

Montesano Update

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Investing in our community

I want to highlight two recent efforts, to let people know what's happening and to recognize those who worked so hard to make a difference. Often, no one notices the little things that get done because of partnerships and volunteers. Yet, all over the city various groups invest their time, energy and resources to benefit us all.



Eagle Scout Trail Project

On Jan. 27, Nathan Iverson put together a crew to rebuild a quarter mile of the Satsop Crest trail for an Eagle Scout project. This was hard work with hand tools and sweat. Thank you to Nathan and all of his team!

Nathan's project leads us right into Monte Trails Appreciation Day, an annual event that's featured again on the National Trail Day website. Monte Trails Appreciation Day happens on June 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (save the date!), with volunteers cutting back encroaching brush along the trails we all enjoy. Meet at the Lake Sylvia swim beach parking lot. Bring boots, gloves and your own brush-cutting tools if you have your own. If you don't, they'll be provided.



Monte Summer Baseball

According to organizers, the project had 22 volunteers totaling about 93 labor hours, with 20 of those hours put in by Todd Plato to prep and install the lights. Grays Harbor Public Utility District donated the use of the truck. About 6 yards of gravel were donated, and Pete's Lawn & Garden Maintenance Service, Inc. donated the use of the tractor, ran the tractor and brought the pressure washer.

If you're interested in future projects, find them on Facebook at Montesano Summer Baseball (aka Babe Ruth/American Legion) or contact montesanosummerbaseball@gmail.com.



Run Forest Run



The city forest and Lake Sylvania State Park hosted the first ever Run Forest Run, a 25k/50k, organized by Amy Iverson, Angela Palmer Wilder and Angie Salvaggi. Herb Reeves and Mark Lahaie from Oly Trail Runners also helped start this run out the right way. Fearless runners ran the forest— unafraid of winter rain, chilling cold, endless mud or even snow (which was missed by a weekend).

According to organizers, the race started and finished in the state park along the shoreline of Lake Sylvania, though most of the course was in the city's forest. There was about 2,400 feet of elevation gain.

Congrats to a successful first year, and here's to an even bigger Run Forest Run next year!

Regional Transportation Plan

Make a difference by sharing your thoughts about current and future transportation needs. Our local Council of Governments wants to hear from you. Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/RTPUserSurvey, call 360-577-3041 or email rstevens@cwco.org for a paper survey. The deadline to share your ideas and input on this survey is March 16.

Updates

Firefighter of the Year—At the annual dinner for our volunteer fire department, now in its 126th year, Jeff Smith was recognized as Firefighter of the Year and for responding to the most calls and performing the most transports. Congratulations, Jeff!

Latest news and council agendas—The home page of the City's website has a section for the latest news where you will find the current agenda the Council is considering along with information and plans for major projects.

Blue Slough—County Commissioner Vicki Raines reports that Blue Slough will open at the end of February but will be gravel until the permanent fix.



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