



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

July, 2019

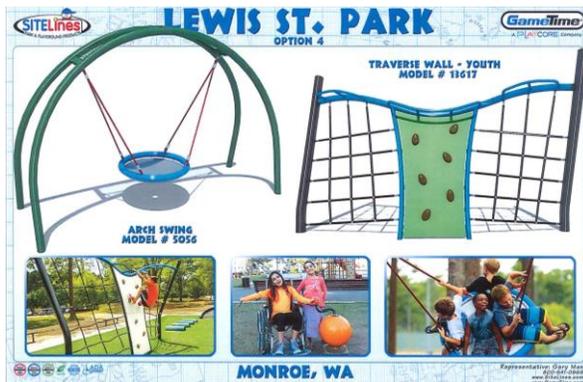
## MISSION

**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

### New Play Equipment for Lewis Street Park

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park is scheduled for **Thursday July 11th, 2019 at 4:30pm**. The new play equipment includes features that encourage multi-generational play, are ADA inclusive and intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play. Advanced climbing challenges and motion activities appeal to older children who seek a more adventurous play experience. Another unique feature includes a MusicBall, which will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. It is an inclusive, human-powered sensory-play. Rubberized surfacing is also part of the playground design. Join us as we celebrate the new play equipment at Lewis Street Park.



*New Play Equipment for Lewis Street Park!*

### East County Parks & Recreation District Bond Measure

On June 11, 2019 at its regular meeting, the East County Parks and Recreation District (ECPRD) passed Proposition No. 1 by a resolution of its board. The District is a local junior taxing district of Snohomish County separate from the City of Monroe and Snohomish County. The District was formed in 1970 and is managed by a five member board of commissioners elected by residents within the District. The District's offices are located at 333 South Lewis Street in Monroe. District boundaries are roughly the same as those of the Monroe School District, which includes the communities of Monroe, Maltby, and Echo Lake. Typically, park districts fit a niche between City and County park systems, helping to expand opportunities available to the public.

The District is requesting a bond measure to purchase, rehabilitate, and/or enhance the following projects within its boundaries:

- Maltby Park improvements, including (1) converting the fields to all weather, lighted, synthetic turf, and multi-purpose fields and (2) upgrades to walking paths;
- Lake Tye athletic field renovations, including converting the fields to all weather, lighted, synthetic turf, and multi-purpose fields within the City of Monroe;
- Neighborhood playground equipment upgrade and replacement for: Cedar Grove, Currie View, Hillcrest, Stanton Meadows, Wales Street, Rainier View, Blueberry and Park Meadows within the City of Monroe;
- Park acquisition and development of a North Hill area park within the City of Monroe;
- Development and extension of trails from the existing southerly segment to the Chain Lake shared non-motorized path within the City of Monroe; and
- Evergreen State Fairgrounds improvements, including frontage improvements, perimeter trail, spray pad, and construction of a community center.

Total estimated cost for these projects is \$26.5 million.

The District's Proposition No. 1 will be presented to the voters for consideration during the November 5, 2019 election. This proposition is requesting approval to levy property taxes sufficient to pay the debt service associated with a general obligation bond in an amount not to exceed \$26,500,000. First year costs for this bond measure, if approved, is estimated to be around \$0.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value and would be paid over a period of twenty one years from time of issuance. For a home valued at \$500,000, this amount would be approximately \$6.66 per month or \$80 per year.

For more questions about the ECPRD's proposed bond measure, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Mike Farrell at (360) 863-4557, [mfarrell@monroewa.gov](mailto:mfarrell@monroewa.gov)



**Another successful Tri-Monroe Triathlon - Thank you to the event organizers, agencies, organizations, businesses and volunteers who supported [Trimonroe](#) on Saturday, June 29!**

### **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 replacement of the worn fencing at the Skate Park, cleaning and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas. Daily athletic field preps and covered shelter use is keeping our staff busy. Staff also have focused on site work for the new play equipment installation at Lewis Street Park.

### **New art sculpture commissioned for the Downtown**

The Monroe City Council has commissioned a new art sculpture to be created and placed within our historic downtown. The sculpture is a collaboration from 2 regional artists; Milo White and Jay Bowen. Jay has family ties to Monroe and is very familiar with town and its history. The piece is titled '**Guardian of the Mountain Pass**' and is designed to reflect Monroe's beautiful mountains, rivers and forests. The curved shape reflects that of a native mountain goat horn, the mountain ridges will mirror our own specific perspective view of the surrounding Cascade Range and all the materials for the sculpture will be locally sourced. The sculpture is currently being fabricated and will be installed on the South West corner of Main and Lewis Street by the end of the year. Once built, the piece will be roughly 12 feet tall, perched on top of a concrete plinth base.



*'Guardian of the Mountain Pass'*

### **Music in the Park!**

Save the Date! Music in the Park is a free summer concert series playing every Friday in July at Lake Tye Park! Concessions, food trucks, and beer garden open at 6:30pm. Concerts start at 7pm. 2019 lineup includes:

- ☑ **July 5: Michelle Taylor - Rock**
- ☑ **July 12: Crème Tangerine - Rock**
- ☑ **July 19: Jessica Lynn - Country**
- ☑ **July 26: The Machine - Classic Rock**

Come out and enjoy the fun!

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FOOD TRUCK, BEER, MARGARITAS, FREE LIVE CONCERT

**www.ChooseMonroe.com**

### Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board will conduct an annual tour of park sites next month and discussed event planning for the Monroe Historical Society's planned Monroe Heritage Tree Walk, scheduled for Sunday, July 14 at 11am starting at the Monroe Historical Museum.

### JVM Community Garden News

A sincere THANK YOU from the City of Monroe to Christian Santori, his Scout Troop and family members. Christian's Eagle Scout project was to install much needed produce washing stations at our very own JVM Garden. The washing stations are made up of white rain barrel halves that fit into 2x4 frames with a wire, mesh framed top. With 32 pounds of produce being harvested a week these are immediately going to put to good use!



*Eagle Scout improvement project at JVM Community Garden*

### WWA National Championships to be held at Lake Tye Park

The [The World Wake Association](http://www.worldwake.com)'s National Championships will be returning to Lake Tye Park July 24-29. This is an NBC Sports televised event presented by Rockstar Energy and is sure to draw a crowd. Lake Tye offers a unique vantage of watching the event from multiple places around the lake. NOTE: A road closure is scheduled for this event of Fryelands Blvd between Tye Street & 146<sup>th</sup> Street. A short detour route will be marked around the closure.



Please visit [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com), pick up a copy of the latest issue of Choose Monroe magazine and Parks & Recreation Events & Programs Brochure for more community event happenings this month and throughout the year!

**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
6/12	8	3	Activity observed behind Al Borlin Park sign north of Simons Road. Police contacted.
6/19	6	2	1 camp found at Al Borlin Park. Police contacted.
6/25	8	2	
7/3	8	5	More activity observed behind Al Borlin Park sign. Police contacted.
<b>Avg.</b>	7.5	3	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2019

**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](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.