



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

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## 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

Have you gotten outside to enjoy summer in Monroe? Our community calendar has been 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!

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this winter with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled winter maintenance and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas. The crew has begun working on several parks capital improvements as well. New playground surfacing chips are being installed, dugout covers, extra backstop netting and new infield surface mix are underway for the ballfields. Staff is also busy working with community partners in planning a full slate of events and programs for 2015, as well as working on the Park Plan update as part of the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process.



*New Playground surfacing chips at Stanton Meadows & Ramblewood Parks*



*Working in new infield mix @Sky River Park*



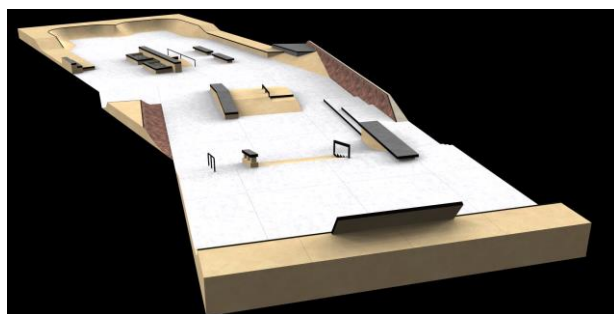
*Constructing dugout covers @Sky River Park*

Event planning work includes Egg Hunt on April 4 at Lake Tye Park, Sky Valley Little League Jamboree (4/18), Kids Fishing Day (4/26), a return of Skyhawks youth sports camps, Triple Crown Sports Memorial Day Tournament (5/24-26), INT Dust off the Rust Wake & Ski (6/6-7), the Tri-Monroe Triathlon (6/20), four Legends Baseball Tournaments (6/13-14, 6/20-21, 7/11-12, 7/25-26) and much more. The Pro Wakeboard Tour event will not be able to come to Monroe this July, but intends to return in 2016. New this year is the return of the NSA Western World Series (7/15-19), which last occurred here in 2006! Model boat races, dog agility events, ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, youth baseball, soccer, 5K runs, movies, music concerts and so many more events are coming here this year.

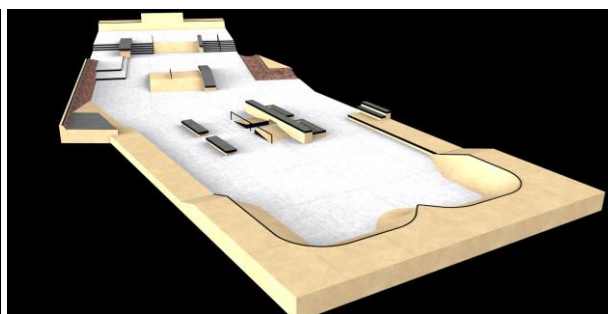
The Fourth Annual Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run was held on January 25, 2015 on a crisp sunny morning where over 500 people participated in the event, which also raised over \$9,000 for the Behind the Badge Foundation.

### **Lake Tye Skate Park Improvements**

Construction documents and specifications have been designed by contracted design firm Grindline, Inc. and are under review by City staff. Advertising for construction bids will follow with an anticipated timeline of commencing construction in September!



*Skate Park concept looking north*



*Skate Park concept looking south*

### **Thank you**

To Republic Services, who have confirmed their support of key Monroe community events. They have committed to donating \$2,100 to be a key sponsor for Movies Under the Moon and supporting the downtown flower beautification program. In addition they provide complimentary garbage and recycle toter service for the Egg Hunt and National Night Out Against Crime community events.

To the Seattle Seahawks organization for loaning a large 8x12 foot 12-Man flag to proudly display from the large flagpole along Main Street near downtown. The flag was displayed during the Seahawk's playoff and Super Bowl run that inspired community pride that culminated in a 12-Man flag raising ceremony on January 30 as the flag was ceremoniously raised by local resident, business owner and former NFL player Smiley Creswell.



*12-Man flag loaned by Seattle Seahawks*



*Smiley Creswell raising 12-Man flag*

### **Community Service from the Department of Corrections**

We continue to partner this year with the Monroe Correctional Complex on projects that benefit the community and both organizations. Inmates have begun raising 4,000 flowers from seed at the prison for use later this spring on the ends of the traffic islands along Main Street and Lewis Street. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year of partnering on the flower program, which is a cost saving measure for the City. In addition, we have scheduled to utilize DOC work crews again to assist with maintaining public right of ways in the City.



*Greenhouse at Monroe Correctional Complex*



*Inmates from MCC planting flowers (file photo)*

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

Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.