



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

January-February, 2013

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

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this winter with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, making repairs and improvements to them and planning for many new and returning events and programs for 2013.

Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events such as the **Monroe Egg Hunt at Lake Tye Park** on Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

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 connects 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 Denise Jacobsen at (360) 863-4559.

Monroe Musicfest The new music festival event being planned for the community to celebrate together and "Dare To Dream" is quickly generating a positive buzz in our community and beyond. Since the City Council authorized funding authority in February to plan and hold the event – scheduled to occur at Lake Tye Park on Saturday, September 7, 2013, City staff, along with local musician/artist Keith Brock, Doug and Tracy Hobbs, owners of Monroe's High Road Promotions have been busy collaborating to lay out the groundwork, agreements and business plan for an exciting music festival event.

Operations The Parks & Recreation operations crew have been busy making repairs to various park facilities and performing ongoing maintenance work. At Lake Tye Park, significant repairs were made by our crew to the merry-go-round at the playground, extending the service life of the play apparatus and saving Monroe taxpayers money. At the Monroe Rotary Field, members of our team installed a new permanent pitching distance rubber that will enable a wider range of youth sports organizations to utilize this premier all-weather baseball facility.

Julia V. Morris Community Garden The partnership between the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation, Sky Valley Food Bank, Monroe Garden Club, Monroe Boys & Girls Club and the East County Senior Center was put into practice recently in a wonderful way. The signature arbors at the two entries to the garden were in dire need of replacement due to age and condition. The Monroe Garden Club quickly donated \$200 toward materials and our City of Monroe Parks Department staff leapt to action designing and constructing new arbors that will give many years enjoyment to all. Dale Olson, Parks Leadworker, who holds a degree in landscape architecture, designed the new arbors, utilizing suitable and economical materials that will give them a long life beautifying the community garden.



Constructing new arbors at the Julia V. Morris Community Garden



Merry-go-round repair @ Lake Tye Park



Installation of new pitching distance @ Rotary Field