



PARKS & RECREATION

Quarterly Newsletter



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Thank you for subscribing to the City of Monroe's quarterly Parks & Recreation Newsletter. Learn about news, events, volunteer opportunities, upcoming projects and more, all happening within our parks. Plus, fun facts you may not have known. This issue we have lots of new and exciting updates for you.

NEWS

Park Board Openings

Are you interested in being on the Monroe Park Board? The Park Board consists of seven members. The members at large shall be of recognized fitness for such position and shall reside within the limits of

the City of Monroe, except the Mayor may appoint, with consent of the City Council, one board member from the City of Monroe's urban growth area to fill a vacant position. The Board meets every third Thursday of the month at 7pm, there are currently two vacancies. [To learn more visit the City's website](#), and to apply, [submit this application](#) to cityclerk@monroewa.gov.



[Lake Tye Loaner Cabinet](#)

The Lake Tye Life Jacket Loaner Station is up and running! As the weather gets nicer and families start enjoying activities on the water, make sure that your loved ones are safe. Everyone should wear a properly fitted life jacket while in the water. You can visit the life jacket loaner cabinet and borrow an infant, youth or adult life jacket at no charge. When finished, simply return the life jackets to the same cabinet. If you can't find a cabinet where you're headed, stop by SFRF Station 31 on Village Way in Monroe to borrow a jacket. The Lake Tye Loaner Cabinet is made possible by Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, the City of Monroe, and Snohomish County Safe Kids. Life jacket loaner cabinets are open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

PARK PROJECTS

[Blueberry Children's Park](#)

The dedication for the renovated Blueberry Children's Park is being tentatively scheduled for mid-July. Follow the [City's Facebook page](#) or [website](#) for updated information.

[Currie View Park Playground Concept](#)

Currie View Park is scheduled to begin construction in September. We will update our [park planning page](#) regularly with new and updated information.

[Communications Boards](#)

In June the city's first communications board was installed at lake Tye Park. A communication board (see photo) is a board with symbols or pictures that is used to facilitate communication for children with limited expressive language ability. Funding for the communication boards was generously provided by the Monroe Kiwanis Club. This is one of three communication boards purchased with help from Kiwanis. The other two boards will be installed this summer at Sky River Park and Blueberry Children's Park. The Monroe Rotary Club has also committed funding to purchasing communication boards for other park sites. Our goal is to have a board at all playground areas in our parks.



[Pickleball Courts Update](#)

Our contractor is estimating the second week in July for the surfacing of the Sky River Park Pickleball Court. Then the fourth week of July for resurfacing the Lake Tye Park courts. Both of these projects are weather dependent.



[Trombley Park](#)

Have you checked out Monroe's newest park? Trombley Park is located at the corner of 191 Ave SE and 134 Street SE.

In 2021, the City of Monroe purchased the five-acre site now known as Trombley Park. The goal for this land is to develop the site into a neighborhood park. In 2022, with the input from surrounding residents, the City developed a preliminary design plan for future development of the park. Due to the estimated development cost of \$10 million, the project was broken into two phases. The City is currently seeking grant funding or other funding alternatives to develop move forward with the first phase. The goal of developing Phase 1 is to develop three acres of the five-acre park area for the surrounding residents. The park is currently vacant of amenities but welcomes residents to use this area for open space play. On a clear day, be sure to check out the view of the distant mountain landscape.



EVENTS

[Featured Event](#)

Nautique WWA Wakeboard & Wakesurf National Championships

We are thrilled to announce the return of The Nautique WWA Wakeboard & Wakesurf National Championships to Lake Tye this summer. The event hosted by the [World Wakeboarding Association](#), will be held July 25 - July 28 from 9am - 5pm. The series includes competitors of all ages and skill levels in a format designed for competitive-based fun for the whole family. The results from the event will also determine who will represent the United States at the WWA



World Championships. Both events are free to the public. Grab a blanket, pick up some food from the restaurants adjacent to the lake, snag a spot in the grass and watch competitors from all over the country give it their all.

Other Events this Quarter

July 5: Music in the Park: Brohamm - Lake Tye Park

July 12: Music in the Park: The Machine - Lake Tye Park

July 13: Shakespeare in the Park - Sky River Park

July 19: Music in the Park: Highway 9 - Lake Tye Park

July 20: Lake Tye Science Day - Lake Tye Park

July 20: Walk to Remember - Sky River Park

July 25-28: Nautique WWA Wakeboard & Wakesurf National Championships - Lake Tye

July 26: Music in the Park: Hair Nation - Lake Tye Park

August 2: Movies Under the Moon: Super Marios Bros - Lake Tye Park

August 3: Lake Tye Triathlon - Lake Tye Park

August 6: National Night Out Against Crime - Lake Tye Park

August 9: Movies Under the Moon: Trolls Band Together - Lake Tye Park

August 16: Movies Under the Moon: The Marvels - Lake Tye Park

August 23: Movies Under the Moon: Barbie - Lake Tye Park

August 25: Wild Style Gym Mini Tri - Lake Tye Park

August 30: Movies Under the Moon: The Little Mermaid - Lake Tye Park

September 7: Belonging - Sky River Park

September 7-8: R/C Unlimiteds Model Boat Racing - Lake Tye

September 8: Color Run - Sky River Park



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to be notified of future volunteer opportunities within the City of Monroe Parks? [Sign up for our volunteer list here.](#) Some activities may include volunteering for an event such as the Community Egg Hunt, spreading playground chips, collecting garbage from a park, and more. To volunteer, an application, agreement, and background check will be required and is valid for a calendar year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Question: Which 1996 Grammy Award winner for Best Rock Performance, performed live at Lake Tye Park on September 7, 2013?



Answer:

Blues Traveler lead vocals and harmonica front-man, John Popper.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department is committed to:

- Protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space, and trails
- Providing residents of all ages positive opportunities for recreation and social gathering in clean, safe, accessible, and inclusive facilities and green spaces
- Enhancing health, quality living, and the natural environment for present and future generations



“Any portion of an individual’s time not occupied by employment or life’s essential activities is leisure time, which is pursued for its own sake, to recreate, to experience the opposite of toil and enrich the body, mind and human spirit.”



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