



Meeting Date: September 12, 2011
 Agenda Item No:

Kitsap County Board of Commissioners

Department: Commissioners
Staff Contact: Rebecca Pirtle (360) 337-4650
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Title: PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING COUNTY GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Recommended Action: Present the Outstanding County Government Volunteer Award to Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco

Summary: Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco, a group of volunteers from the local Guatemalan community, was nominated for the Outstanding County Government Volunteer Award by Lori Raymaker. This dedicated group of volunteers has worked with the parks department to overcome language barriers and maintain Island Lake Park since April 2010 through the Adopt-A-Park program and recently adopted Old Mill Park as well.

Once a month, members of Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco maintain landscaping around the community center and entrance at Island Lake Park, clear trails, clean and clear picnic areas and tables, and remove invasive weeds. Their work throughout the park has made it more welcoming and inviting for the public, and attention to detail and work ethic is outstanding. On some work days, entire families come out to the park to help.

Members of the group have said that adopting parks is their way of giving back to the Kitsap County for all of the services provided.

Attachments: 1. Certificate
 2. Nomination

Fiscal Impact

Expenditure required for this specific action:	NA
Total cost including all related costs:	NA
Related Revenue:	NA
Cost Savings:	NA
Total Fiscal Impact:	NA
Source of Funds:	NA

Fiscal Impact (DAS) Review

Departmental Coordination

Department	Representative	Recommendation/Comments
Commissioners	Rebecca Pirtle	

Contract Information

Contract Number	Date Original Contract or Amendment Approved	Amount of Original Contract Amendment	Total Amount of Amended Contract



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Outstanding Volunteers Awarded Recognition

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners will recognize the Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco as Outstanding County Volunteers at the board's Sept. 12 business meeting.

Lori Raymaker, Parks Stewardship Coordinator of the Department of Parks & Recreation, nominated this dedicated group of volunteers from the local Guatemalan community. One of the group's leaders approached the parks department in April 2010 and asked if there was a way they could help. Working through language barriers, Raymaker introduced the group to the Adopt-A-Park program and they selected Island Lake Park, a popular county park located between Poulsbo and Silverdale. These volunteers have worked at the park on the first Saturday of every month since then, performing tasks the parks staff does not have the time to do. They maintain landscaped areas surrounding the community center and park entrance, clear trails, clean and clear the picnic areas and picnic tables and remove invasive weeds.

According to Raymaker, their work throughout the park, especially around the community center, has made the park more welcoming and inviting for the public. "Their attention to detail and work ethic is outstanding!" she noted.

"Many times, members of this group have told me that adopting the park is their way of being able to give back to the County for all of the services that the County provides for them. It's not uncommon to have entire families come out to the park to help on the work day," she said. Because they enjoy giving back to the community so much, Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco also recently adopted Old Mill Park.

"Kitsap County is lucky to have this dedicated community group volunteer with us," Raymaker said.

The Board of Commissioners is presenting the Organizacio Voluntario Guatemalteco with a certificate and added the group's name to the special Outstanding County Government Volunteer plaque on display in the lobby of the Kitsap County Administration Building.

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