



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

July, 2016

## 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

### **Supra Boats Pro Wakeboard Tour Returned to Monroe!**

Despite intermittent showers throughout the day, approximately 1,500 spectators enjoyed an action-packed day of watching the world's best wakeboarders and wake-surf riders compete at Lake Tye Park. Saturday, July 9 was the third stop of the 2016 Supra Boats Pro Wakeboard Tour, the largest and longest-running circuit in the industry.

#### *2016 Results / Monroe, WA:*

Over the course of the day it was all about Mike Dowdy as he was riding at the top of his game and making it through each heat but leaving his best for the final round. During his winning run he put two passes together to win the third stop of the tour. "I'm really pumped to take the win up here in Monroe in front of such a fun crowd and an incredibly scenic backdrop," said Dowdy after landing an indy double backroll, a KGB 540 and a handful of other tricks to win his second stop of the season.

On the surf side of things, once again Keenan Flegel went out and rode incredibly well on the massive wave thrown by the Supra SA550 and took home the win. Keenan tacked this win onto an already stellar season and with one more surf stop this season on the PWST looks to claim his second title.



*The Pro Wakeboard Tour event at Lake Tye showcased top athletes from Europe, Australia, Canada and the United States!*

### Free Outdoor Music in the Park Concerts Are Back!

Free outdoor Music Concerts in the Park are back, brought to you by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce with support from local businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals. The free public concerts will be held at Lake Tye Park located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. on the last three Fridays in July (7/15, 7/22, 7/29) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Bring a picnic, blankets, chairs and enjoy a spectacular line-up of a variety of local and regional musicians! The concerts will have a beer garden set up as well as concessions. A full schedule of the music concerts and featured musicians can be found on the Monroe Chamber of Commerce website [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com)



### Lake Tye Skate Park Improvements

The much anticipated construction phase of Lake Tye Park skate park improvements broke ground on April 7, 2016. Grindline Skateparks is constructing the improvements with an anticipated completion by August 2016. "I'm excited to announce construction of Lake Tye's new skate park. The new skate park will be a significant improvement to Lake Tye. It will create a better facility for skateboarders to learn and improve their skills" said Monroe Mayor, Geoffrey Thomas. "Thank you to our Monroe City Councilmembers and the State of Washington for investing in this valuable community asset."

During construction the skate park is closed, however, adjacent park amenities such as the boat launch, lake-trail loop and beach area will remain open to the public. A grand opening celebration and skating demonstrations event at the park is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. Details will be forthcoming.

The total project cost is estimated at \$270,000, which includes \$120,000 in awarded funds through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant.



*The new skate park is starting to take shape!*

### **Julie V. Morris Community Garden is Thriving!**

The Julie V. Morris Community Garden is tended to daily by many dedicated volunteers and is primed for a successful harvest of vegetables for the Sky Valley Food Bank. The Parks Department, along with representatives from the Sky Valley Food Bank, Monroe Garden Club, Monroe Boys & Girls Club and the East County Senior Center meet regularly to plan improvements and activities in the garden. Marilee Schneider is the Volunteer Director for the Garden and does an outstanding job! Volunteer work parties and free gardening workshops are held there throughout the season. This past spring a new and improved shed was constructed thanks to Neil Watkins and the Sky Valley Food Bank. Every year over 4,000 lbs of fresh vegetables are harvested for distribution at the Food Bank. This year's goal is 5,000 lbs!!



*Amazing that this small plot of land can produce so much!*



*Volunteers Jeannette Susor, Diane Carlson, Chris Albus & Judy Heron*

### **July is Parks & Recreation Month**

Did you know that the month of July is recognized as National Parks & Recreation Month? The Mayor read a proclamation at the start of the June 28 Monroe City Council meeting to recognize the month of July 2016 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Monroe and encourage residents, businesses and visitors to seek out City of Monroe parks facilities and participate in recreational events. We recognize that our parks and our recreation programs and events are an integral part of our community and are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of Monroe.

**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 ongoing and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, or seeking additional information, please contact Pamela Baker at (360) 863-4524.

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