



City of Monroe, Washington
Parks & Recreation Department

March, 2019

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

WWU Student Field Survey for Future Pedestrian & Bicycle Connections

On Friday, February 22, several Western Washington University students visited Monroe for a field day of survey work to gather data for potential pedestrian and bicycle connections as a future network for Monroe. The students field-examined existing street segments and intersections by walking through various neighborhoods throughout our city. The data was collected for a class project to: 1) Analyze pedestrian & bicycle network near trail access points, including links with nearby parks and destinations. 2) Propose connections for pedestrians and bicycles between existing trail and parks entrances; possibly includes new sidewalks, bike lanes or paths, trail extensions, boulevards, etc. We are grateful to Professors Lindsey MacDonald, Paul Stangl and their students for their work!



WWU Student volunteers canvassed our community to collect data for future bike & pedestrian connections!

Operations

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this winter with daily recreation use of our parks facilities and athletic fields, as well as scheduled maintenance, park improvements such as landscape winterization, windstorm debris removal, snow and ice removal and repair work on facilities, equipment and landscaped areas.

Staff continue work on an aggressive tree-limbing and landscape pruning program of both Lewis Street Park and Al Borlin Park in order to open up river views and improve sight distances throughout both parks and the trails. Work shall include cleaning, pressure-washing and painting the on-site facilities as weather conditions allow through the winter months.



Snowpocalypse: Parks Staff worked for several days clearing City Hall and parks for parking and access to buildings and restrooms through the duration of the record weather event. Thank you Staff!

Rotary Field Synthetic Field Surface Conditioning

Parks staff worked at the Rotary Field this past month readying the synthetic turf surface for the upcoming season for this athletic field that is heavily used by our community. Routine conditioning of the synthetic infill is critical to maintain the safety and service-life of the field.



Parks staff Bryan Olson, Dan Pestana & Tyler Reeves recondition field surfacing @ Rotary Field

Monroe Park Board

During their January meeting, the Monroe Park Board finalized their 2019 Work Plan and reviewed Heritage Tree nominations that will be shared with the City Council in February.

Please visit www.choosemonroe.com for more community event happenings this month!

Request for Proposals: Food Service Concessionaires

The City of Monroe is requesting proposals from Food Service Concessionaires to provide quality food and beverage service at the Sky River Park and Lake Tye Park concessions facilities. Detailed proposal packets may be picked up at the Monroe City Hall, M-F 8am-5pm, located at 806 W. Main Street, Monroe WA 98272.



City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

Last year, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks.

The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park; Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
2/1	10	3	Encampment discovered between Sky River Park and Cadman property. Police contacted.
2/2 - 2/20	N/A	N/A	Trails not inspected due to heavy snowfall and prioritization of snow removal at other areas.
2/20	10	0	No trash found. One stump found recently burned, possibly as a campfire.
Avg.	10	1.5	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2017- 2019

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 Pamela Baker at (360) 863-4524.

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