



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

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.

Monthly Report June/July 2011

Introduction/Message from the Director

June and July were packed with programs, events and athletic tournaments in our parks including 9 Skyhawks camps, 2 dog agility trials, 3 model boat races, 5 youth baseball/fastpitch tournaments, an emergency ham radio expo, 2 Shakespeare in the Park performances by Last Leaf Productions (As you Like It, The Merchant of Venice) and debut of the ***Tri-Monroe USA Triathlon Olympic qualifier and ITU Pan-American Cup Series***, the ***NASCAR Block Party @ Tjerne Place*** and the ***King of Wake MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour Stop***. Department staff worked staggered 7-day schedules in order to provide maintenance and operations service to meet the public demand through this active season.



New shelter @ Sky River Park



Skyhawks tennis camp @ Lake Tye courts



Skyhawks cheer camp @ Sky River Park



JVM Community Garden is thriving!

**TriMonroe Gateway to Adventure
USA Triathlon Elite Race Series & ITU Pan-American Cup**

On June 25 over 500 people came out to Lake Tye Park and enjoyed the debut of the TriMonroe – Gateway to Adventure USA Triathlon Elite Race Series and ITU Pan-American Cup race featuring men’s and women’s triathletes in both age groups and elite. The athletes came from all over the country and other parts of the world to compete at, what 3-time Olympian Hunter Kemper stated at the event – was a “fast and spectator-friendly course.” The Elite athletes were competing in this event series stop for a berth in the 2012 Olympic games in London. Many Monroe residents were able to enjoy this event in their backyard. Local hotels were also booked full this weekend as well. The event organizers are working to bring it back next year due to the tremendous success of the event races and the facilities.



King of Wake MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour

On July 8th and 9th, over 8,000 people came out to Lake Tye Park to enjoy the King of Wake MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour stop – the first tour stop in the Pacific Northwest in over 15 years. Vendor booths included both local and regional businesses representing land, water and aerial outdoor recreation suppliers and activities, as well as food and music. Businesses in the surrounding area reported high activity in part due to the event and area hotels were booked solid that weekend. The event was televised and will air on the Versus NBC sports channel on August 16 at 6pm EST.

