



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

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 (formerly the Cadman Pit). The plans are based on an extensive public involvement process, and will help define the future of these parks.

As part of the public outreach, the city conducted multiple surveys, hosted two pop-up studios, and conducted two open houses to generate preliminary concept alternatives and provide feedback on those alternatives. The alternatives were presented to a joint meeting of the City Council and Park Board on September 26th. At this joint meeting, there was generally good support for the proposed improvements at each site. Some adjustments were made to the designs to reflect the comments made during this meeting and from the previous public outreach events.

On October 24th, the design team presented a draft preferred concept for each park site, along with potential phasing opportunities at the City Council and Park Board joint meeting. From the feedback gathered during the joint meeting we made minor adjustments and presented the preferred concept designs and potential phasing to the public on November 1st.

The design team took feedback received from the open house on November 1st and continued to tweak the master plans to better reflect community needs and concerns. Revised plans, online survey results, phasing diagrams, draft cost estimates, and funding opportunities were presented at

the City Council and Park Board joint meeting on December 12th. Together with the City Council and Park Board, strategies were developed to make the plans more cost-effective and project phases were realigned to meet community feedback from the online survey.

On January 18th, the Monroe Park Board has a chance to review the Monroe Parks Master Plan Executive Summary. The summary will walk you through the Cadman Site and Lake Tye Park master plan development from the early concept diagrams to the final master plans. It also includes supporting reports and analysis, cost estimates, and funding opportunities. After Park Board review and approval, a recommendation for adoption will be made to City Council. The adoption of the Monroe Parks Master Plan will be reviewed at the City Council meeting on February 6th.

Exercise Stations @ Skykomish River Park

Parks staff installed new exercise stations at Sky River Park and a dedication ceremony was held on January 11, 2018 at the park. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for a grant award from the Snohomish County Council through their Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant program to purchase and install outdoor exercise equipment in Skykomish River Park in Monroe.

The Monroe Boys & Girls Club, as part of the Healthy Lifestyles initiative at the club, partnered with the City of Monroe to install 6 basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Skykomish River Park. The selected exercise stations include a starting/stretching post, a pull-up/chin-up bar, parallel bars with a balance disc and a triceps station. The selected pieces will be the start of a larger vision to add additional stations to the park.

These new exercise stations will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities, improving the health and well-being of our community in Monroe.



Open House – Skykomish River Park Playground Replacement

The public is invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday evening, **January 31, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm** at Monroe City Hall, located at 806 W. Main Street.

A special presentation will be made showing and explaining features and concepts for a new replacement playground design for Skykomish River Park, followed by an opportunity for comments and suggestions.

All ideas are welcome, and the conversations will add detail and nuance to the project that will help create the final design. This exciting new Parks Capital Improvement Project is funded for this year and anticipated to be completed this summer!



Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this winter with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas.

Monroe to host Nautique WWA U.S. Wakeboard National Championships @ Lake Tye Park

The World Wake Association (WWA) is excited to announce the 2018 Nautique Wake Series, set to include five of the world's most prestigious WWA Wakeboard World Series (WBWS) events. Each season the wake series delivers the absolute pinnacle of wake competition. The world's top professional athletes continue to return to this series as a career-defining platform to showcase progression and define themselves as the sport's elite. A dedication to rider development and a family-friendly environment has made the Nautique Wake Series home to athletes competing in all WWA professional and amateur divisions, continuing a tradition that puts riders first. Each event will be televised by the NBC Sports Network.

The 2018 season will include the most epic lineup of all-time with the inclusion of watersport's most legendary events. Stop four will arrive on the west coast in Monroe, WA for the Pro Men, Pro Women, and Jr. Pro Men Nautique WWA Wakeboard National Championships.

2018 NAUTIQUE WAKE SERIES SCHEDULE:

Stop #1: Nautique Moomba Masters
March 7th-12th in Melbourne, Australia (WWA-WBWS)

Stop #2: Nautique Wake Open
April 19th-21st in Cancun, Mexico (WWA-WBWS)

****Nautique Masters Wakeboard LCQ****
April 28th in Orlando, Florida (WWA-WBWS)

Stop #3: Nautique Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament
May 25th-27th in Pine Mountain, Georgia (WWA-WBWS)

**Stop #4: Nautique WWA U.S. Wakeboard National Championships
July 25th-28th in Monroe, Washington (WWA-WBWS)**

Stop #5: Nautique WWA Wakeboard World Championships
August 30th-September 2nd in Miyoshi City, Japan (WWA-WBWS)

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:

NOTE – Due to periods of river flooding, inspections did not occur during two weeks in December.

Locations: Al Borlin Park; Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
N/A	N/A	N/A	Due to periods of river flooding, inspections did not occur during two weeks in December.
12/11	17.5	8	
1/4/18	8	2	1 encampment discovered at Al Borlin Park. Police contacted.
Avg.	12.75	5	
Prior month Avg.	4.25	5	

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.