



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 has created two long-range master plans for Lake Tye Park and the Cadman Site. The plans are based on an extensive public involvement process, and will help define the future of these parks.

On February 6, 2018, the Monroe City Council approved the master plans and directed the Mayor and staff to docket the plans into the formal adoption process into the Monroe comprehensive plan for the 2019 cycle.

These plans, if developed in their entirety, could cost upwards of \$52 million dollars. During 2019, the various individual elements of these plans will be prioritized into the Monroe Comprehensive Plan to be developed over a twenty (20) year period. Costs for a specific fiscal year would be scaled down accordingly and addressed as part of that year's budget process. In addition, as the individual elements are prioritized and costs are more readily available, staff will pursue various granting options to assist with the resources needed for implementation. The master plans can be viewed on the City website www.monroewa.gov. We would like to thank the community for their active participation in this process!

Open House - Skykomish River Park Playground Replacement

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended and participated at the Open House for the Skykomish River Park Playground Replacement Project, held last Wednesday evening at 6pm in the Monroe City Hall Council Chambers! Participants viewed colorful information boards that displayed several feature options and concepts such as inclusive units, themes and freestanding units. Participants were then invited to vote on their preferences and voice any comments and suggestions. The ideas and conversations from the open house 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! Questions?? Contact Parks Director Mike Farrell at 360-863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov



Wiggly Field fencing upgrade project

We have recognized that the fencing at Wiggly Field is in need of an upgrade. Mayor Thomas and the City Council have supported this by allocating funding in this year's budget to replace and upgrade the fence, which is scheduled to occur later this year. Please feel free to contact Parks & Recreation director Mike Farrell if you have further questions at either (360) 863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov



Community Service from the Department of Corrections

We continue to partner this year with the Monroe Correctional Complex on projects that benefit the community. Inmates have begun raising 4,000 flowers from seed at the prison for use later this spring on the ends of the traffic islands along Main Street and Lewis Street. This will be the 9th year of partnering on the flower program, which is a cost saving measure for the City. In addition, we have scheduled to utilize DOC work crews again to assist with maintaining parks and public right of ways in the City.



Greenhouse at Monroe Correctional Complex



Inmates from MCC planting flowers (file photo)

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.

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
1/18	9	3	
1/25	8	2	
N/A	N/A	N/A	Due to periods of river flooding, inspections did not occur during two weeks in February.
Avg.	8.5	2.5	
Running Avg.	7.9	7.8	

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.