



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

May, 2017

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

New Playground for Lake Tye Park

The project to replace the playground at Lake Tye Park is underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of May, weather-permitting. The new playground will include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Surfacing improvements such as the use of rubberized surfacing is also part of the new playground design.



Computer-generated images of the new playground!



The new playground is taking shape!

Grant Award – Exercise Stations @ Sky River Park

Earlier this year, in partnership with the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant application was submitted to purchase and install 4 basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky River Park. This month, the Snohomish County Council approved a grant award for this project. The new exercise stations will be installed in the park this fall and will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities.



Grant Award for Exercise Stations @ Sky River Park!

Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park

The City of Monroe is currently advertising a request for proposals (RFP) from qualified planning firms to submit proposals to provide professional services in creating Master Park Plans for these two sites. Proposals are due on May 24, 2017.

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this spring with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas. Staff are also busy working with community partners in planning and hosting a full slate of community events and programs for 2017. This month's events include:

- May 6 – Mom & Son Carnival @ Monroe Boys & Girls Club 5-7:30pm
- May 13 – City of Monroe Spring Cleanup @ MHS 8am-2pm
- May 27 – Flags for our Fallen 5K @ Lake Tye Park 10am
- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events



Parks & Recreation booth @ YMCA Healthy Kids Day!



2017 Events Brochure is out!

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

Earlier this year, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks.

The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park; Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
4/18	10.5	20	Cleaned out 2 camp sites identified on 4/3/17.
4/25	7.5	3	
5/2	12	3	
Avg.	10	8.6	
Prior month Avg.	5.6	4	

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.