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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MAYOR DEMARIA'S INAGURAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEATURES 100 PLAYERS**

On Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> the City of Everett hosted the first Annual Mayor Carlo DeMaria Blacktop Basketball Tournament. The one- day event featured 30 teams and 100 players, which hopes to become a back to school tradition for Mayor DeMaria.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "Youth gain health benefits from participation in physical activity. That is why we organized this tournament and will continue to offer similar events. We want to offer year- round sports and fun for kids of all ages and skill levels to help gain confidence, build relationships, and understand sportsmanship and teamwork."

The 3 on 3-style tournament attracted some of the best 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players in the City of Everett. The tournament was free and open to the public and included a double elimination format, a three-point contest, and a BBQ for the players and family and friends.

The tournament consisted of two different tiers. Tier 1 was made up of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade players and tier 2 was made up of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players.

The DeMaria administration aims to provide more activities for young people. Looking to the future, the Mayor wants to provide similar activities to support young people through to adulthood.

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