



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

January, 2019

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

Wiggly Field fencing upgrade project

We have recognized that the fencing at Wiggly Field is in need of an upgrade. Mayor Thomas and our City Council have supported this by allocating funding in this year's budget to replace and upgrade the fence, which is currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of January. The new fencing will feature a taller height, double-gate entry points, and upgraded plastic mesh fencing that will be annually installed after each flood season. Please feel free to contact Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell if you have further questions at either (360) 863-4557 or mfarrell@monroewa.gov



Tyler Reeves & Bryan Olson installing new fencing



Wiggly Field patrons

Operations

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

Staff have begun work on an aggressive tree-limbing and landscape pruning program of both Lewis Street Park and Al Borlin Park in order to open up river views and improve sight distances throughout both parks and the trails. Work shall include cleaning, pressure-washing and painting the on-site facilities as weather conditions allow through the fall and winter months.

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 and awarded to purchase and install four basic trailside exercise stations along the walking trail at Sky River Park to complete an eight-station system. The grant will cover the purchase of all equipment and supplies related to project. Staff have completed the installation of this system that will provide fun and exercise for users with varying abilities.



Staff finishing installation of new exercise stations @ Sky River Park

MLK Day of Service Volunteer Tree Planting

Monday, January 21, 2019

10:00 AM 2:00 PM

Al Borlin Park

MLK Day - Plant Trees to Save Salmon!

Make a difference for salmon! Join us for a Day of Service on MLK Day 2019! Plant native trees, remove invasive plants such as knotweed, ivy & blackberry near the Skykomish River at Al Borlin Park in Monroe, WA. Native trees lower the temperature of the river, reduce erosion and provide food for macroinvertebrates which in turn benefit salmon. Individuals, youth and families as well as groups are welcome! Youth ages 14 & up are requested, or ages 6 & up with parent/guardian supervision.

All tools, gloves, snacks and water are provided.

Carpooling requested, Event will be held rain or shine, dress warmly for the weather, no experience needed.

For more information & to RSVP: lisa@soundssalmonsolutions.org (425) 252-6686 office.

Monroe Park Board

During their December meeting, the Monroe Park Board recognized the 10 years of service that former Board member Shawna Fischer volunteered for the benefit of our community, worked on their 2019 Work Plan and reviewed Heritage Tree nominations that will be shared with the City Council this winter.

January events include:

- Jan 24 – MLK Day of Service Volunteer Tree Planting @ Al Borlin Park 10am-2pm, <http://www.soundsalmonsolutions.org/events/>
- Jan 26 – Rainbow BINGO 6pm @ Monroe Community Senior Center
- Jan 27 – Jayme Biendl Memorial Run @ Sky River Park, 10am <https://behindthebadgefoundation.org/event/officer-jayme-biendl-memorial-run/>

Please visit www.choosemonroe.com for more community event happenings this month!

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
12/6	10	1	
12/12	8	3	
12/27	6	2	
Avg.	8	2	
Running Avg.	8.3	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.