



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

September, 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

Public Service Announcement – Skykomish River

A public service announcement was issued earlier last month to make the public be aware of a tree "strainer" hazard in the Skykomish River along the north bank adjacent to Al Borlin Park. Staff also contacted state, county and local authorities and have posted warning signs at the park, both at the site and upstream of it. It is located on the north bank of the Skykomish River at Al Borlin Park (615 Simon Road Monroe, WA 98272) at the end of the Simon Road entryway into the park. The public is advised to use caution when in this area.

Other water safety news:

Lake Tye is sampled and tested monthly. Citizens can read the results of the testing on the City's website:
<http://www.monroewa.gov/721/Lake-Tye-Water-Quality-Testing>



Tree "strainer" hazard along Skykomish River

Grant Award – Exercise Stations @ Sky River Park

Earlier this year, in partnership with the Monroe Boys & Girls Club, a Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant application was submitted to purchase and install four basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky River Park to complete an eight-station system. Last year, the City received a similar grant award from the Snohomish County Council through their Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant program to purchase and install four initial outdoor exercise equipment at the park.

This month, the Snohomish County Council approved a grant award of \$6,761.56, which will cover the purchase of all equipment and supplies related to project. There is no net cost to the City. The new exercise stations will be installed in the park this fall and will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities.

Lake Tye Synthetic Fields Design Update

The City of Monroe is designing new synthetic turf lighted fields at Lake Tye Park and invited the public, including sports user groups to visit the Parks & Recreation booth at the National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 7 and view schematic design layout alternatives up close, share ideas with our design team and vote on their preferred layout. The event drew many people and Alternate layout #2 was the clear favorite (pictured below). The public input was valuable for this stage of the design, leading to exploration of various field layout orientations and additions. This project is anticipated to be constructed in 2020.



Preferred option

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.

August and September events include:

- Aug23-Sept3 – Evergreen State Fair @ Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- Every weekend – Races @ Evergreen Speedway; Evergreen State Fairgrounds events
- Sept 8 – Swift Night Out @ Wagner Center 4pm-dusk
- Sept 8 – Wings & Wheels @ First Air Field 10am-6pm
- Sept 9 – Color run @ Sky River Park 10am
- Sept 8-9 – Seattle Beast & Sprint Spartan Race@ Meadow Woods Equestrian Center
www.spartan.com
- Sept 13-14 Red Bull Global Rallycross @ Evergreen Speedway www.redbullglobalrallycross.com
- Sept 15 – Crafts & Cars @ Evergreen Speedway 2-10pm
- Sept 15 – Pancake Breakfast 8a-10am @ Monroe Community Senior Center
- Sept 22 – Autumn Social Dinner & Dancing 5p @ Monroe Community Senior Center
- Sept 22 – Mom & Son Carnival@ Boys & Girls Club 5-7:30pm

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
8/13	10	2	1 camp discovered at Al Borlin Park and reported to Police.
8/24	10	1	No camps found.
9/10	8	10	1 camp discovered at Sky River Park by river and reported to Police.
Avg.	9.3	4.3	
Running Avg.	8.1	7.5	

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.