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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

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this past fall with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, weekly events and athletic tournaments including: Monroe Swift Watch (9/15), Main Street Flea Market (9/15), Monroe Christian School 5K (9/21), Cascade Dascshund Club Agility Trials (9/21-23), YMCA Fall Classic Run (10/27) and the Light Up Monroe Tree Lighting (11/24).

Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events such as the Second Annual Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run which starts at Sky River Park on January 27, 2013.

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.

Volunteer Activities

9/15 - Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints – Cleanup of Tjerne Place Streetscape
             57 volunteers   160 hours of service

10/27 – City of Monroe/Monroe Chamber of Commerce/DREAM - Downtown Monroe Cleanup
             17 volunteers   44 hours of service

11/3 – Julie V. Morris Community Garden – Cleanup
             13 volunteers   39 hours of service

Operations The Parks & Recreation operations crew have been busy making repairs to various park facilities and performing fall maintenance and winterization work, including but not limited to: leaf removal, athletic field turf repairs at Sky River and Lake Tye Parks, drinking fountain repair, re-striping of parking lots, installed a donated park bench at Lake Tye Park, repair/replace vandalized restroom partitions at Lake Tye Park, gutter repairs on restroom buildings and picnic shelters, re-paint picnic shelters, repair damage from spray paint vandalism at Rotary Field, repair cracked and lifted concrete from tree roots at Sky River Park and holiday decorating of the downtown business corridors.

The crew is beginning to move large trees that were generously donated by Sharon Ronsse of Woods Creek Wholesale Nursery here in Monroe. Ms. Ronsse has generously donated several large nursery trees valued at several thousand dollars to the City over the past three years that have beautified our parks. The crew will spend the next few weeks planting the donated trees at Lake Tye Park, Stanton Meadows Park and other locations.

The crew will plan on making a major roof repair to the restroom/concession building at Sky River Park in early 2013. Repairing the roof with in-house labor will save Monroe residents a few thousand dollars in cost.

Canine Parvovirus Notice The Department posted notices at Wiggly Field, Sky River Park, Lake Tye Park, City Hall and on the City website to give the public information about the recent spike in canine parvovirus cases in the state. While no cases have been confirmed in our immediate area, dog owners are encouraged to consult with their veterinarians about risks in public areas and to keep their pets current with all vaccinations.
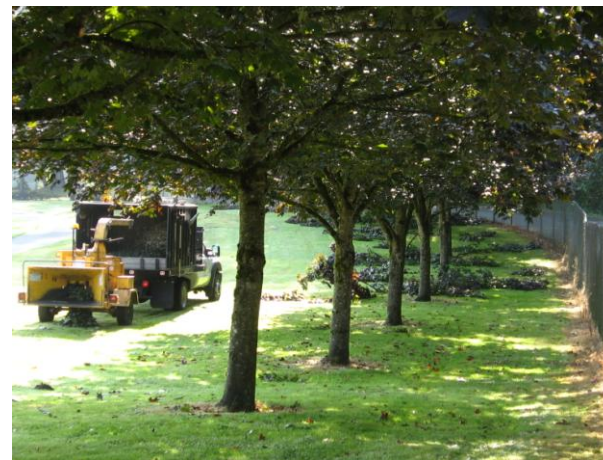

Home plate repair at Rotary Field

Water damage to roof @ Sky River Park

Lifted concrete and tree grates from tree roots

Limbing trees @ Sky River Park

Freshly painted shelter @ Sky River Park

New trail distance markers @ Lake Tye Park

Re-striping parking lot @ Boys& Girls Club

Pouring concrete pad for donated bench @ Lake Tye

Chamber Director Annique Bennett @ volunteer downtown cleanup day

Loading donated trees @ Woods Creek Nursery