



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

June 12, 2012

MISSION

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all ages positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this spring with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, weekly events and athletic tournaments including the Bark for Life Dog Walk, 2 model boat races, 4 NSA Tournaments, Egg Hunt, Little League Jamboree, Kids Fishing Day, High School Girls WESCO North Districts and the Triple Crown Memorial Day Tournament. Department staff switched to a 7-day work schedule to provide maintenance and operations service to meet the public demand through the active season. We are currently in the process of hiring two 3-month seasonal part-time park maintenance positions to help with the heavy load of work to support recreation activities and event in Monroe.



Some exciting events are returning, as well as one new debut later this month:

- Saturday, June 16 – ***Tri-Monroe Triathlon*** @ Lake Tye Park
- Friday evening, June 22 through Sunday, June 24 – ***Northwest Riders Wake Board Event*** @ Lake Tye Park
- Friday, June 29, with the Main Event on Saturday, June 30 – ***MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour*** @ Lake Tye Park
- Saturday, June 30 – ***Sno-Isle Library Summer Reading Festival*** @ Sky River Park ***NEW***



Check out these and more events and programs happening here in Monroe on the new City website www.monroewa.gov Our 2012 brochure was mailed out to residents and several other areas. It is themed with the new logo and displays recreation events and programs offered here and also serves as a tourism piece to draw visitors in to Monroe, which helps our local economy.

Julie V. Morris Community Garden is Thriving

The Julie V. Morris Community Garden has been worked on by dedicated volunteers and is primed for a successful harvest of vegetables for the Sky Valley Food Bank. The Parks Department, along with representatives from the Sky Valley Food Bank, Monroe Garden Club, Monroe Boys & Girls Club and the East County Senior Center meet regularly to plan improvements and activities in the garden. Marilee Schneider is the volunteer coordinator for the Garden and does a wonderful job. Volunteer work parties and free gardening workshops have been held there. Information on future volunteer and workshop dates will be forthcoming on the website.



Flowering Landscape for Main & Lewis Street Islands, Planter Pots and Hanging Flower Baskets

The City of Monroe and the Parks & Recreation Department extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the following businesses, organizations & individuals from our community who graciously stepped forward to achieve flowering landscape for our signature islands, downtown planter pots and hanging flower baskets that welcome visitors and residents alike along Main Street and Lewis Street in the heart of Monroe. Total value for these donations and volunteer labor exceeds \$4,000.

Downtown Hanging Baskets

- Republic Services - \$500 donation for flowers for the downtown hanging baskets.
- Pine Creek Nursery for supplying the flowers at a discount.
- Monroe Garden Club for potting the baskets.

Downtown Planter Pots

- Monroe Garden Club - \$500 donation to City for purchase of flowers and planting the flowers.
- Monroe Lowes for supplying the flowers at a discount.

Main & Lewis Street Islands Landscape Ends

- Walmart - \$1,000 for flowers and supplies.
- Monroe Reformatory for growing flowers from seed and installation by offender work crew.



