



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

June, 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

On Thursday, June 1, 2017, the City of Monroe celebrated the new playground equipment at Lake Tye Park. Thank you to everyone that came out to support and celebrate this exciting new playground for the community. In attendance were members of the Sitalines team, City Councilmembers, a representative from the Snohomish County Council and Monroe School Board, Monroe School District, Park Board members, and City staff. The City has heard many positive comments about the new playground equipment since it opened over Memorial Day weekend and this is a great addition to our community!



The new playground is open!

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. Last 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 requested and received nine proposals from qualified planning firms to provide professional services in creating Master Park Plans for these two sites. Development of master plans for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman Site will help our community establish a vision for appropriate development and recreation use of the parks and guide the City's plans for future recreational investment.

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.

The City-maintained landscaping along Tjerne Place received weed control maintenance and a fresh layer of bark mulch. 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:

- June 3 – Relay for Life @ Monroe High School
- June 10 – Unlimited NW Model Boat Races @ Lake Tye Park 9-4pm
- June 17 – NW Epilepsy fun run/walk @ Sky River Park 10am
- June 17-18 – Legends Baseball Tournament @ Sky River Park/Lake Tye Park
- June 24 – Tri Monroe Triathlon @ Lake Tye Park
- June 26-July 1 – SVLL State Tournament @ Sky River Park
- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events

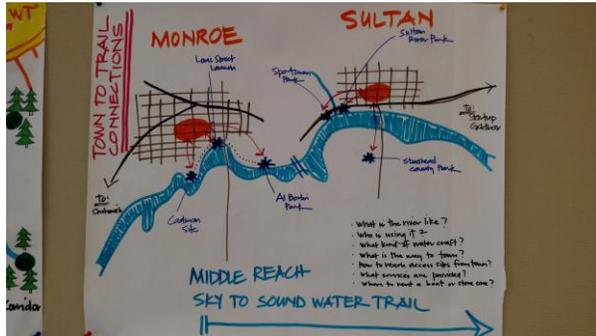
Monroe & Sultan: Trail Town Connections on the Proposed Sky To Sound Water Trail Community Design Workshop June 2-3, 2017

Over June 2-3, two design teams representing a mix of landscape architects, local and regional stakeholders focused on the two trail towns of Sultan & Monroe. The groups conducted a site tour of public access sites along the Skykomish River and worked in design charrette settings to work on design ideas for the respective towns in three areas:

- Town to Trail Connections
- River Access Sites & Facilities
- The Trail town Concept: A Hub for Water Trail Information & Connections to Surrounding Areas

The ideas and designs were presented to the public in an open house held last Saturday evening in Sultan. The information from the design workshop will be compiled by Snohomish County and can be used to spark community dialogue and action, guide trail town projects and promotion; and inspire collaboration among all trail towns in the Skykomish and Snohomish river corridors.

For Monroe, the information gathered can be helpful as the city master plans park improvements along the river, improve connections from downtown Monroe to public access sites on the river and promotes connecting river users and other visitors to our town services.



Water Trail Town concept



Site tour - Al Borlin Park

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
5/12	5	>1	
5/23	10	2	
5/31	5	2	
Avg.	6.6	1.6	
Prior month Avg.	10	8.6	

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.