



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

July, 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

Sky Valley Little League Donation for Lake Tye Parks All-Weather Fields Project

At the start of the June 12 City Council meeting, Ms. Vanessa Harrison, President of the Sky Valley Little League, presented a ceremonial check representing a generous \$10,000 donation that the league has committed toward the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields Project. In addition, they have also pledged to provide new mounds and bases, or other equipment that their league uses, which can be used by other baseball/softball organizations in Monroe. We deeply appreciate this strong support for this priority project for our community. Thank you Sky Valley Little League! Design work for the fields is now underway. Bidding for construction phase will follow with an anticipated completion of the project in 2020.



Sky Valley Little League Donation Presentation to City Council



Mayor Thomas presents Proclamation of July as Parks & Recreation Month to Park Board

8th Annual TriMonroe Triathlon was a success!

TriMonroe Triathlon brought elite athletes from across North America to compete for Olympic qualification. Over 300 young athletes competed Saturday, June 23 at Lake Tye Park. Entering it's 8th year, this prestigious event featured male and female future Olympic hopefuls competing for the USAT Draft legal Youth and Junior Elite Cup. International Triathlon Union and US Olympic legend Hunter Kemper made a special appearance to emcee the event. Hunter won the first TriMonroe in 2011. Special thanks and appreciation go to all of the organizations and volunteers who worked hard to put on the event!



TriMonroe triathlon bikes on the course



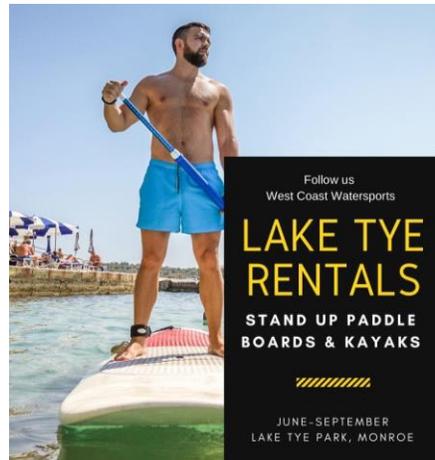
Olympic legend Hunter Kemper as emcee



Mayor Thomas presented former Park Board member Karin Coppernoll with a certificate of appreciation, thanking her for her 12 years of service on the Board.

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 June through September. 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 are posted at the park and on social media.



Music in the Park is a free summer concert series playing every Friday in July at Lake Tye Park!

Music In The Park
**FRIDAYS
IN JULY**
**LAKE TYE
7PM**
Beer Garden

PAT MC HENRY 7/6
MCSM 7/13
STACY JONES 7/20
HARVEY CREEK 7/27

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There will be food trucks, a beer garden and live music! Come out and enjoy the fun!

Music Lineup/Breweries/Food Trucks:

July 6 Pat McHenry - Country/ Twin Rivers Brewing Co. / Ezell's Express

July 13 Motocross Spaceman - 60's-90's Classic Rock / 20 Corners Brewing Co. / Jimmy Peppers

July 20 Stacy Jones - Bluegrass, Rock / Dreadnought Brewing LLC / Yummy Box

July 27 Harvey Creek Band - Country/ Timber Monster Brewing Company / Cathouse Pizza

****MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF MONROE HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUND.****



Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this summer 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, concrete pad for the mobile stage at Lake Tye 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
6/1	10	2	1 camp discovered at Al Borlin Park, 3 camps discovered at Sky River Park and reported to Police.
6/14	6	6	
6/20	8	5	
6/29	7.5	10	1 camp discovered at Sky River Park by river and reported to Police. Removed abandoned camp near Lewis Street boat launch.
Avg.	7.9	5.7	
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.