



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

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 at 10am.

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!

Skykomish-Snohomish River Recreation Planning & Management Open House

City staff, Board/Commission members and citizens attended the Skykomish-Snohomish River Recreation Planning & Management Open House, offered on two different dates and locations earlier this week, hosted by Forterra. The open house participants learned about water trails and the opportunity for the Skykomish and Snohomish Rivers to be designated as The Sky To Sound Water Trail. A group mapping activity occurred that brought forth discussions on needs, challenges, and opportunities for fishers, boaters and other waterway users. They identified infrastructure needs and opportunities that will help the Sky To Sound Water Trail Coalition shape the development of the water trail concept and management plan. More information about the water trail can be found on the Snohomish County website <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/3588/Sky-to-Sound-Water-Trail>.



Downtown Public Art Sculpture

The Monroe City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Sculpture Services Agreement with Artist Kevin Pettelle, to create a sculpture to be placed in the newly-renovated downtown titled – “Wagner Swifts.” The art will be a metal sculpture representing Vaux’s Swifts and the Frank Wagner Elementary School’s chimney, which will garner both community and visitor interest in this unique feature of Monroe. The artist has created a scaled-down maquette (shown in the picture) of the piece, to be used in the fabrication of the full size artwork. The scheduled timeline for installation of the artwork is by the end of November of this year.



Scaled maquette of “Wagner Swifts” artwork

Movies Under the Moon are underway!

Come out to Lake Tye Park Friday night and enjoy "Movies Under the Moon"! Monroe Parks & Recreation has teamed up with the Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Family YMCA, Monroe Public Schools Foundation, Sharinabeen Concessions, Monroe Boys & Girls Club & major sponsor - Republic Services in presenting free movie nights on select Friday nights in August.

Children's crafts and music at 8pm prelude the movie showing at dusk (approx. 9pm). Bring a blanket, chairs, enjoy the available concessions for purchase and the free Movie Under the Moon! For a complete schedule of the movies view the Parks & Recreation brochure on the website <http://monroewa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3870>.



Movies Under the Moon!

Veterans Memorial Project at Lake Tye Park

American Legion Members and Sam Thomas of Monroe Troop 53 have begun working on the new Veterans Memorial in Lake Tye Park. The volunteer project is scheduled to be completed this fall.



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 Pamela Baker at (360) 863-4524.

Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.