



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

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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 spring with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, as well as scheduled maintenance and repair work on equipment and landscaped areas. Staff is also busy working with community partners in planning and executing a full slate of events and programs for 2014, as well as assisting with the Park Plan update as part of the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update process. Staff has also applied for a State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office grant to help fund a significant upgrade to the Monroe Board and Blade skate park at Lake Tye. An architectural design firm is being solicited by the City to assist with preparing engineered construction design documents for the project, with construction of the improvements scheduled to begin in 2015.

Events and activities are kicking into gear this spring and summer that include Little League Jamboree (5/17), Relay for Life (5/31 @MHS), a return of Skyhawks youth sports camps starting in June, the Tri-Monroe Triathlon (6/21), MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour (7/12-13), Triple Crown Sports Memorial Day Tournament (5/24-26), and four Legends Baseball Tournaments (6-13-15, 6/20-22, 7/18-20, 7/25-27). Please visit the City's website for information on these events and many more. The new 2014 Monroe Parks & Recreation brochure has been printed and will be distributed to over 9,000 postal addresses next week. The colorful brochure is full of information about events and programs happening here in 2014. Brochures can also be found at City Hall, Monroe Library, YMCA, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the concession buildings at Lake Tye and Sky River Parks, various visitor bureaus and on the City website.



New wide area mower purchased



Re-gravelling the boat launch @ Lake Tye Park

The Monroe Egg Hunt was held on a beautiful spring morning on April 19 and was well attended by the community. A huge 'Thank You' goes out to over 40 community organizations and businesses that helped with the planning, sponsorship and operation of this annual event! The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department operated an information booth for both visitors and the community at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day (4/26) and at the Evergreen State Spring Festival (4/26-27). The Kid's Fishing Day at Lake Tye Park sponsored by Trout Unlimited was a busy and fun morning for kids and their parents as many fish were caught and prizes won!



Community fun at the Egg Hunt



Getting ready to hunt for eggs!

The Snohomish Artist Guild, a non-profit organization that produced four free music concerts in Lake Tye Park last summer, has confirmed that they are returning, with help from local sponsors, to produce four new free music concerts this summer in Lake Tye Park. Shows are scheduled for Thursday evenings starting at 7pm on July 18th, 25th, and on August 1st, 8th. Another returning partner for 2014, Republic Services, has recently informed us that they would like to continue to financially support the City's flower program and Movies Under the Moon as they have the past four years. Movies Under the Moon is put on through a partnership between the Monroe Parks & Rec Department, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Family YMCA and the Monroe Community Band.

Free Music in the Park lineup for this year is:

Thu. July 17 – Scott Cossu (pianist & composer)
www.scottcossu.com

Thu. July 24 – Strangetones (Rock-a-Billy)
www.strangetones.com

Thu. July 31 – Crème Tangerine (Beatles classics)
www.cremetangerine.com

Thu. Aug 7 – Jessica Lynne (Country)
www.jessica-lynn.com

All free music concerts at Lake Tye Park
Concerts start at 7pm, weather permitting
Bring blankets/chairs – concessions available
for purchase

Free Movies Under the Moon lineup for this year is:

Fri. Aug 1 – The Lego Movie (2014 PG 101min.)

Fri. Aug 8 – 42 (2013 PG-13 128 min.)

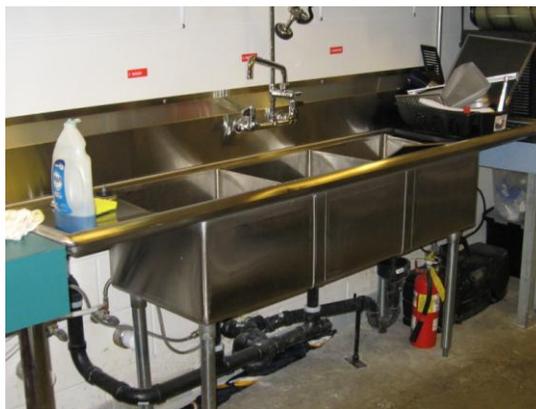
Fri. Aug 15 – Frozen (2013 PG 108 min.)

Fri. Aug 22 – Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013 PG-13 146 min.)

All free movies at Lake Tye Park, weather permitting
Movies start at dusk; free music performance and kids crafts at 8pm
Bring blankets/chairs – concessions available for purchase



Newly repaired spiral slide @ Sky River Park



New concession sinks installed to meet new health code requirement

Flowering Landscape for Main & Lewis Street Islands, Planter Pots and Hanging Flower Baskets

The City of Monroe and the Parks & Recreation Department extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the following businesses and organizations from our community who graciously stepped forward again this year to achieve flowering landscape for our signature islands, downtown planter pots and hanging flower baskets that welcome visitors and residents alike along Main Street and Lewis Street in the heart of Monroe. Total value for these donations and volunteer labor exceeds \$4,000.

Downtown Hanging Baskets

- Republic Services - \$500 donation for flowers for the downtown hanging baskets.
- Pine Creek Nursery for supplying the flowers at a discount.
- Monroe Garden Club for potting the baskets.

Downtown Planter Pots

- Monroe Fred Meyer – donation of spring tulip bulbs valued at over \$1500.
- Monroe Garden Club - \$500 donation to City for purchase of flowers and planting the flowers.
- Monroe Lowes for supplying the summer flowers at a discount.

Main & Lewis Street Islands Landscape Ends

- Monroe Reformatory for growing flowers from seed and installation by offender work crew.



Colorful tulips brighten downtown - thanks to Fred Meyer!



Flowers growing in Department of Corrections greenhouse

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 Denise Jacobsen at (360) 863-4559.

Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.