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MONROE Business Guide

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Monroe Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events 2015

May 2 – 3: Disc Northwest Frisbee Tourn. at Sky River Park
May 2: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-2pm
May 9: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-3pm
May 16: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-2pm
May 17: ACS Bark for Life at Lake Tye Park 8am
May 19 & 21: MHS WESCO FastPitch District Tournament at Sky River Park
May 23–25: Triple Crown Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Rotary Fields 7am-9pm
May 30: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-2pm
May 30: Monroe Christian School “Touch A Truck” 10am-3pm, www.mcstouchatruck.com
May 30: Unlimited NW Model Boat Races at Lake Tye 8am-4pm
June 6: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-2pm
June 6-7: INT’s Dust off the Rust Wake & Ski at Lake Tye 8am
June 13: Miracle League Baseball at Rotary Field 8am-2pm
June 13-15: Legends Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye 7am-7pm
June 13: Unlimited NW Model Boat Race at Lake Tye 8am-4pm
June 20-21: Legends Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye 7am-7pm
June 20: NW Epilepsy Foundation Fun Run/Walk at Sky River 10am
June 20: Tri-Monroe Triathlon at Lake Tye Park 7am
June 22-26: Skyhawks Mini-Hawk at Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
June 22-26: Skyhawks Multi-Sport at Lake Tye Park 9am-3pm
June 27-28: Emergency Ham Radio Field Day at Sky River Park 7am-7pm
June 29-July 2: Skyhawks Basketball Camp at Park Place Middle gym 9am-3pm
June 29-July 2: Skyhawks Tennis Camp at Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
July 6-10: Skyhawks Intro to Soccer at Sky River Park 9am-12pm
July 6-10: Skyhawks Soccer Camp at Sky River Park 9am-3pm
July 10: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park
July 11-12: Legends Baseball Tournament at Sky River & Lake Tye 7am-7pm
July 12: LastLeaf Productions Shakespeare in the Park, The Tempest at Paula’s Wine Knot 5pm, www.lastleaf99.org
July 13-17: Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp at Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
July 13-17: Skyhawks Tiny-Hawk Soccer at Lake Tye Park 8-8:45am
July 15-19: NSA Western World Series Tournament at Sky River Park, Rotary Field & Lake Tye Park
July 17: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park
July 20-24: Skyhawks Golf Camp at Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
July 20-24: Skyhawks Tennis Camp @ Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
July 24: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park
July 25-26: Legends Baseball Tourn. at Sky River & Lake Tye 7am-7pm
July 24-26: NWSA Wakesurf Open at Lake Tye Park 8am
July 26: LastLeaf Productions Shakespeare in the Park, Hamlet at Paula’s Wine Knot 5pm, www.lastleaf99.org
July 27- 31: Skyhawks Cheerleading Camp at Lake Tye 9am
July 27 –31: Skyhawks Flag Football Camp at Lake Tye 9am
July 31: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park
Aug 4: National Night Out Against Crime at Lake Tye Park 6pm-8pm
Aug 3-7: Skyhawks Tennis Camp at Lake Tye Park 9am-12pm
Aug 6: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park
Aug 7: Movies Under The Moon – Big Hero 6 at Lake Tye Park 8pm

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Aug 8: Lake Tye Triathlon at Lake Tye Park 8am

Aug 13: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park

Aug 14: Movies Under The Moon – Maleficent at Lake Tye Park 8pm

Aug 20: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park

Aug 21: Movies Under The Moon – Guardians of the Galaxy at Lake Tye Park 8pm

Aug 27-Sept 7: Evergreen State Fair, www.evergreenfair.org

Aug 27: Music in the Park at Lake Tye Park

Aug 28: Movies Under The Moon – The Hunger Games “Mockingjay” at Lake Tye Park 8pm

Aug 29: Monroe Fair Days Parade, Main St 11am

Sept 4 – 6: Australian Dog Agility Trials at Sky River Park

Sept. 12: Monroe Swift Watch at F.W.E. (Main St.)

Sept 18-20: Dachshund Agility Dog Trials at Sky River Park

Sept 19: Unlimited NW Model Boat Races at Lake Tye 8am-4pm

Sept 2:5 Monroe Christian School Walk-A-Thon at Lake Tye Park 2:30pm

Oct 31: Historic Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Oct 31: YMCA's Fall Classic Fun Run/Walk on Main St. 9am

Oct 31: “Spirit in the Park” at Lake Tye Park 6pm

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat, Lewis Street

Nov 28: Light Up Monroe – Tree Lighting & Craft Fair

Thousands flock to Swift Night Out

The Vaux's Swifts are migrating north and will soon arrive in Monroe to roost at the Wagner Center (formerly Frank Wagner Elementary School) chimney. Monroe boosts the second largest congregation of these birds in North America, drawing birds by the thousands each evening.

Monroe is very fortunate to have these wonderful migrating birds come to the city twice every year (spring and fall) and to provide an amazing opportunity to observe an act of nature right in our own neighborhood. Admirers of all ages bring their cameras, binoculars, folding chairs and picnic blankets and spread out on the lawn

to watch as thousands of birds funnel into the chimney without ever colliding. People have been known to come from as far as North Carolina to see this amazing feat.

The Monroe Swift Watch committee and the Monroe Swift Night Out committee enlist volunteers to monitor the numbers of Vaux's Swifts that enter the chimney each night during the two migrations and to help at Monroe Swift Night on Sept. 12.

This year at the Monroe Swift Night Out There will be a Spaghetti Feed (\$6), Hot Dogs (\$1) and Apple Crisp (\$1) available starting at 5 P.M. Volunteers are needed to count the swifts as they enter



the chimney, monitor the daytime comings and goings of the swifts and help answer questions at Swift Night Out. Volunteers are also sought to help with the Monroe

Swifts website and possibly, the chimney cameras and temperature monitors.

For more information visit www.monroeswifts.org

Monroe downtown revamp coming soon with Main Street Plaza

By **MELANIE RUSSELL**

A reshaping of downtown called the Main Street Plaza will not be a giant square or gathering spot.

It will, though, bring more benches, wider sidewalks and mixed angled and parallel parking spaces to give part of downtown a new face.

The project is planned as part of what city officials call "the downtown revitalization" that began the destruction/construction process in April.

Six spaces total will be lost in the parking reconfiguration, but Mayor Geoffrey Thomas said that the wider sidewalks and the available options with that would make up for any loss of parking.

He was inspired, in part, by the open air seating at restaurants in the Frylands.

"There are many businesses around Monroe that use their sidewalks, restaurants included," Thomas told the *Tribune*. "I was over (near Lake Tye) getting teriyaki the other day, and they have tables and chairs out. Rainy weather aside, restaurants do like to offer outdoor seating to customers and I think the downtown will see this benefit. I'm excited about the downtown revitalization."

The city's decision to add parallel parking along the south side of Main Street strained relations between the city and downtown businesses. Thomas said, though, that when he visited

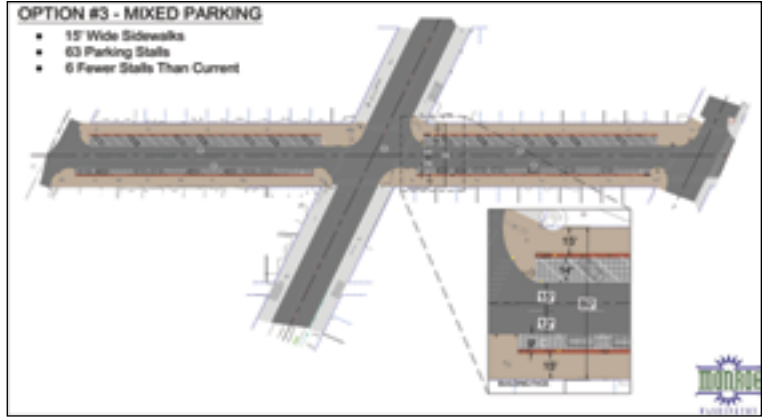
with businesses on the Saturdays prior to the March 31 decision, most expressed the need for better parking, and he said they were open to change.

The work is being prompted in part by a \$849,000 state Department of Ecology grant Monroe secured to improve its storm water systems.

To do the work, tearing up some of the sidewalk in downtown was inevitable.

This plaza idea will meet the needs of the city to have cleaner stormwater (the porous new cement) as well as the ability to make downtown more pedestrian-friendly, said city officials and chamber director Una Wirkebau-Hartt.

Downtown will be reshaped with 15-foot wide sidewalks (in brown) and a rearrangement of parking stalls (in hashed gray). Angled parking will remain along the north side of the street while parallel parking will be installed along the south side.



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Joining the Chamber is good for your business

The key reason to join the Chamber of Commerce is that it will establish your credibility within the community. Over 64 percent of consumers are more impressed with a company associated with the Chamber of Commerce. You'll be able to create a sense of goodwill with your target audience and they will be more likely to buy from you.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has monthly membership lunches on the second Tuesday of each month. After Hours events are

hosted by member businesses and offer more networking opportunities. To join the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, visit www.ChooseMonroe.com or call 360-794-5488.

ChooseMonroe.com

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, www.ChooseMonroe.com, was re-designed to build connections between residents, visitors and Chamber members.

Each Chamber member can have their own web page to enter and upload content themselves, and also has access to the Members Only area.

Additional tools such as interactive maps and itinerary builders are key features of the new communications platform.

Wakeboard Park still planning to come to Monroe



H30, the group looking to build the Lake Tye Wake-board park, has asked the Monroe City Council if they can build the much anticipated cable propulsion park at Lake Tye in stages rather than all at once as originally planned.

They are also asking the city if they can waive rent payments until the park is open.

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Monroe is home to many user-friendly parks

The city of Monroe has one of the finest park systems in Snohomish County and has the most acreage of parks and open space of any city in the county. All city parks are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

• **Al Borlin Park (Buck Island): 615 Simons Rd.** ~ Accessible by the foot bridge from Lewis Street Park or by auto via Simons Road. This is a day use facility with great river fishing, sandy beach for swimming and picnicking, and is criss-crossed with a

basketball courts, picnic tables, playground and parking lot.

• **Freyland's Neighborhood Park: Van Ave SE & Wales St. SE** ~ This park has basketball courts, picnic tables and playground.

• **Hillcrest Park (The Farm): 14175 Country Crescent Rd. SE** ~ The park has basketball courts, benches, bike rack, picnic shelter, picnic tables, drinking fountain, playground and a parking lot.

• **Lake Tye Park: 14964 Frylands Blvd.** ~ Located

in west Monroe on 62 acres, of which Lake Tye covers 42 acres.

There is the skate park features six quarter pipes, three wedges, two fun boxes and a host of grinding rails.

• **Lewis Street Park: 561 S. Lewis St.** ~ Located on the east side of Lewis Street just north of the Skykomish River Bridge, amenities include picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs, benches, playground, river frontage, benches, restrooms and a parking lot.

• **Monroe Skate Park:** Located at Lake Tye Park, the skate park features six quarter pipes, three wedges, two fun boxes and a host of grinding rails.



Rainier View Park playground.



Al Borlin Park park is accessible by this footbridge from Lewis Street Park or by vehicle via Simons Road.



Photo courtesy of Craig Romano, www.hikeoftheweek.com
A hiker enjoys a peaceful morning stroll around Lake Tye.

network of wooded trails totaling 1.2 miles and the park itself is 90 acres.

• **Blueberry Children's Park: 18399 Blueberry Lane** ~ This is a small park with benches, drinking fountain, picnic tables and playground.

• **Cedar Grove Park: 15554-168th Ave. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, playground and drinking fountain.

• **Currie View Park: 17260-153rd St. SE** ~ The park consists of 4.3 acres with

• **Park Meadows: 15800 160th Ave. SE**

• **Rainier View Park (Sinclair): 19921 Rainier View Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, BBQs, playground, benches, drinking fountain, bike rack and playground.

• **Ramblewood Tot Lot: 20019 Ramblewood Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include benches, picnic tables and playground.

• **Rotary Field: 372 Sky River Parkway**

• **Skykomish River Park: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ Located on the west side of Lewis Street Bridge on the north side of the Skykomish River, this 35-acre park has 4 baseball fields, 3 soccer fields, jogging rails, picnic shelter, picnic tables, river frontage, playground equipment and a large parking lot. River access for boats and fishing is available at the adjoining Game Dept. boat launch ramp.

• **Stanton Meadows Park: 17701-149th Ave. SE** ~ This 3.5-acre park has a picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs,

playground and parking lot.

• **Traveler's Park (Veteran's Memorial): 501 E. Main St.** ~ Located on East Main St. where it intersects with Hwy. 2, nice rest area with picnic tables and drinking fountain.

• **Wales Street Park: Wales and Van Street**

• **Wiggly Field: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ This is an off-leash dog park with benches and parking lot.



Wiggly Field off-leash dog park.

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