



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report January 2011

### 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.**

### Introduction/Message from the Director

The month of January brought a second river flooding event of this winter that deposited additional silt/rock and areas of erosion that further damaged trails, roadway and parking areas at Al Borlin Park and Sky River Park. The maintenance crew replaced the 35' aluminum flagpole at Lewis Street Park, which was destroyed by a driver who fell asleep at the wheel. The replacement cost was reimbursed by the driver's insurance company. The crew has also been busy repairing picnic tables, repainting parks signs, pruning, pressure washing, maintaining and repairing power equipment and mower trailers, as well as performing general park and facility maintenance and repairs.





The crew has also spread over 20 truckloads of clean compost material to amend planting beds of several streetscapes and parks. The compost material has been made available to the Parks & Recreation Department for free in partnership between the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Qualco Energy, a non-profit organization formed jointly by representatives from the Sno/Sky Agricultural Alliance, Northwest Chinook Recovery and the Tulalip Tribes. We are reaping the benefits from this partnership.

Program and event planning and scheduling for 2011 continues in earnest with 13 athletic tournaments scheduled so far in addition to returning youth and adult sports league games and practices. Staff is also planning and scheduling with the DOC Monroe Reformatory on return of the flower growing program and inmate community work program.

