



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

October 13, 2015

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

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, Swift Night Out and so much more. 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!



Heart By Heart free concert in the park



2015 Swift Night Out event



Movie Under the Moon



National Night Out Against Crime

Athletic Courts Resurfacing Project

The tennis courts and basketball courts at Lake Tye Park and Wales Street Park have been resurfaced. The tennis courts have additional lines striped for paddleball courts as well as traditional tennis, recognizing the growing popularity of this game, especially among senior citizens. The City contracted with Combined Construction, Inc. to complete the \$34,848.00 Parks capital improvement project.



Lake Tye Parks Tennis Courts Before & After

Trail System Repairs

City of Monroe O&M staff repaired over 300 feet of 10' wide parks trails that had been damaged by tree roots. The repairs were made to segments of public trails located south of Rainier View Road and northeast of Currie Road.



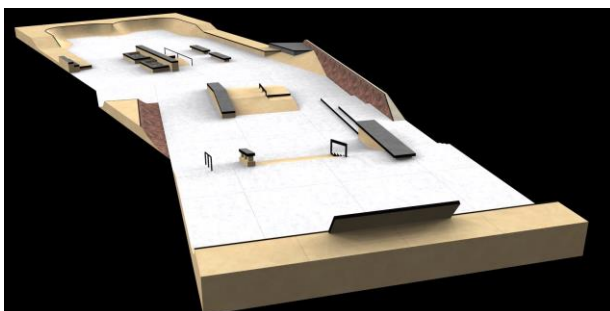
Trail repairs before



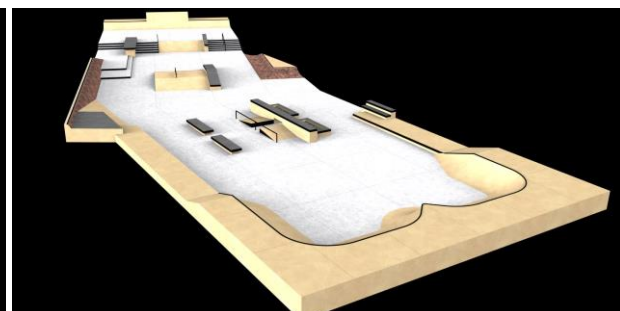
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Lake Tye Skate Park Improvements

We have received notification of an award of matching funding in the amount of \$120,000 from the State Recreation Conservation Office for construction of skate park improvements at Lake Tye Park through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant. The total project cost is estimated at \$270,000. Construction documents and specifications have been designed by contracted design firm Grindline, Inc. Advertising for construction bids will follow with an anticipated timeline of commencing construction in March!



Skate Park concept looking north



Skate Park concept looking south

Grant Applications

- The Monroe City Council endorsed submittal of a grant request for \$10,000 from the Snohomish County LTAC Hotel/Motel Fund to design, purchase and install 70 street pole banners for the historic downtown and North Kelsey shopping, lodging and restaurant retail areas in the heart of Monroe. If awarded, the street banners will be designed to promote tourism and incorporate an aesthetic branding blend of the City, Chamber of Commerce and Snohomish County.
- The City of Monroe has also partnered with the Monroe Arts Council to apply for a \$10,000 Snohomish County REET Small Capital Project Partnership grant to select a local artist to design, create and install a touchable piece of public art that will be placed within the public sidewalk right-of-way at the intersection of Main & Lewis Streets in the heart of our newly renovated downtown.



New recycle bins thanks to a Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful grant award

Thank you Volunteers!

- Thank you to the Church of Latter Day Saints, who through their Just Serve program organized 213 volunteers that performed volunteer service during the National Day of Service on Saturday, September 12, 2015. On that day these hard working volunteers contributed over 233 hours of volunteer service refurbishing the landscaping along Tjerne Place, removed litter along the trail on Chain Lake Road and throughout the roadway, trail system and shorelines of Al Borlin Park, restoring and beautifying these areas for the benefit of our community!
- Thank you to MainVue Homes for organizing a volunteer service day at Sky River Park and Rotary Field on Thursday, September 17, 2015. On that day, 14 employees of the company contributed over 70 hours of volunteer service refurbishing the landscaping and cleaning the facilities at the Monroe Rotary Field, as well as painting the new dugout covers for the ballfields at Sky River Park that both restored and enhanced these areas for the benefit of our community. In addition, they generously donated materials, supplies and tools for the service projects!
- Thank you to Eagle Scout candidate Benson Gonzales who procured donations and organized volunteers to install a new barbeque station at Sky River Park on Saturday, September 26!
- Thank you to Monroe Sky Valley Education Center teacher Pamela Weaver and her class of 30 students who each spent 2 hours of volunteer service on Saturday, October 3 removing litter around Lake Tye for the betterment of our community and health of the environment!



MainVue Homes volunteers



Eagle Scout project



Sky Valley Education Center volunteers

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 for information on upcoming programs and events.