



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

June, 2018

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

Skykomish River Park Playground Replacement

Thank you to everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting for the Sky River Park Playground Equipment on Thursday, May 31, 2018! The City Council approved the \$350,000 to replace the twenty-year old equipment. Thank you to the Monroe City Council, Sitelines for the design and construction work, Monroe Park Board, City staff, and the Monroe community. This playground is an investment into our community and will be enjoyed by young and old now and in the future.

The Monroe City Council had authorized 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for replacement of the 25-year old playground at Skykomish River Park, which is a listed project in the Park Plan. The playground has outlived its service life, replacement parts were becoming non-existent, and features were dated and lacking the inclusive, challenge and motion elements that the playground industry of today offers.



Play structures & climbing tower @ Sky River Park



Climbing tower & Biggo swing @ Sky River Park

Design Services Agreement for Lake Tye Park all-weather fields conversion

The Monroe City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with DA Hogan & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$231,515.00, for architecture and engineering design services for the Lake Tye Park Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to renovate two athletic fields to all-synthetic, lighted multipurpose fields. \$300,000 is budgeted in the Parks CIP for this design phase, which is expected to be completed by the winter of 2018, with bidding and construction to following in 2019-20.

The City has received State funding for one-third of the total construction cost, estimated to be \$2,200,000; and has submitted state grant applications for another third of the cost, with local CIP to fund the balance. We are also grateful to have received a generous \$10,000 cash donation and provision of new mounds and bases for this project from the Sky Valley Little League. This project, which will extend year round playability for area youth and adults, has consistently ranked as a high priority in park master plan processes and we are excited to move this project forward thanks to strong support from our community.



New seasonal boat rental program for Lake Tye!

The Monroe City council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with West Coast Watersports LLC to provide a seasonal boat (paddle boards, canoes, kayaks) rental program at Lake Tye Park from approximately

June through September 2018 within established park hours. The recently completed master plan for Lake Tye Park received strong input from the community of a desire for establishing a vendor rental program at the lake for paddle boards, kayaks, and/or canoes and we are pleased to offer this rental service to our community. Hours of operation, rental fees and other information will be posted soon, with an expected opening in June!



Flowers for Downtown Hanging Baskets, Planter Pots, Main & Lewis Street Islands

The City of Monroe extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the following businesses and organizations from our community who graciously stepped forward again this year to achieve flowering landscape for our signature islands, downtown planter pots and hanging flower baskets that welcome visitors and residents alike along Main Street and Lewis Street in the heart of Monroe. Total value for these donations and volunteer labor exceeds \$2,500.

- Monroe Garden Club - \$300 donation to City for the flower program and for planting the flowers in the hanging baskets.
- Pine Creek Nursery for supplying the hanging basket flowers at a discount.
- Monroe Lowes for supplying the potting soil at a discount.
- Republic Services - \$500 donation to City for the flower program.
- Downtown Monroe Association for planting new flowers in the planter pots.
- Monroe Reformatory for growing flowers from seed to be installed along Main and Lewis Streets by offender work crew in June.



Monroe Garden Club members potted up hanging baskets for our Downtown!

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this spring with daily recreation use of our parks facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements such as the new playground at Sky River Park and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas.

City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

Last 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
5/3	7	2	
5/10	7.5	10	1 camp discovered at Al Borlin Park and reported to Police.
5/24	6	6	
6/1	10	2	1 camp discovered at Al Borlin Park, 3 camps discovered at Sky River Park and reported to Police.
Avg.	7.6	5	
Running Avg.	8.0	7.7	

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.