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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.

Department Update

Have you gotten outside to enjoy summer in Monroe? Our community calendar has been 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!

DOC crew planting flowers along Main & Lewis Streets   *Athlete finishing her TriMonroe race*

Downtown Flowers
On Thursday, June 18, Parks & Recreation staff directed Monroe Correctional Complex inmates in planting approximately 2,000 flowers in the end caps of the landscaped islands along Main Street and Lewis Street. Flowers have been grown from seed each year for the past 6 years at the prison complex, at a savings of approximately $900 annually to our community. This is a great example of a government agency partnership working together for the greater benefit of the community that we serve.

New Free Life Jacket Loaner Program @ Lake Tye Park
The City's contracted concessionaire has agreed to provide free life jacket loaners at the Lake Tye Park concession stand when they are open for this summer season. The free life jacket loaner program is run by Safe Kids of Snohomish County, a non-profit organization, who has partnered with the Snohomish County Parks Department, Monroe Fire District 3 and now the City of Monroe Parks & Recreation Department.

New Kayak Rentals @ Lake Tye Park
On Tuesday, June 23 the Monroe City Council authorized the Mayor to sign an addendum to the concessionaire agreement to offer kayak rentals at the Lake Tye Park concession stand for the 2015 summer season. The concessionaire expects to start the rental program on or about July 1.

Thank you!
Wet Noses Natural Dog Treat Company, located here in Monroe, has generously donated dog waste bags for the dispensers in our city parks at an estimated donated value of $600. The company has also pledged to schedule future service project days at our community's Wiggly Field dog park on an annual basis. We are excited to have Wet Noses Natural Dog Treat Company as a community service partner!

Athletic Courts Resurfacing Project
The City of Monroe has awarded a contract to Combined Construction, Inc. in the amount of $34,848.00 to resurface the tennis and basketball courts at Lake Tye Park and Wales Street Park. The project is a budgeted Parks Capital Improvement Project and the work is expected to be completed by the end of this summer.

Crème Tangerine & the Black Vinyl All-Stars are among the lineup of musicians for free Musicin the Park @ Lake Tye Park!

Free Outdoor Music in the Park Concerts Are Back!
Free outdoor Music Concerts in the Park are back, brought to you by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce with support from local businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals. The free public concerts will be held at Lake Tye Park located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. on Fridays in July and Thursdays in August from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bring a picnic, blankets, chairs and enjoy a spectacular line-up of a variety of local and regional musicians! Most concerts will have a beer garden set up as well as concessions. A full schedule of the music concerts and featured musicians can be found here on the Monroe Chamber of Commerce website http://choosemonroe.com/place/lake-tye-free-music-in-the-park-concert-series/ .
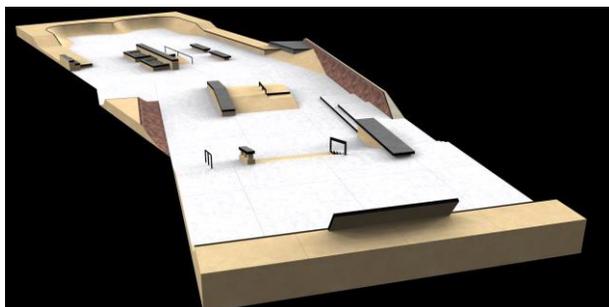
NSA Western World Series
We are proud to once again host the 2015 NSA Western World Series Tournament on our sports fields at Sky River and Lake Tye Parks. This major event was last held here in 2006. This event attracts an estimated 150 teams from all over the western United States. Sky River Park will also be the site of the opening ceremonies for the tournament on July 15. This and other athletic tournaments and events generate positive tourism impacts and economic benefits for our community, as the athletes, coaches, family members, tournament officials and umpires who will need lodging, food and other services during their stay.

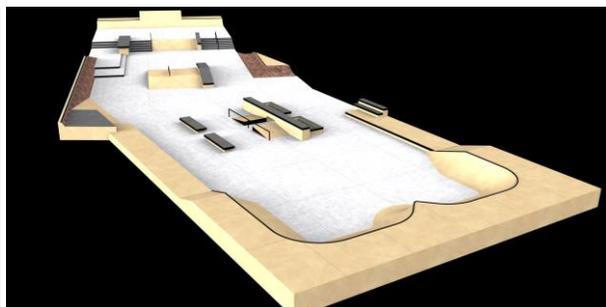**July is Parks & Recreation Month**
Did you know that the month of July is recognized as National Parks & Recreation Month? The Mayor will read a proclamation at the start of the July 7 Monroe City Council meeting at 7:00pm to recognize the month of July 2015 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Monroe and encourage residents, businesses and visitors to seek out City of Monroe parks facilities and participate in recreational events. We recognize that our parks and our recreation programs and events are an integral part of our community and are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of Monroe.

Lake Tye Skate Park Improvements
Construction documents and specifications have been designed by contracted design firm Grindline, Inc. Advertising for construction bids will follow with an anticipated timeline of commencing construction in September!

Skate Park concept looking north

Skate Park concept looking south

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.