



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

October, 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 City of Monroe is creating two long-range master plans for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman Site, which is adjacent to Skykomish River Park. Both plans will chart improvements, guide funding strategies, and help define the future of these parks.

To involve the public in shaping the future of these parks, the City hosted two pop-up planning studios and two open houses on September 15th and 16th at the Boys and Girls Club and at Lake Tye Park to gather input from our community. Both the pop-up studios and the open houses were well attended by the public.

In addition to the pop-up studios and open houses, interested stakeholders had the option to take an online survey to answer questions and provide comments about their vision for the two parks. The online survey was very popular and the number of responses has exceeded everyone's expectations.

Our contracted consultant, HBB Landscape Architects, have condensed the data and ideas that the community brought forth and presented preliminary ideas to both the Monroe City Council and Park Board in a joint meeting on September 26. Next steps will include refining the concepts, more review and public input, with City Council adoption of the master plans to occur in January 2018. The next public open house is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1 from 6-8pm at the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, located at 261 Sky River Parkway.



Tour DaVita Event @ Skykomish River Park

Tour DaVita <https://www.tourdavita.org/> is a 5-day bicycle event that moves from state to state each year as a way to increase awareness around kidney disease. This year Tour DaVita came to Washington state and was hosted in Skykomish River Park here in Monroe from October 7-9, and at Skagit River Park in Burlington October 9-11.

The participants are employees and affiliates of DaVita Inc. who are riding their bicycles 60-100 miles a day to educate and raise money through pledges they solicit pre-event. Over 600 bicycle riders and support staff participated in this event, camping overnight at Sky River Park in reserved field, parking lots and covered shelter areas.

The park pathways, restrooms, Wiggly Field, playground area and Rotary Field parking lot area remained open during this charity event. We appreciate the community's patience and understanding of any inconveniences to park users that may have occurred while this event was being hosted at Sky River Park.



Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this fall with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas. Actions include parking lot striping, turf aeration and fertilization, irrigation shut-downs and drainage system maintenance. This month's events include:

- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events
- Oct 6-10 – Tour DaVita Bicycle Event @ Sky River Park
- Oct 7 – Harvest Festival & Zombie Fun Run @ Lake Tye Park 9am
- Oct 12 – Middle School Cross country Meet @ Sky River & Al Borlin Parks 2pm
- Oct 21 - DMA Country Hoedown @ IOOF Hall @ 6pm
- Oct 28 – YMCA Sky Valley Classic Running Event @ Downtown 8am
- Oct 31 – Halloween Trick-or-Treat Events @ Downtown pm

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
9/18	6	15	1 camp removed @ Al Borlin Park. 1 encampment discovered @ Al Borlin Park and reported to Police.
9/25	7	7	
10/5	6	7	
Avg.	6.3	9.6	
Prior month Avg.	8.8	11.3	

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.