



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department Update

October, 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.

The summer schedule of events and programs have wrapped up for the year, and what a year it has been! From sporting events and tournaments to youth day camp programs, there has been much to do and experience in our parks. Free music concerts and outdoor movies in the park at Lake Tye, Fair Days Parade, Monroe MusicFest, Swift Night Out and so much more.

Have you gotten outside to enjoy the dramatic changes of autumn in Monroe? 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! A few events you do not want to miss out on include YMCA Fall Classic @ Lake Tye Park on 10/26, Monroe Concert Band concerts on 10/27 and 12/19 @ Frank Wagner Auditorium, Downtown Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat along Lewis Street on 10/31, Light Up Monroe Downtown on 11/30 and the Jayme Biendl Memorial Run @ Sky River Park in January, 2014.

Department staff has handled regular maintenance work as well as repairs due to equipment and infrastructure breakdowns, acts of vandalism and weather-related damage. Staff is assisting with replacement of trees along Lewis Street in the downtown that has outgrown their spaces with more suitable street trees. Event planning for 2014 is ongoing, with some highlights being the scheduled return of the King of Wake Pro Wakeboard Tour and the Tri-Monroe olympic distance triathlon.

The new restroom project for the Rotary Field has been completed. Finishing touches are being applied to the interior and the surrounding landscape of the building by our Parks staff. The Monroe Rotary Club plans to hold a celebration on the 2014 Miracle League season opener of the completion of this special facility. The Rotary Club has also generously offered to refurbish the surface of the decorative backstop wall, which has sustained surface damage from past acts of vandalism, at no cost to our community.



Maintaining the Rotary Field



A new disc course is being planned for Al Borlin Park

On Saturday, September 7th, approximately 700 people enjoyed Monroe MusicFest at Lake Tye Park. The day started with morning rain, but then transformed into an amazing afternoon and evening of outstanding entertainment that left a lasting impression on all who attended and the many who worked very hard in partnership to put it on. Many thanks go out to the City of Monroe, High Road Promotions, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Keith Brock and countless individuals who worked together to make this dream happen. Special thanks to presenting sponsor - Evergreen Health, associate sponsor – Walmart and in-kind sponsors Republic Services, Millenium Motors and countless others that helped to promote this unique event.



Afternoon sound checks for Monroe MusicFest



Opening band - \$5 Fine



Randy Oxford Band plays next



An evening of Monroe MusicFest



John Popper of The Blues Traveler performs with Keith Brock and his LA All-Stars



Thank you to the numerous volunteer groups and individuals who have pitched in these past months to help beautify our parks and community! Members of Cascade Community Church, Maltby Christian Assembly, the Rock Church, the Monroe Garden Club and volunteers at the Julia V. Morris Garden have been busy this past summer season giving of their service to our community. A special thank you goes to local Eagle Scout candidate Carson Bowles, who proposed constructing a shelter for patrons of Wiggly Field. He planned his project, secured donations for materials and volunteer labor and constructed a sharp-looking and practical structure that is an enhancement to Wiggly Field and will provide a needed shelter from the elements.

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



Eagle Scout candidate Carson Bowles' new shelter @ Wiggly Field



Microsoft employees Day of Caring @ JVM Garden



Microsoft employees Day of Caring at the Julia V. Morris Volunteer Community Garden



Did you know the local business **Wet Noses** has donated dog bags for use in our parks over the past 3 years?