



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

September, 2017

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

Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park

On September 15 & 16, the City of Monroe will host two pop-up parks planning studios and two evening open houses to review work produced during the pop-up studios. The City is taking time now to prepare these parks master plans, getting ready for 2018 and the eventual development of the Cadman park and improvements to Lake Tye Park.

The studios – set to run from 11 – 3 both days at the Boys & Girls Club and Lake Tye Park – will focus on master planning for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman park site. They are a “drop-in” format, encouraging passers-by to speak with the planning team and participate in the planning process. All ideas are welcome, and the conversations add detail and nuance to the project, ensuring that plan recommendations really fit Monroe. The first day will concentrate on generating alternative approaches to the Lake Tye and Cadman sites. The second day will focus on vetting those alternatives, exploring community priorities for each park site and setting early direction.

The open houses, from 6:00 to 8:00 on both Friday and Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club, will seek public ideas on the park concepts. Public suggestions will help create the preferred master plans for both parks.

Public comment is also being solicited through a community survey, available through the City’s website and at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/monroe-parks>.



Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this summer with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas. Staff are also busy working with community partners in planning and hosting a full slate of community events and programs for 2017. This month's events include:

- Aug24-Sept4 – Evergreen State Fair @ Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events
- Sept 9 – Swift Night Out @ Wagner Center 4pm-dusk
- Sept 10 – Color run @ Sky River Park 10am
- Sept 16 – Police/Fire Flag football benefit game @ Monroe High School 11am
- Sept 16-17 NASCAR Season Championships @ Evergreen Speedway
- Sept 21 - East County Job Fair@ Boys & Girls Club 10am
- Sept 27 – World Dance Party @ YMCA 6-8pm

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

Earlier this year, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks.

The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park; Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
8/21	4	12	
9/8	10	15	1 encampment Sky River Park near Cadman property and reported to Police
9/12	12.5	7	2 encampments discovered at Al Borlin Park and reported to Police.
Avg.	8.8	11.3	
Prior month Avg.	8	11.6	

Volunteer Opportunities Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support City programs, projects and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe's diverse community, understand how local government works and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, or seeking additional information, please contact Pamela Baker at (360) 863-4524.

Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.