

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

From: Monte Reinders, Public Works Director/County Engineer 

Agenda Date: February 18, 2025

Subject: Volunteer Appreciation Proclamation

Statement of Issue:

Parks and Recreation volunteers serving in the (1) recreation program (2) park caretaker and camp-host program; and (3) the adopt-a-park program, were critical to fulfillment of the parks and recreation mission in 2024. A proclamation to recognize and honor the generous contributions of volunteers in 2024 has been prepared.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's:

Volunteer benefits extend beyond the actual services that are donated. Volunteerism builds community, engages citizens, and bolsters equity and inclusion. The recreation program is able to operate large and affordable youth sports leagues because of volunteer coaches. Gibbs Lake Park, Oak Bay Campground, and HJ Carroll Park would not function without on-site volunteer caretakers and camp-hosts. Irondale Beach Park and Indian Island Park are 100% volunteer maintained through the adopt-a-park program.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:

Volunteer services is more valuable than ever. According to the *Independent Sector*, in 2024 one hour of volunteer time in Washington State was valued at \$40.28. A total of 5,522 hours, valued at \$214,370 were donated by dedicated parks and recreation volunteers in 2024. The cost of volunteer management is built into the existing budget and is part of the ongoing work of the entire parks and recreation staff.

Recommendation:

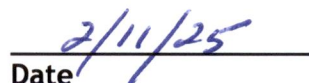
Approve and read the proclamation.

Department Contact:

Matt Tyler. 385-9129

Reviewed By:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date 2/11/25

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation officially recognizing the hard-working volunteers of Jefferson County Parks and Recreation, in order to promote service, to value and commemorate the many selfless contributions made in care of the county parks, and in support of youth recreation program participants.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Washington operates 22 parks on 1100 acres, and provides recreational sports leagues, the Port Townsend Recreation Center, summer camps, and specialized classes and events; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation would not function without volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, volunteer services include coaching youth sports, Rec-Center programming, youth summer camps, park maintenance, construction of park amenities, live-on-site park caretakers, trail construction and maintenance, landscape gardening, habitat restoration, advisory board membership; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that volunteerism builds community, promotes the economy, improves mental and physical health, and benefits the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Parks and Recreation volunteers donated 5,522 hours, the equivalent of 2.55 full time employees; and

WHEREAS, www.independentsector.org estimated that one hour of volunteerism is valued at \$40.28; and

WHEREAS, the total value of Parks and Recreation volunteer hours donated in 2024 is \$214,370; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County appreciates and acknowledges the public service provided by Parks and Recreation volunteers;

PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the volunteers of Jefferson County Parks and Recreation for their devotion, dedication, and service; and desires a permanent record of their accomplishments.

APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

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