



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

### **Department of Parks & Community Services**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP,  
Director of Parks and Community Services

**Date:** July 7, 2009

**Subject:** Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim the month of July as "*Park and Recreation Month.*"

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated the month of July as "*Park and Recreation Month.*" Recreation facilities and parks across the country annually use July to celebrate the kick-off of summer programming as well as a time to pull their communities together to volunteer, get involved in outdoor physical activities and advocate for parks and recreation.

As part of this month's celebration Kirkland Parks and Community Services is planning activities to keep the community active and involved including the Concert Series at Marina Park Pavilion, Kirkland Steppers, Juanita Bay Wildlife tours, Learn to Swim classes, and many more programs and classes.

Colleen Cullen, Chair of the Kirkland Park Board, will accept the proclamation.



# A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## Designating July, 2009 as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland's parks, natural areas, playgrounds, playfields, recreation programs and community and cultural centers make Kirkland an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit while contributing to its ongoing economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department's programs touch the lives of individuals, families, and groups which positively impacts the social, economic, health, and environmental quality of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Kirkland residents value the City's park and open space system and in 2002 approved an \$8.4 million park bond that has brought enhancements to Juanita Beach, Carillon Woods and North Rose Hill Woodlands Parks, playfield improvements at local schools and acquisition of acreage near the Heronfield Wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, 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**, recreation programs provide safe and enjoyable activities promoting and developing healthy lifestyles, strong minds, and fit bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, greenways, natural areas, and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast-paced, high-tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1985, the National Recreation & Park Association has designated the month of *July as Park and Recreation Month*; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James L. Lauinger, 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 7<sup>st</sup> day of July 2009.

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor