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Washington, the "Evergreen State," has celebrated Arbor Day since 1917; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community which improves the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, trees wherever planted in Kirkland can be enjoyed by citizens and visitors, making "Kirkland the place to be";

WHEREAS, Kirkland received its 5th Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland's Arbor Day is a ceremony with the Green Kirkland Partnership to plant a native Vine maple in Watershed Park on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in honor of the City of Kirkland's commitment to urban forestry and native areas restoration;

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Energy has donated the Vine maple to recognize Kirkland's Tree City USA achievement;

NOW THEREFORE, I, James Lauinger, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2007 as Kirkland Arbor Day.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree today, so they may grow to provide benefits for and be appreciated by future generations.

Signed this 7th day of November, 2007

James Lauinger, Mayor

VOLUNTEER FOR CARBON OFFSET DAY!

ONE
DAY
SEVEN
SITES
SATURDAY
11.10.07

- 1 FRINK PARK
LESCHI
- 2 PIONEER PARK
MERCER ISLAND
- 3 WATERSHED PARK
KIRKLAND
- 4 DAHL PLAYFIELD
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT
- 5 HITT'S HILL
COLUMBIA CITY
- 6 VICTORY CREEK
NORTHGATE
- 7 WEST HYLEBOS
WETLANDS PARK
FEDERAL WAY



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GREEN KIRKLAND

PARTNERSHIP

hosts



ARBOR DAY

Saturday, November 10

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Watershed Park

4500 110th Ave., Kirkland, WA

Join volunteers in planting native trees in the park.
Tools, gloves and light refreshments provided.

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