



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

August, 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

Have you gotten outside to enjoy summer in Monroe? Our community calendar is packed with fun and exciting outdoor programs and events. The Adventure Starts Here in our parks, trails, community facilities and downtown, providing unique recreation and event experiences for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy!

New summer music concerts in the park at Lake Tye have been enjoyed by many so far, and Movies Under the Moon are set to play in August. Come and experience the fun, if you haven't already! There are so many summer day camp programs for children to enjoy in the parks which Monroe Parks and Recreation have partnered with Skyhawks, YMCA of Snohomish County and Camp Fire of Snohomish County.



The Hitmen perform at Lake Tye Park



Black Vinyl All-Stars

These and many more fun events are here for you to enjoy including dog shows in the park, model boat races, National Night Out Against Crime on August 6 – an evening community festival of fun, weekend races at Evergreen Speedway, Lake Tye Triathlon on August 10, the Monroe Fair Days Parade August 24 along Main Street, Monroe Swift Watch on September 14 where the largest concentration of Vaux Swifts return from migration to roost here in Monroe and so much more!

Don't miss out on getting tickets to Monroe MusicFest at Lake Tye Park! Imagine a night of guitars under the stars, featuring some of the music industry's most sought after and talented musicians. On Saturday, September 7, hometown guitarist Keith Brock brings his band of famous friends to the base of the Cascade Mountains to rock its very foundation. Visit www.monroemusicfest.com to get a glimpse of what in store for you right here in Monroe! Tickets can be purchased online or at City Hall.



Thank you to the numerous volunteer groups and individuals who have pitched in this past month to help beautify our parks and community! Members of Cascade Community Church, Maltby Christian Assembly, the Monroe Garden Club and volunteers at the Julia V. Morris Garden have been busy this past July, while the Rock Church is set to give service to our community in August. Did you know that the all-volunteer Julia V. Morris Garden raised over 3,100 pounds of fresh produce for the Sky Valley Food Bank? Amazing!

You may have noticed some construction work at the Rotary Field in Sky River Park. Yes, the long-anticipated construction of permanent restrooms for the field is happening! Thanks to over \$50,000 of fundraising by the Rotary Club, along with Parks & Sewer Capital funds for the remaining balance of \$127,000, a new permanent restroom facility will be completed and ready for use later this month. This field is heavily used by our community for youth sports and tournaments, as well as the home of our very own Miracle League, which provides amazing experiences for special needs athletes and their families.



Restroom section lifted into place by crane



Setting the two pre-fabricated restroom sections together

Be sure to visit the Parks and Recreation Department page on the City of Monroe website www.monroewa.gov or call (360) 863-4559 to find detailed information on all of the events and programs happening here!