



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION



LAKE TYE ALL-WEATHER LIGHTED FIELDS PROJECT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH ~ 5:30-7:00PM

Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition includes details on the grand opening celebration for the Lake Tye All-Weather Lighted Fields, the opening of the ADA Transition Plan for public comment, the North Hill Area Park land acquisition, an update on the PROS Plan, a reminder to be mindful about water consumption, and the first Music in the Park event of the summer.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at GThomas@MonroeWA.gov.

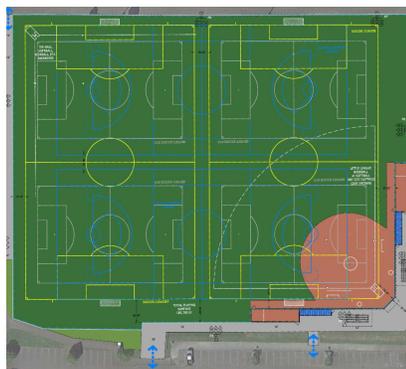
Yours in Service,



Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR LAKE TYE ALL-WEATHER LIGHTED FIELDS PROJECT

Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields on Thursday, August 5, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Taking place at Lake Tye park on Fryelands Boulevard, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by an opportunity for all to enjoy informal play on the new fields!



This community high-priority parks capital project consisted of renovating two natural grass, single sport-use, unlighted fields, originally built in 1996, to all-synthetic, LED lighted, multipurpose fields, permitting year-round extended competitive play and practice for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, and rugby. The new, synthetic fields will improve the capacity, diversity of use, and accessibility of two fields at our signature community park.

The project, at a total cost of approximately \$3.9 million, was funded in part with \$1,305,000 in awarded state and county grants, and a local community donation. In 2018, the City of Monroe applied for, and received a state Department of Commerce \$800,000 appropriation, and a \$350,000 state Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Youth Athletic Facility Grant. Also in 2018, Monroe's Sky Valley Little League donated \$10,000 cash toward the project. In 2019, the City of Monroe applied for and received a \$150,000 Snohomish County Community Partnership CIP Grant. The remaining funding for this project was budgeted from the City's Park Capital Fund.

ADA TRANSITION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Monroe has been working over the past year to develop an ADA Transition Plan. This plan stems from the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which requires public spaces and facilities to be accessible for people with disabilities. The final draft is now available for review and input, after which it will be presented to the City Council for adoption. We invite the public to review this



document, and we welcome your feedback. Please visit the [project website](#) to learn more about the ADA Transition Plan!

NORTH HILL AREA PARKLAND ACQUISITION

The City of Monroe has taken steps to acquire 5 acres of land to develop into a public neighborhood park in the City's rapidly-developing North Hill Area, and recently completed purchase of the property. In addition, the City received notification that the State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) awarded grants for 2020 applicants during their June 30 meeting, with the City of Monroe receiving a \$1 million grant award for the property acquisition. You can view the State Grant Awards for Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife Habitat and Working Lands [here](#).



Because of planned development, rapid growth, and the resulting underserved population, acquiring parkland in this area has been listed as a high priority in our Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) plans for over a decade. Our current PROS Plan states that it is critical to reach the City's Level of Service Objective in the North Hill area. In August 2020, the Monroe City Council authorized me to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the 5 acre acquisition, located at the southwest corner of 191st Avenue and 134th Street. City staff applied for \$1 million state Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program Grant to help fund the acquisition, appraised at \$1.3 million, with the remaining \$300,000 budgeted within the Parks Capital Improvement Project fund. Next steps include seeking additional grant funding to support design (with public input) and development of a park. View the North Hill Park story [here](#).

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Save the Date! Join us for a Virtual Town Hall to help us shape the future of our parks. What is most important for our community? The town hall will take place Thursday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. Additional details and link to be announced at a later date.

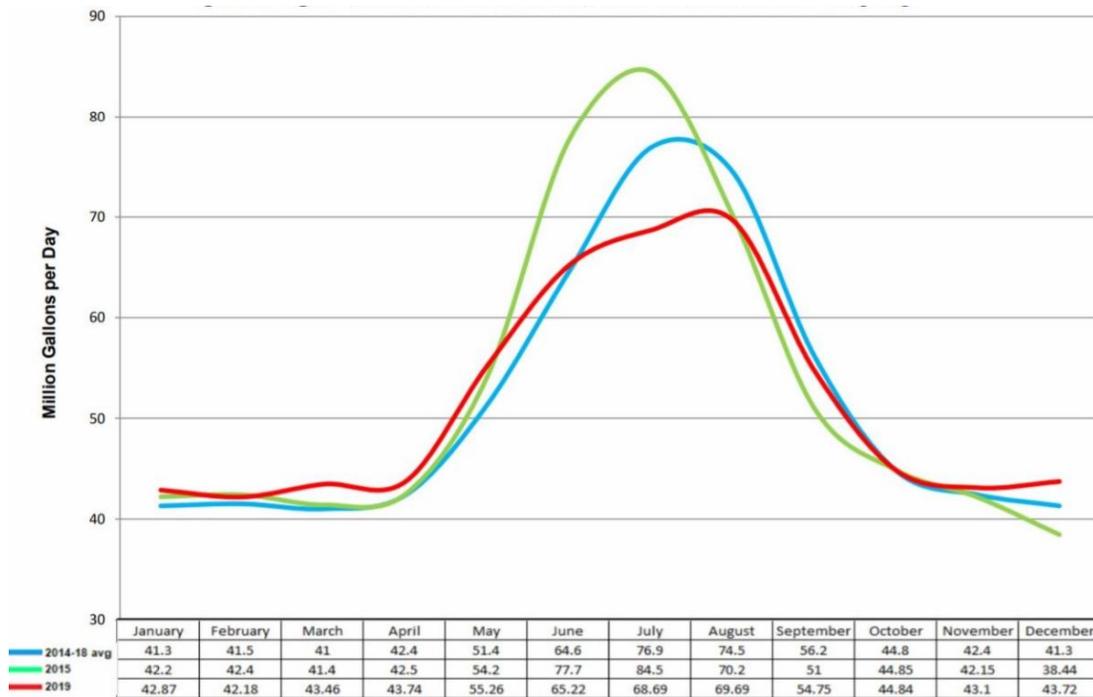


Please visit the PROS Plan Update project [webpage](#) to view information about the project, planning process, meetings and document library, and to join our mailing list or contact us.

BEING MINDFUL OF WATER CONSUMPTION

During the upcoming warm summer months, water use tends to increase as we try to help meet the water demand of our lawns, flower beds, and vegetable gardens. Additionally, water use inside our homes also tends to increase during the summer months - something we may not always realize. Simple changes such as watering your yard at night, using a commercial car wash, or turning off the sink while you brush your teeth can make an impact.

While the City's water supply is currently adequate, it's important to protect our shared natural resource and the systems that support it. Conservation can also save you money. The City of Monroe's water conservation program is built upon a partnership with the City of Everett. To learn more about the City's regional water supply, and water conservation programs, please visit the webpages of the [City of Monroe](#) and the [City of Everett](#). Water conservation tips and information can also be found on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [webpage](#).



MUSIC IN THE PARK BEGINS TODAY!

The summer's first [Music in the Park](#) event is tonight at Lake Tye Park at 7:00 p.m. Taking place on the four Fridays in July, the event will feature a musical act and an on-site food truck each week, organized by the [Monroe Chamber of Commerce](#). This week's



artist is Megs McLean, who has opened for artists like Martina McBride. The food truck featured will be [Buddy Burger](#), which will open along with the beer garden at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the July 13 agenda.

Council Agendas/Minutes

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