



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager
From: Deb Powers, Urban Forester
Date: October 22, 2008
Subject: Kirkland's 2008 Arbor Day Proclamation and Invitation

Recommendation

Approve attached proclamation.

Background

Attached is the proclamation declaring **Saturday, November 8, 2008** as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland. The Mayor, City Council and the public are invited to attend a planting ceremony and dedication of a native Grand fir in Carillon Park at noon.

The event is being co-hosted by the City of Kirkland and the Green Kirkland Partnership. The Arbor Day Ceremony will include Kirkland Mayor Jim Lauinger planting a commemorative native Grand fir. Puget Sound Energy is a potential sponsor of the event. Also, a representative from Washington Department of Natural Resources may be present to acknowledge Kirkland's 2007 Tree City USA status.

Prior to the tree planting ceremony at noon, participants and volunteers are welcome to join Green Kirkland Partnership in planting over 100 native shrubs and seedlings in areas of Carillon 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 2008. 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," November 1st - 8th has also been declared by EarthCorps as Climate Action Week, formerly known as Carbon Offset Day. Nine sites in the greater Seattle Metro area are highlighted as volunteer opportunities, including Carillon Park.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating November 8, 2008 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 6th 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 Grand fir in Carillon Park on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at noon in honor of the City of Kirkland's commitment to urban forestry and native areas restoration;

NOW THEREFORE, I, James Lauinger, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2008 as Kirkland Arbor Day.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree today, so others may live tomorrow.

Signed this 4th day of November, 2008

James Lauinger, Mayor