



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

August, 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

### **Master Plans for Cadman Site, Lake Tye Park**

The parks master plan process for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman site is kicking off. The City Council approved an agreement with HBB Landscape Architects of Seattle. The planning process will include public notice of several opportunities for input from our community in the form of open houses, surveys and other meetings for public comment. Information will be posted on the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) and Facebook page.

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 summer 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:

- Aug 1 – National Night Out Against Crime @ Lake Tye Park 5pm
- Aug 4 – Movies Under the Moon – Lego Batman @ Lake Tye Park dusk
- Aug 2,9,16,23,30 – Farm to Table Markets @ Lake Tye Park 3-7pm
- Aug 11 – Movies Under the Moon – Sing @ Lake Tye Park dusk
- Aug 12 – Lake Tye Triathlon @Lake Tye Park 7am-12pm
- Aug 18 – Movies Under the Moon – The Jungle Book @ Lake Tye Park dusk
- Aug 19 – Wings & Wheels Event @ First Air Field 10am-8pm
- Aug 20 – Evergreen Half Marathon @ Lake Tye Park 7am-12pm
- Aug 25 – Movies Under the Moon – Rogue One @ Lake Tye Park dusk
- Aug24-Sept4 – Evergreen State Fair @ Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- Aug 26 – Fair Days Parade @ Downtown 11am
- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events

### Mobile Performance Stage Debuts

The City of Monroe is excited to have debuted its new mobile performance stage on Fridays in July at Music in the Park! This mobile stage was purchased as part of the Parks Capital Improvement Plan in 2016 and allows for better versatility and can open possibilities for future community events in our parks and public spaces. The Parks and Recreation department looks forward to sharing and showing the community this new mobile stage! The City of Monroe, Monroe Chamber of Commerce and their sponsors look forward to seeing you next year at Music in the Park on select Friday evenings at Lake Tye Park.



*Country music by Aaron Crawford on the city's new performance stage drew a large crowd to Music in the Park!*

### New Downtown Furniture

City staff have completed installation of new furniture in the downtown. In 2016 the City Council authorized 2017 funding of \$30,000 to purchase new furniture for downtown Monroe along Main Street. Staff met with representatives from the Downtown Monroe Association and Monroe Chamber of Commerce to review designs and select new furniture including benches, litter receptacles and bicycle racks. The review team selected new furniture that compliments both the historical elements of the downtown and its recent streetscape improvements.



*New furniture in the downtown!*

**Community Keys Arts Initiative**

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and City staff met with representatives from the Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Monroe Association and Monroe School District in presenting an opportunity to bring art and music to Monroe. Community Keys brought Monroe High School students and artists together to paint donated pianos that were placed in businesses and spaces around Monroe. Visit Sharinabeans on Main and the Monroe Boys & Girls Club to enjoy the touchable and playable art!



*Enjoy Community Keys in Monroe!*

**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
7/26	5	4	
8/3	5	6	
8/14,8/16	14	25	3 camps discovered at Al Borlin Park, 1 at Sky River Park and reported to Police.
Avg.	8	11.6	
Prior month Avg.	8.5	5.6	

**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](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.