



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

July/August, 2013

### 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

It's summer in Monroe and our community calendar is packed with fun and exciting outdoor programs and events. The Adventure Starts Here in our parks, trails, community facilities and downtown, providing unique recreation and event experiences for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy!

Exciting events are set to return such as the July 13 MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour, where top-ranked athletes from around the world come here to Monroe in this televised event and the August 10 Lake Tye Triathlon. New events are here including free music in the park at Lake Tye on Thursday evenings beginning July 18 and a fresh lineup of outdoor movie showings on Friday evenings in August. There are so many summer day camp programs for children to enjoy in the parks which Monroe Parks and Recreation have partnered with Skyhawks, YMCA of Snohomish County and Camp Fire of Snohomish County.

These and many more fun events are here for you to enjoy including dog shows in the park, model boat races, National Night Out Against Crime on August 6 – an evening community festival of fun, weekend races at Evergreen Speedway, the Monroe Fair Days Parade August 24 along Main Street, Monroe Swift Watch on September 14 where the largest concentration of Vaux Swifts return from migration to roost here in Monroe and so much more!

Don't miss out on getting tickets to Monroe MusicFest at Lake Tye Park! Imagine a night of guitars under the stars, featuring some of the music industry's most sought after and talented musicians. On Saturday, September 7, hometown guitarist Keith Brock brings his band of famous friends to the base of the Cascade Mountains to rock its very foundation. Turn over this page to get a glimpse of what in store for you right here in Monroe! [www.monroemusicfest.com](http://www.monroemusicfest.com)

Be sure to visit the Parks and Recreation Department page on the City of Monroe website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) or call (360) 863-4559 to find detailed information on all of the events and programs happening here!

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this spring and summer with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, making repairs and improvements to them and planning for many new and returning events and programs for 2013.



*Monroe Garden Club Flower Planting Downtown*



*Parks/Rec employee Marcy Boroughs installing flower baskets*

**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 connects 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 Denise Jacobsen at (360) 863-4559.



*Tri-Monroe at Lake Tye Park - Saturday, June 22, 2013*